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## **Foreword**

The Journal is the central, long-term, authoritative record of what the Parliament has done. The *Minutes of Proceedings*, which are produced for each meeting of the Parliament, do that in an immediate way, while the Journal presents essentially the same material but has the benefit of hindsight to allow any errors and infelicities of presentation to be corrected. Unlike the *Official Report*, which primarily records what is said, the *Minutes of Proceedings*, and in the longer term the Journal, provide the authoritative record of what was done.

The Journal is required under Rule 16.3 of Standing Orders and contains, in addition to the *Minutes of Proceedings* themselves, notice of any Bill introduced\*, notice of any instrument or draft instrument or any other document laid before the Parliament; notice of any report of a committee, and any other matter that the Parliament, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau, considers should be included.

(\* The requirement to include notice of Bills introduced was only added to Rule 16.3 in January 2003. However, such notices have in practice been recorded in the Annex to the *Minutes of Proceedings* from the outset.)

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## Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliament

### No. 1, Tuesday 15 May 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Kenneth Nuttall, Deaf Christian Bible Teacher, East Kilbride, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. European Union (Withdrawal) Bill:** The Minister for UK Negotiations for Scotland's Place in Europe, (Michael Russell) moved S5M-12223—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandums on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 12 September 2017 and 26 April 2018, and the reports of the Finance and Constitution Committee of 9 January and 10 May 2018, and, because of clause 15 (formerly 11) and schedule 3, which constrain the legislative and executive competence of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government, does not consent to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-12223.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12223 in the name of Michael Russell (European Union (Withdrawal) Bill), leave out from “, and, because of” to end and insert “; agrees with the Welsh Government and Liberal Democrat peers that the amended Bill respects the devolution settlement, and, because it provides people and businesses in Scotland with certainty and devolves further powers to the Scottish Parliament, consents to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

Neil Findlay moved amendment S5M-12223.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12223 in the name of Michael Russell (European Union (Withdrawal) Bill), insert at end “, and calls on both the UK and Scottish governments to convene cross-party talks in an attempt to broker an agreed way forward.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandums on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 12 September 2017 and 26 April 2018, and the reports of the Finance and Constitution Committee of 9 January and 10 May 2018, and,

because of clause 15 (formerly 11) and schedule 3, which constrain the legislative and executive competence of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government, does not consent to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, and calls on both the UK and Scottish governments to convene cross-party talks in an attempt to broker an agreed way forward.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12253—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 17 May—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.00 pm Decision Time

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3, as noted above.

**6. Nakba 70th Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S5M-11690 in the name of Sandra White— That the Parliament acknowledges the 70th anniversary of the Nakba, known by Palestinian people as the “day of catastrophe”, in which the state of Israel was formed after what it understands was the mass eviction of over 750,000 people from historic Palestine land, which included the destruction of over 500 towns and villages; believes that this led to generations of pain for the Palestinian people, who continue to live under a state of occupation; understands that it led to a major crisis in which over four million displaced people were registered by the UN as refugees and unable to return home; condemns what it sees as the deepening of the crisis in the form of illegal settlements, which are unrecognised by the international community; understands that these continue to be built in the occupied territories at a rate of five times that prior to the implementation of the Oslo Accords; believes that, on 15 May 2018, millions of people across Palestine and around the world will mark the anniversary of the Nakba with marches, rallies and vigils; supports Palestinian people, including those in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency, in the commemoration of the Nakba, and notes the calls for a resolution to be sought to what it considers the Palestinian humanitarian crisis and occupation.

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Sandra White 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 6.04 pm.

## No. 2, Wednesday 16 May 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities, Social Security and Equalities were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Erasmus+:** Joan McAlpine moved S5M-12169—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee’s 1st report, 2018 (Session 5), *Erasmus+* (SP Paper 290).

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

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12258—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Tackling the Employment Gap

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 23 May 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Jobs and Fair Work; Finance and the Constitution

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 24 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: Consultation on the Draft National Outcomes

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 30 May 2018

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Islands (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by Members' Business*

Thursday 31 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by Members' Business*

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Connectivity; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 24 May 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The Motion was agreed to.

**4. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-12259: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership will apply from close of business on Thursday 17 May—**

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Jamie Greene as a member of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Jackson Carlaw as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee;

Jamie Greene be appointed to replace Rachael Hamilton as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee;

Rachael Hamilton be appointed to replace Michelle Ballantyne as a member of the Public Petitions Committee;

Michelle Ballantyne be appointed to replace Adam Tomkins as a member of the Social Security Committee; and

Tom Mason be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

**S5M-12260: Committee Substitution—That the Parliament agrees that Alison Harris be appointed to replace Michelle Ballantyne as a substitute member of the Education and Skills Committee.**

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 4 as noted above.

**6. Campaign for Focus Ultrasound Device:** The Parliament debated S5M-10550 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament notes the support for Ninewells Hospital’s campaign to raise funds for the purchase of a £1.5 million focus ultrasound device, which it believes would benefit all patients in Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands; notes that this piece of medical technology can be used with the existing MRI scanning facility to allow surgeons to perform very small incisions within the brain using ultrasound beams; considers that this can be useful for patients with essential tremor and Parkinson’s disease, and potentially for people with multiple sclerosis who have severe tremor, and understands that there is only one focused ultrasound device in the UK and that some patients will have to wait until 2022 for this treatment due to the significant waiting list at St Mary’s Hospital in London.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

### No. 3, Thursday 17 May 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. The Everyone's Business Campaign:** The Parliament debated S5M-10464 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament welcomes the introduction to Scotland of the campaign, Everyone's Business; notes that this campaign calls for all women who experience perinatal mental health problems to receive the care that they and their families need; understands that more than 1 in 10 women develop a mental illness during pregnancy or within the first year after having a child, and these illnesses include antenatal depression, postnatal depression, anxiety, perinatal obsessive compulsive disorder, postpartum psychosis and post-traumatic stress disorder; believes that such mental illness often goes unrecognised, undiagnosed and untreated and that this can have a devastating impact on the women and their families; understands that the availability of specialist provision is varied, meaning that specific care may not be readily available across the whole of the UK; welcomes the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027, which includes a commitment to fund the introduction of a managed clinical network that will aim to bring together health professionals in order to improve recognition and treatment in Rutherglen and across Scotland, and notes the campaign's aim, which is to ensure that all women who experience such problems receive appropriate care, wherever and whenever they need it.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Clare Haughey moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on **Scottish Veterans Commissioner's report on Veterans' Health and Wellbeing**.

**6. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill- Stage 3:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the **Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill** related to a protected subject-matter.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-12264—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) For 109, Against 1, Abstentions 0)

**7. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule a 11.2.2, Decision Time be brought forward to 3.32 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 3.36 pm.

## No. 4, Tuesday 22 May 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Neil MacMillan, Minister, Cornerstone Free Church, Morningside, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12379—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 22 May 2018—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Police call handling

(b) Thursday 24 May 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: Consultation on the Draft National Outcomes

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Northern Isles Ferry Procurement

*followed by* Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: Consultation on the Draft National Outcomes

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Police call handling.

**5. A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Tackling the Employment Gap:** The Minister for Employability and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-12344—That the Parliament believes that the disability employment gap in Scotland of 37.4% is unacceptable; supports the ambition to at least halve that gap; recognises that increasing disability employment rates is a social and economic imperative; welcomes the Scottish Government's Congress on Disability, Employment and the Workplace held in Glasgow on 30 April 2018, bringing together government,

employers, disabled people and campaigning organisations; acknowledges that making progress will require a cross-societal effort, and calls on employers to better diversify their workplaces to ensure that more disabled people are in employment.

Jamie Halcrow Johnston moved amendment S5M-12344.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12344 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Tackling the Employment Gap), insert at end “; acknowledges the particular barriers for people with mental health issues and learning disabilities entering the workplace, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s recent consultation aimed at improving the public sector’s performance on the employment of disabled people.”

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

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-12344.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12344 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Tackling the Employment Gap), insert at end “; agrees with the view of the UN that the UK Government has systematically violated the rights of disabled people, and supports calls for ambitious, yet realistic, targets in Scotland with specific deadlines for reducing the gap to be set and regularly and transparently reported on.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the disability employment gap in Scotland of 37.4% is unacceptable; supports the ambition to at least halve that gap; recognises that increasing disability employment rates is a social and economic imperative; welcomes the Scottish Government’s Congress on Disability, Employment and the Workplace held in Glasgow on 30 April 2018, bringing together government, employers, disabled people and campaigning organisations; acknowledges that making progress will require a cross-societal effort; calls on employers to better diversify their workplaces to ensure that more disabled people are in employment; acknowledges the particular barriers for people with mental health issues and learning disabilities entering the workplace; welcomes the Scottish Government’s recent consultation aimed at improving the public sector’s performance on the employment of disabled people; agrees with the view of the UN that the UK Government has systematically violated the rights of disabled people, and supports calls for ambitious, yet realistic, targets in Scotland with specific deadlines for reducing the gap to be set and regularly and transparently reported on.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

**7. Increasing Awareness of Restorative Justice within the Criminal Justice System:** The Parliament debated S5M-11174 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the

Parliament recognises what it considers the importance of restorative justice in complementing the traditional criminal justice system in Scotland; understands that the process of restorative justice aims to bring those harmed by crime, including in the North East Scotland region, together with those responsible for the harm to participate actively in addressing or repairing the harm that was caused, with the help of trained facilitators; notes that this can involve direct and indirect initiatives, such as face-to-face meetings, shuttle dialogue or police restorative warnings; understands that this enables everyone affected by a particular incident to find a positive and tailored way forward, often including a chance for an apology to be offered in response to a crime committed; recognises what it sees as the benefits of restorative justice, such as empowering the victim by supporting them through their recovery and, it understands, a proven reduction in reoffending rates; commends the Restorative Justice Forum (Scotland) for the work that it has done to develop and raise awareness of restorative practices in Scotland; notes that restorative justice is not an alternative to a criminal trial but an approach that operates alongside the traditional justice system; understands that, during three pilot schemes in England, 83% of victims offered restorative justice wanted to take part; is aware of concerns that Scotland has been relatively slow to embrace a similar approach, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to further champion the process of restorative justice, with the hope that Scotland can embrace a similar system of criminal justice.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

## No. 5, Wednesday 23 May 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on **Economy, Jobs and Fair Work** and Finance and the Constitution were answered by a Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Education: Subject Choices:** Liz Smith moved S5M-12358—That the Parliament notes with concern evidence that shows that, for a substantial number of schools across Scotland, subject choice for S4 pupils has been reduced; believes that this is an unintended consequence of the current structure of Curriculum for Excellence, which also has implications for subject choice in S5 and S6; further believes that this situation is exacerbated by teacher shortages in key subjects, and calls for the Scottish Government to work with local authorities to urgently ensure that all schools adhere to the commitment to provide young people and parents with full details about subject choice options.

Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-12358.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12358 in the name of Liz Smith (Education: Subject Choices), insert at end “; recognises that the most significant measure of achievement is when pupils leave school after the three-year senior phase as this defines pupils’ success in accessing work, training or education; congratulates pupils and students across Scotland who have collectively achieved more than 150,000 Higher passes for the third year in a row, including a 4% increase since 2013; welcomes the fact that 93.7% of 2016-17 senior phase school leavers were in a positive initial destination; further welcomes the fact that the proportion of young people in the most deprived areas getting one or more qualifications at SCQF levels 4, 5 and 6 is increasing faster than those in the least deprived areas; agrees that all schools and local authorities across Scotland should be innovative in providing greater choices for young people through creative timetabling and partnership approaches with nearby schools and other partners, such as the Advanced Higher hub at Glasgow Caledonian University, the Virtual School network in The Highland Council and the e-sgoil that has been established in the Western Isles, and further agrees that further work is needed to understand what is on offer to pupils and students, including mapping the availability of Advanced Higher provision across Scotland in line with the recommendation of *The 15-24 Learner Journey Review*.”

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

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-12358.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12358 in the name of Liz Smith (Education: Subject Choices), insert at end “; recognises that there remains a stubborn attainment gap between pupils from the most and least deprived families; notes concerns that the narrowing of curricular choice may be greater in schools in the most deprived areas, and calls for action on this issue and in closing the attainment gap.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes with concern evidence that shows that, for a substantial number of schools across Scotland, subject choice for S4 pupils has been reduced; believes that this is an unintended consequence of the current structure of Curriculum for Excellence, which also has implications for subject choice in S5 and S6; further believes that this situation is exacerbated by teacher shortages in key subjects; calls for the Scottish Government to work with local authorities to urgently ensure that all schools adhere to the commitment to provide young people and parents with full details about subject choice options; recognises that the most significant measure of achievement is when pupils leave school after the three-year senior phase as this defines pupils' success in accessing work, training or education; congratulates pupils and students across Scotland who have collectively achieved more than 150,000 Higher passes for the third year in a row, including a 4% increase since 2013; welcomes the fact that 93.7% of 2016-17 senior phase school leavers were in a positive initial destination; further welcomes the fact that the proportion of young people in the most deprived areas getting one or more qualifications at SCQF levels 4, 5 and 6 is increasing faster than those in the least deprived areas; agrees that all schools and local authorities across Scotland should be innovative in providing greater choices for young people through creative timetabling and partnership approaches with nearby schools and other partners, such as the Advanced Higher hub at Glasgow Caledonian University, the Virtual School network in The Highland Council and the e-sgoil that has been established in the Western Isles; further agrees that further work is needed to understand what is on offer to pupils and students, including mapping the availability of Advanced Higher provision across Scotland in line with the recommendation of *The 15-24 Learner Journey Review*; recognises that there remains a stubborn attainment gap between pupils from the most and least deprived families, and notes concerns that the narrowing of curricular choice may be greater in schools in the most deprived areas, and calls for action on this issue and in closing the attainment gap.

**3. Housing:** Graham Simpson moved S5M-12342—That the Parliament believes that existing legislation is inadequate in dealing with the condition of Scotland's tenement housing stock; backs calls for changes to legislation including, for example, having mandatory building health checks; believes that property factors can play a part in a new system; considers that there are property factor companies that perform their duties well, but that there are some that are performing poorly; acknowledges the limited role of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) in improving the performance of property factors and considers that the system for members of the public to make complaints should be improved; believes that there is a need for a more robust process to remove property factors that repeatedly break the property factors code of conduct or duties, and calls on the Scottish Government to review the current system.

Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S5M-12342.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12342 in the name of Graham Simpson (Housing), leave out from “existing legislation” to “in a new system” and insert “tenement housing stock, as defined in the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004, is an important housing sector for many people in Scotland and that maintenance of this stock is vital for all those owning and living in the sector and to wider society; notes the creation and ongoing work of the cross-party supported Working Group on Maintenance of Tenement Scheme Property; agrees that a review should be carried out of relevant existing legislation and of how tenement housing in Scotland could potentially be better maintained and enhanced, which should include consideration of the potential costs and impact of mandatory building health checks, new initiatives that would help facilitate owners to collectively undertake maintenance of tenement communal property, and what is the best role for property factors”.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-12342.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12342 in the name of Graham Simpson (Housing), leave out from “including” to end and insert “following a thorough review of the gaps in existing law, which would include the consideration of mandatory building health checks; believes that property factors can play a part in a new system; considers that there are property factor companies that perform their duties well, but that there are some that are performing poorly; acknowledges the limited role of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) in improving the performance of property factors and considers that the system for members of the public to make complaints should be improved; believes that there is a need for a more robust process to remove property factors that repeatedly break the property factors code of conduct or duties; calls on the Scottish Government to review the current system, and believes that more should be done to encourage owners to set up co-operative arrangements as an alternative to factoring to assist in the management of their properties.”

After debate, amendment S5M-12342.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 101, Against 21, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-12342.2 was pre-empted.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that; tenement housing stock, as defined in the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004, is an important housing sector for many people in Scotland and that maintenance of this stock is vital for all those owning and living in the sector and to wider society; notes the creation and ongoing work of the cross-party supported Working Group on Maintenance of Tenement Scheme Property; agrees that a review should be carried out of relevant existing legislation and of how tenement housing in Scotland could potentially be better maintained and enhanced, which should include consideration of the potential costs and impact of mandatory building health checks, new initiatives that would help facilitate owners to collectively undertake maintenance of tenement communal property, and what is the best role for property factors; considers that there are property factor companies that perform their duties well, but that there are some that are performing poorly; acknowledges the limited role of the First-tier

Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) in improving the performance of property factors and considers that the system for members of the public to make complaints should be improved, and believes that there is a need for a more robust process to remove property factors that repeatedly break the property factors code of conduct or duties, and calls on the Scottish Government to review the current system.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12387—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Planning (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Planning (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 30 May 2018

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Islands (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 31 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Connectivity; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 June 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 June 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 June 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 31 May 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12388—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prescription (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 29 June 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12389—That the Parliament agrees that the Code of Conduct for Councillors (SG/2018/65) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

**8. 10 Years of Sistema Scotland and the Big Noise Orchestra:** The Parliament debated S5M-12184 in the name of Bruce Crawford—That the Parliament commends Sistema Scotland and the Big Noise Orchestra project on celebrating a decade of delivering transformative opportunities to children in a number of communities across Scotland; notes that the Big Noise Orchestra project was set up in Raploch, Stirling, and now provides opportunities for children in the Govanhill area of Glasgow, Torry in Aberdeen and, most recently, in Douglas, Dundee; notes the project's aims of encouraging creativity and confidence and helping to nurture a new generation in a growing number of communities across the country, and wishes it well.

**9. Motion Without Notice:** Bruce Crawford 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 6.04 pm.

## No. 6, Thursday 24 May 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Celebrating Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller Community:** The Parliament debated S5M-10202 in the name of Mary Fee—That the Parliament celebrates what it sees as the rich social and cultural contribution that the Gypsy/Traveller community has made to society in Scotland since the 12th century; acknowledges that the Equality and Human Rights Commission has estimated that the country's Gypsy/Traveller population is between 15,000 to 20,000; understands that the term, "Gypsy/Traveller", refers to distinct groups, including Romany Gypsies, Scottish and Irish travellers, and others who regard travelling as being part of their ethnic identity; believes that they experience a variety of issues related to provision of adequate housing and access to public health services, with a much higher proportion rating their health as "bad" or "very bad" compared with the national average; believes that this contributes to a male life expectancy of 55 years, 12 years shorter than the average; understands that they are a disproportionately marginalised and discriminated group and are stigmatised by inaccurate myths and stereotyping about their culture; notes with distress that the most recent statistics from the Scottish Social Attitudes Survey suggests that 31% of people would be "unhappy or very unhappy" about a close relative marrying a Gypsy/Traveller, and that 35% said that a Gypsy/Traveller would be "very/fairly unsuitable" as a primary school teacher, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to increase its commitment to eliminating discrimination against the Scottish Gypsy/Traveller community in West Scotland and throughout the country through strengthening existing equality legislation and providing greater support for inclusivity and equality training to ensure greater protection.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Northern Isles Ferry Procurement.

**5. Report on the Consultation on the Scottish Government's Draft National Outcomes:** Bob Doris, on behalf of the Local Government and Communities Committee, moved S5M-12324—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Local Government and Communities Committee's 8 report, 2018 (Session 5), *Report on the Consultation on the Scottish Government's Draft National Outcomes* (SP Paper 317), and the other committees' responses contained in the annexe to the report.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-12432: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership will apply from close of business on Thursday 24 May—

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Ruth Maguire as a member of the Education and Skills Committee; and

Alex Neil be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

**S5M-12433: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Willie Coffey be appointed to replace Alex Neil as a substitute member of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Clare Haughey be appointed to replace Stewart Stevenson as a substitute member of the Justice Committee; and

David Torrance be appointed to replace Colin Beattie as a substitute member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

## No. 7, Tuesday 29 May 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Very Reverend Dr Lorna Hood OBE, Chair of Remembering Srebrenica Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Planning (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-12421— That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 4, Abstentions 0).

- 4. Planning (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-12393—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Planning (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12475—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 31 May 2018—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy and Connectivity; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Medium-term financial strategy

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**7. Support for Families of Missing People:** The Parliament debated S5M-11582 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament recognises the suffering of thousands of families across Scotland who have experienced, or will experience, a loved one going missing; understands that, every year, over 30,000 children and adults will be reported missing, of which, thankfully, many will return quickly but that, tragically, others will remain missing for weeks, months or even years; believes that, despite the excellent work of Police Scotland in searching for missing people, the families who are left devastated receive little or no emotional, practical and legal support in coping with the disappearance of their missing loved one; acknowledges the campaign of the family of Sean McKenna, who went missing in Coatbridge in 2017, for more support for families of missing loved ones; further acknowledges the National Missing Person's Framework, which was published by the Scottish Government in 2017; notes the view that this should be implemented in every local authority area, and further notes the calls for more to be done to support the families who are living a nightmare to ensure that every person who is missing a loved one is offered support and help.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

## No. 8, Wednesday 30 May 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Islands (Scotland) Bill—Stage 3:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12423—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Islands (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour

Groups 4 to 6: 2 hours

Groups 7 to 10: 2 hours 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed.

**2. Islands (Scotland)—Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 9, 10, 11, 12, 5, 3A, 3, 14, 31, 15 and 34.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

17	(For 94, Against 28, Abstentions 0)
8	(For 89, Against 34, Abstentions 0)
9A	(For 62, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
27	(For 62, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
13	(For 62, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
16	(For 62, Against 60, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

24	(For 28, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
28	(For 56, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
29	(For 51, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
33	(For 56, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
32	(For 56, Against 66, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 25 and 2.

Amendment 4 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The Presiding Officer extended the first time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Islands (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**3. Islands (Scotland) Bill—Stage 3:** The Minister for Transport and the Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-12437—That the Parliament agrees that the Islands (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 122, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12484—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 June 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating Scotland's Volunteers

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Parking (Code of Practice) Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 June 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 June 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Lord Bracadale's Independent Review of Hate Crime Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 June 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 13 June 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by Members' Business*

Thursday 14 June 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by Members' Business*

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by Scottish Government Business*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 7 June 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed.

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

**6. Appropriate Housing for People with Learning Disabilities:** The Parliament debated S5M-11737 in the name of Joan McAlpine—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of where a person with a learning disability lives to his or her quality of life; welcomes the reported reduction in recent years in the number of people in hospitals or other NHS settings when there is no clinical need for them to be there and the shift away since 2000 from using residential care homes toward a greater use of supported accommodation; recognises the continuing challenges of ensuring the availability of appropriate housing, the accessibility of tenancy agreements and balancing sustainable care provision with people's housing preferences, and notes the view that the Scottish Government, local authorities and relevant partners should work together to ensure that every person in the South Scotland region and across the country who has a learning disability can access the appropriate housing and support that is required to give that person the choice and control to live the life that he or she wants.

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm.

## No. 9, Thursday 31 May 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary, Ministers and the Lord Advocate.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Improving Edinburgh's City Bypass:** The Parliament debated S5M-12304 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament believes that good transport links, including trunk roads such as the A720 Edinburgh city bypass, are key to future economic development; understands that studies have shown that parts of this bypass are now among the most congested in the whole of the UK, at significant cost to the area's economy; is aware of the reported concerns of residents, commuters, businesses and business organisations, such as the Federation of Small Businesses, regarding delays and frequent and lengthy tailbacks being experienced on the route, especially at peak times; understands that the draft orders for the long-awaited plans to introduce grade separation at the Sheriffhall Roundabout will not be published until 2019; believes that, compared with the 2014 figure, the Scottish Government expects that an extra 10,000 vehicles per day will be using the bypass by 2022, with an extra 20,000 vehicles predicted by 2032, and, in light of this, notes the calls for the Scottish Government to prioritise further improvements to the bypass, assess how it can expand capacity and to develop innovative, long-term solutions that will keep traffic moving on what it considers is a key national trunk road.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Economy and Connectivity and then on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Medium term financial strategy.

**6. Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

The Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-12483—That the Parliament agrees that the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 114, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 4.31 pm.

## No. 10, Tuesday 5 June 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend Dr John A Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12594—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 5 June 2018—

after

2.00 pm Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government response to a future strategy for Scottish agriculture

(b) Thursday 7 June 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Lord Bracadale's independent review of hate crime legislation

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Impact of Policing on Communities during the Miners' Strike

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Lord Bracadale's independent review of hate crime legislation

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government response to a future strategy for Scottish agriculture.

**5. Celebrating Scotland's Volunteers:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-12561—That the Parliament welcomes the 34th annual Volunteers' Week, which is being celebrated from 1 to 7 June 2018; recognises this as an important celebration of the fantastic

contribution that over a million volunteers make every year across Scotland's communities, contributing around 130 million hours of help and £2 billion to the economy; believes that the week will inspire more people to join those already donating their time and energy to good causes; acknowledges the growing numbers of young people who participate in volunteering; commends volunteers for giving their time during the last year; notes the many ways in which the work of volunteers improves the quality of people's lives, and recognises that, by coming together through volunteering, Scotland builds stronger, fairer and more participative communities, as well as it being hugely rewarding for volunteers themselves.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Parking (Code of Practice) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-12556—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Parking (Code of Practice) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 19 July 2017, relating to private parking, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

**8. The Portrayal of ADHD Treatment:** The Parliament debated S5M-11127 in the name of Daniel Johnson—That the Parliament notes the documentary, Take Your Pills, which has been distributed by Netflix; expresses its strong concern about what it sees as the programme's unbalanced portrayal of ADHD and its treatment; notes the recent publication of updated NICE guidelines on the diagnosis and treatment of the condition and the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland's, ADHD in adults: good practice guidelines; acknowledges the calls for the Scottish Government to bring forward plans to update the SIGN guidance on ADHD, which, it understands, has remained the same since 2009, and notes the views that there is a need for a more informed understanding of the condition in Edinburgh and across the country and that taking prescribed medication to treat diagnosed neuro-developmental disorders and mental health conditions is as legitimate as taking prescribed medication to treat physical illness.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

## No. 11, Wednesday 6 June 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on **Culture, Tourism and External Affairs** and **Justice and the Law Officers** were answered by a Cabinet Secretary, Ministers and the Solicitor General.

**2. Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of **Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill** related to a protected subject-matter.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-12573—That the Parliament agrees that the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 119, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12597—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 June 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: National Council of Rural Advisers

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2016

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy Travellers

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 13 June 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 14 June 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Human Trafficking – First Annual Progress Report

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate:  
Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct inquiry

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 June 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 June 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 June 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 14 June 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12599—That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 4 as noted above.

**6. The Citizen Girl Initiative:** The Parliament debated S5M-12252 in the name of Ruth Maguire— That the Parliament welcomes the launch by Girlguiding Scotland and Women 50:50 of the female empowerment campaign, Citizen Girl, which aims to help empower girls to use their voices and become the next generation of leaders in politics and beyond; notes that it coincides with the celebrations to mark 2018 as Scotland's Year of Young People and the 100th anniversary of the first women gaining the right to vote; believes that, despite much progress, gender stereotypes still exist and that these negatively impact on the life experience of young girls, including by affecting their ability to both speak out and participate in class discussions; notes that it will see Girlguiding Scotland's 50,000 members learning about equality, representation and how powerful their voices can be; understands that it will do this through a range of fun, hands-on activities, including creating their own edible parliament and holding Citizen Girl summits; notes the initiative's call for political parties to commit to gender equality by ensuring that at least 50% of their candidates in local, Scottish and UK elections are women, for politicians at all levels to consult with young people on decisions that impact on their lives and for businesses, public bodies, and voluntary organisations to commit to increasing female representation in management, including through creating opportunities for the next generation of girls to take the lead; notes the calls for Members to support the campaign by sharing a #CitizenGirl selfie on social media and visiting a local Girlguiding Scotland group, and acknowledges Citizen Girl's efforts to create a more equal society for women and girls in the Cunninghame South area and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

## No. 12, Thursday 7 June 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Ensuring Appropriate Community Benefit from Onshore Wind Farm Developments:** The Parliament debated S5M-12167 in the name of Richard Lochhead—That the Parliament welcomes the reported growth in renewable energy production in Moray and throughout Scotland; recognises what it sees as the importance of renewable energy for a low-carbon future; considers that renewable energy presents a unique opportunity to use local renewable resources to create regeneration, empowerment and financial benefits for communities; understands that, according to Local Energy Scotland, over £15 million in community benefit has been paid in 2018, up to 9 May, averaging over £5,675 per MW for recent projects; considers that these financial resources empower communities; notes that, although community benefit can be delivered in various forms, the national standard for community benefit from onshore wind farm developments is £5,000 per MW; recognises that some companies deliver or exceed this but many others do not, resulting in a very inconsistent picture across Scotland, and notes the reported concerns of communities at these inconsistencies and issues, such as the need for written agreements and management of funds, including retrospectively, to recognise that the exploitation of natural resources to produce renewable energy must adequately benefit and empower communities.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Richard Lochhead moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Ministerial Statement: Impact of Policing on Communities during the Miners' Strike.

**6. Lord Bracadale's independent review of hate crime legislation (without motion):** The Parliament debated Lord Bracadale's independent review of hate crime legislation.

**7. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

## No. 13, Tuesday 12 June 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Megan Quinn and Rhys Lambert, pupils at St Columba's High School, Gourock, and ambassadors to the Anne Frank Trust UK, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12735—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 12 June 2018—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Council of Rural Advisers

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2016

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2016

followed by Ministerial Statement: Student Support

(b) Wednesday 13 June 2018—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Response to the Scottish Information Commissioner's Intervention Report

followed by Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

(c) Thursday 14 June 2018—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Human Trafficking - First Annual Progress Report

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on the Work of the National Council of Rural Advisers

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2016.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Student Support.

**6. Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-12690—That the Parliament welcomes the contribution that Gypsy/Travellers have made to Scottish history and continue to make to the country's culture and heritage; notes that June 2018 sees Scotland celebrating Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month for the first time; is united in the view that there is no place for any form of racism in a modern and inclusive Scotland, and condemns all forms of prejudice and discrimination towards Gypsy/Travellers; supports the work of the new Ministerial Working Group on Gypsy/Travellers, which aims to ensure a systematic and coherent approach to improving outcomes for Gypsy/Travellers across the country in line with the recommendations of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD); recognises the importance of direct engagement with Gypsy/Traveller people; congratulates the Young Gypsy Traveller Assembly in strengthening the voice of young Gypsy/Travellers; commends COSLA's commitment to transforming the life chances of Gypsy/Travellers across the country, and looks forward to working together within a human rights framework to accelerate improvements for this community.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-12690.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12690 in the name of Angela Constance, (Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers), after "Discrimination (CERD)" insert "; calls on the Scottish Government to regularly review progress and provide measurable indicators by which to do so".

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

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-12690.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12690 in the name of Angela Constance (Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers), insert at end ", and welcomes the establishment of the Parliament's first Cross Party Group on Gypsy/Travellers."

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

John Finnie moved amendment S5M-12690.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12690 in the name of Angela Constance (Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers), insert “, and recognises the need for such support to be underpinned by measures that enable Gypsy/Travellers' traditional way of life, including the mapping of stopping-off places and, save in exceptional circumstances, making these available to the Gypsy/Traveller community.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the contribution that Gypsy/Travellers have made to Scottish history and continue to make to the country's culture and heritage; notes that June 2018 sees Scotland celebrating Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month for the first time; is united in the view that there is no place for any form of racism in a modern and inclusive Scotland, and condemns all forms of prejudice and discrimination towards Gypsy/Travellers; supports the work of the new Ministerial Working Group on Gypsy/Travellers, which aims to ensure a systematic and coherent approach to improving outcomes for Gypsy/Travellers across the country in line with the recommendations of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD); calls on the Scottish Government to regularly review progress and provide measurable indicators by which to do so; recognises the importance of direct engagement with Gypsy/Traveller people; congratulates the Young Gypsy Traveller Assembly in strengthening the voice of young Gypsy/Travellers; commends COSLA's commitment to transforming the life chances of Gypsy/Travellers across the country; looks forward to working together within a human rights framework to accelerate improvements for this community; welcomes the establishment of the Parliament's first Cross Party Group on Gypsy/Travellers, and recognises the need for such support to be underpinned by measures that enable Gypsy/Travellers' traditional way of life, including the mapping of stopping-off places and, save in exceptional circumstances, making these available to the Gypsy/Traveller community.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

**8. Orkambi:** The Parliament debated S5M-12545 in the name of Maurice Corry— That the Parliament understands that cystic fibrosis affects over 900 people in Scotland, including in the West Scotland parliamentary region, and that, in 2016, half of all people who died from the genetic condition were aged under 31; believes that Orkambi, which is manufactured by Vertex Pharmaceuticals and treats the homozygous delf508 mutation, which around 50% of people in the UK with the condition have, is the second drug to be licensed for use in dealing with cystic fibrosis; notes that the main function of this treatment is to keep a healthy balance of salt and water in the organs, particularly the lungs; believes that, according to 2016 UK Cystic Fibrosis Registry Report, there are 336 people in Scotland who could benefit from having access to this, but that it is not currently available via the NHS, despite, it understands, the Scottish Medicines Consortium noting that it was a

beneficial treatment and NICE recognising it as an important treatment; believes that clinical data has shown that the drug is able to slow decline in lung function, which is the main cause of death from the condition, by 42%, and notes the work of all the people and organisations, such as the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, which are campaigning to put pressure on the Scottish Government, the NHS and pharmaceutical companies to ensure that such drugs reach those who need them without delay.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

## No. 14, Wednesday 13 June 2018

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) made a statement and answered questions on the Response to the Scottish Information Commissioner's Intervention Report.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Health:** Alex Cole-Hamilton moved S5M-12706—That the Parliament believes that there is currently a mental health crisis in Scotland; deeply regrets that, in the two years since the appointment of the first dedicated mental health minister, published measures of services have shown a serious and sustained decline, including worsening waits for children, adolescents and adults requiring treatment; recognises that there is still no new suicide strategy, despite it being over 500 days since the last one expired, and that the mental health strategy that will set the tone for services for a decade was published 15 months late and was widely criticised for its lack of ambition; considers that hard-working staff do not have the resources and support that they require to deliver the service that they would wish, and demands that the Scottish Government publish plans detailing how it will improve performance against key targets and that the next Programme for Government delivers a step change in both ambition for and investment in mental health.

The Minister for Mental Health (Maureen Watt) moved amendment S5M-12706.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12706 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Health), leave out from “is currently a mental health crisis” to “demands” and insert “has been a welcome shift in attitudes to mental health in recent years; commends the work of NHS staff in supporting mental health and wellbeing care across acute, community and primary settings; notes that, following the publication of the mental health strategy, Young Scot is leading a commission on child and adolescent mental health services, and that SAMH will soon publish its report and recommendations on rejected referrals; supports a vision of mental health care where people can get the right help at the right time, expect recovery, and fully enjoy their rights, free from discrimination; believes that this will be aided by improving the scope of available information on the usage of services beyond the currently published performance against new referrals; notes that a new suicide prevention plan is being developed in partnership with stakeholders, which will build on the current spending of over £2 million a year on suicide prevention; welcomes the ambition to support the step change, which will be supported by the application, by the national leadership group, of a new prevention innovation fund of an additional £3 million over the next three years; considers that NHS boards should set out detailed plans for taking forward new models of support and services to improve performance, including through partnership with the third sector, and asks”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 62, Abstentions 0, disagreed to on casting vote).

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-12706.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12706 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Health), after “requiring treatment” insert “; calls on the Scottish Government to refocus on prevention and early intervention through improved front-line support, including the roll-out of national mental health teacher-training, improved secondary school counselling provision and the placement of specialist mental health support in every GP practice and hub”.

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

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-12706.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12706 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Health), insert at end “; notes the results of the Scottish Social Attitudes Survey, which suggest that at least half of people in Scotland feel that poorer health is a result of an ‘unjust society’ and believes that inequality and poverty have a significant impact on mental health; believes that societal and economic reforms are needed to reduce many drivers of poor mental health; further believes that early intervention is vital if the country is to see a generational shift and that, as part of that, there should be access to a mental health counsellor in every school, and recognises that suicide prevention strategies should be implemented at a local level, with funding ring-fenced, and that any new framework on suicide prevention should have sufficient resources, workforce, governance and leadership.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 62, Against 0, Abstentions 62).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that there is currently a mental health crisis in Scotland; deeply regrets that, in the two years since the appointment of the first dedicated mental health minister, published measures of services have shown a serious and sustained decline, including worsening waits for children, adolescents and adults requiring treatment; calls on the Scottish Government to refocus on prevention and early intervention through improved front-line support, including the roll-out of national mental health teacher-training, improved secondary school counselling provision and the placement of specialist mental health support in every GP practice and hub; recognises that there is still no new suicide strategy, despite it being over 500 days since the last one expired, and that the mental health strategy that will set the tone for services for a decade was published 15 months late and was widely criticised for its lack of ambition; considers that hard-working staff do not have the resources and support that they require to deliver the service that they would wish; demands that the Scottish Government publish plans detailing how it will improve performance against key targets and that the next Programme for Government delivers a step change in

both ambition for and investment in mental health; notes the results of the Scottish Social Attitudes Survey, which suggest that at least half of people in Scotland feel that poorer health is a result of an ‘unjust society’ and believes that inequality and poverty have a significant impact on mental health; believes that societal and economic reforms are needed to reduce many drivers of poor mental health; further believes that early intervention is vital if the country is to see a generational shift and that, as part of that, there should be access to a mental health counsellor in every school, and recognises that suicide prevention strategies should be implemented at a local level, with funding ring-fenced, and that any new framework on suicide prevention should have sufficient resources, workforce, governance and leadership.

**4. Finance and The Constitution:** Willie Rennie moved S5M-12708—That the Parliament notes the analysis of the Sustainable Growth Commission; further notes the commission’s statements on public spending, the volatility of oil revenues, the economic volatility of small countries, Scotland’s control over the pound, and the extended period of financial pain, and believes that independence would be damaging for Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S5M-12708.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12708 in the name of Willie Rennie (Finance and the Constitution), leave out from “notes the analysis” to end and insert “agrees that independence is best for Scotland’s future, and recognises that Brexit is a major threat to Scotland’s economy, society and environment.”

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-12708.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12708 in the name of Willie Rennie (Finance and the Constitution), insert at end “, and urges the Scottish Government to rule out a second independence referendum, in line with the views of the majority of Scottish people.”

James Kelly moved amendment S5M-12708.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12708 in the name of Willie Rennie (Finance and the Constitution), insert at end “; regrets that the growth commission did not seek the advice or opinion of trades unions on its plans, which it considers would mean a decade of unprecedented austerity with no control over the value of wages, rent and mortgages; notes that the economic and social transformation Scotland urgently needs will not come from another referendum on leaving the UK, and believes that this will only come from Labour’s plans to tackle poverty and inequality, extend public ownership and redistribute power.”

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-12708.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12708 in the name of Willie Rennie (Finance and the Constitution), leave out from “Sustainable Growth Commission” to end and insert “SNP’s Sustainable Growth Commission; further notes concerns that the commission’s report relies heavily on a flawed economic model that places

GDP growth ahead of broader measures to increase Scotland's prosperity; further notes the Scottish Green Party's publication, *Jobs in Scotland's New Economy*, which argued that, by focussing on delivering low-carbon improvements across the energy, land-use and industrial sectors, Scotland could create over 200,000 new green jobs, and recognises that similarly-sized small countries are successfully implementing progressive economic, social and environmental policies that Scotland could match as a full independent member of the international community and the EU."

After debate, amendment S5M-12708.4 was agreed to (DT) by division: For 68, Against 56, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendments S5M-12708.1, S5M-12708.2 and S5M-12708.3 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that independence is best for Scotland's future, and recognises that Brexit is a major threat to Scotland's economy, society and environment.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12737—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 June 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Progress in EU Exit Negotiations

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Crown Estate Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Scottish Crown Estate Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 June 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 June 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2017-18

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 June 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 June 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 June 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 21 June 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12738—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 February 2019

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12739— That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 7 December 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-12742: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-12743: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Fiscal Commission (Modification of Functions) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-12744: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the ILF Scotland (Miscellaneous Listings) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-12745: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**9. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12741—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected or Detrimental Land) (Eligible Land, Regulators and Restrictions on Transfers and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 103, Against 21, Abstentions 0).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. Banning the Sales of Energy Drinks to Under-16s:** The Parliament debated S5M-11357 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the moves that have been taken by major supermarkets and the National Federation of Retail Newsagents in Angus South and across the country, to ban the sale of energy drinks to under-16s; believes that there is growing concern regarding the consumption of these products among children and young people; understands that a number of studies have indicated that the drinks might have a detrimental impact on health; considers that voluntary measures to restrict their sales are positive steps toward improving the nation's public health, and notes the view that all retailers should be encouraged to follow suit.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

## No. 15, Thursday 14 June 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Impact of Mossmorran Flaring:** The Parliament debated S5M-11398 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament notes the concerns that it considers are being expressed by growing numbers of Fife residents regarding the increased incidence of flaring at the facility operated by ExxonMobil Chemical Limited and Shell at Mossmorran, by Cowdenbeath, the most recent being between 23 and 25 March 2018; understands that data provided by SEPA shows that ExxonMobil has flared 165,861 tonnes of gas in 670 events between 2008 and 2016, while Shell has flared 21,162 tonnes in 753 events; further understands that the two major incidents in June and October 2017 are under investigation by SEPA with a view to possible enforcement action, and regrets the impact that it believes these episodes are having on the surrounding communities.

**4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Human Trafficking – First Annual Progress Report.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on National Council of Rural Advisers.

**7. Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct inquiry:** Clare Hauhgey, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-12730—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 4th Report 2018 (Session 5), *Sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct* (SP Paper 340).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

## No. 16, Tuesday 19 June 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Ms Abby Lang, Head Girl, Harris Academy, Dundee, and campaigner for awareness of Young Sudden Cardiac Death in association with the charity, Cardiac Risk in the Young, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12875—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 19 June 2018—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Progress in EU Exit Negotiations

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Complaints and Conduct Review

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

Insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 20 June 2018—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: The Future of Scottish Agricultural Support - Post Brexit Transitional Arrangements

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Progress in EU Exit Negotiations.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Complaints and Conduct Review.

**6. Scottish Crown Estate Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-12846—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Crown Estate Bill.

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

**7. Scottish Crown Estate Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-11939—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Crown Estate Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

**9. Welcoming Women in Engineering Day:** The Parliament debated 11823 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament welcomes that Women in Engineering Day is on 23 June 2018; notes that it highlights the work needed to go further and faster to meet the target of 140,000 women engineers by 2022; understands that only 9% of engineers and 18% of the tech workforce are female; notes the view that action must come from the industry and other stakeholders to make the changes within the sector; believes that there are a number of positive action measures that can be taken, such as outreach, placements, training and activities, which target women and girls, and notes the calls for the industry to meet the future needs of the engineering and technology sectors.

**10. Motion Without Notice:** Gillian Martin 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 6.16 pm.

## No. 17, Wednesday 20 June 2018

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on the Future of Scottish Agricultural Support - Post Brexit Transitional Arrangements.

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**3. Review of Government FoI Handling and Record Keeping:** Rhoda Grant moved S5M-12861—That the Parliament notes the concerns raised on Scottish Government transparency in the intervention report from the Scottish Information Commissioner; notes the key findings that the Scottish Government’s FoI policies and procedures are not clear enough regarding the role of special advisers in responding to FoI requests; believes that the Scottish Government takes longer to respond to journalists’ FoI requests than other requests; considers that a number of areas have been highlighted for action, including clearance procedures, quality assurance of FoI responses, training, case handling and case records management, monitoring FoI requests and review procedures, and calls for an independent review of both FoI handling and the recording of information from meetings.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved amendment S5M-12861.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12861 in the name of Rhoda Grant (Review of Government FoI Handling and Record Keeping), leave out from “a number of areas” to end and insert “response times for journalists’ FoI requests have improved but can improve further; notes that the Scottish Government has accepted the commissioner’s recommendations in full and will develop an action plan as required by the commissioner to be published in September 2018; welcomes the proposed extension of FoI law to registered social landlords, and agrees that the Scottish Government should consult on proposals to further extend coverage of Scotland’s freedom of information legislation, for example, to companies providing services on behalf of the public sector.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Edward Mountain moved amendment S5M-12861.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12861 in the name of Rhoda Grant (Review of Government FoI Handling and Record Keeping), insert at end “, and further calls on the Scottish Information Commissioner to make public the report on the government’s implementation of the action plan when approved annually.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the concerns raised on Scottish Government transparency in the intervention report from the Scottish Information Commissioner; notes the key findings that the Scottish Government’s FoI policies and procedures are not clear enough regarding the role of special advisers in responding to FoI requests; believes that the Scottish Government takes longer to respond to journalists’ FoI requests than other requests; considers that response times for journalists’ FoI requests have improved but can improve further; notes that the Scottish Government has accepted the commissioner’s recommendations in full and will develop an action plan as required by the commissioner to be published in September 2018; welcomes the proposed extension of FoI law to registered social landlords; agrees that the Scottish Government should consult on proposals to further extend coverage of Scotland’s freedom of information legislation, for example, to companies providing services on behalf of the public sector, and further calls on the Scottish Information Commissioner to make public the report on the government’s implementation of the action plan when approved annually.

**4. Access to Vital Medicines:** Anas Sarwar moved S5M-12856—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government, as a matter of urgency, to bring NHS National Services Scotland, the Scottish Medicines Consortium and the relevant pharmaceutical companies together to deliver access to the life-prolonging medicines, Perjeta and Orkambi, for patients in Scotland who need them; notes the commitment that was made by the Scottish Government in December 2016, following the Review of Access to New Medicines (the Montgomery Review), to improve ways of negotiating with drug companies on the cost of medicines, and calls for a new system of negotiation to be implemented now.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S5M-12856.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12856 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Access to Vital Medicines), insert at end “; welcomes the introduction of a new ultra-orphan pathway within the Scottish Medicines Consortium process that will make available, with ongoing evaluation for at least three years, medicines for the rarest conditions; notes the roll-out of the Peer Approved Clinical System in June 2018, replacing individual patient treatment requests, which allows clinicians to seek medicines for their patients that are not currently accepted for routine use by the NHS in Scotland, and which makes clear that the cost of the medicine must not be part of the decision-making process; further notes the commitment of the Scottish Government to continue to use all Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme rebate funding to support access to new medicines; welcomes the commitment of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry for its members to provide Scotland with the same discounts offered elsewhere in the UK for accessing medicines, and believes that pharmaceutical companies should offer NHS Scotland fair prices and should properly engage

with health technology assessments in order to demonstrate the clinical effectiveness of their medicines.”

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

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-12856.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12856 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Access to Vital Medicines), insert at end “, and further calls on the Scottish Government to remove barriers to make access to new drugs easier, including the reform of the Patient Access Scheme Assessment Group.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government, as a matter of urgency, to bring NHS National Services Scotland, the Scottish Medicines Consortium and the relevant pharmaceutical companies together to deliver access to the life-prolonging medicines, Perjeta and Orkambi, for patients in Scotland who need them; notes the commitment that was made by the Scottish Government in December 2016, following the Review of Access to New Medicines (the Montgomery Review), to improve ways of negotiating with drug companies on the cost of medicines; calls for a new system of negotiation to be implemented now; welcomes the introduction of a new ultra-orphan pathway within the Scottish Medicines Consortium process that will make available, with ongoing evaluation for at least three years, medicines for the rarest conditions; notes the roll-out of the Peer Approved Clinical System in June 2018, replacing individual patient treatment requests, which allows clinicians to seek medicines for their patients that are not currently accepted for routine use by the NHS in Scotland, and which makes clear that the cost of the medicine must not be part of the decision-making process; further notes the commitment of the Scottish Government to continue to use all Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme rebate funding to support access to new medicines; welcomes the commitment of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry for its members to provide Scotland with the same discounts offered elsewhere in the UK for accessing medicines; believes that pharmaceutical companies should offer NHS Scotland fair prices and should properly engage with health technology assessments in order to demonstrate the clinical effectiveness of their medicines, and further calls on the Scottish Government to remove barriers to make access to new drugs easier, including the reform of the Patient Access Scheme Assessment Group.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12877—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 June 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Defending the Powers of the Scottish Parliament

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 June 2018

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Ending Homelessness Together – Actions Recommended by the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Prescription (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* SPCB Motion – Witness Expenses

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 June 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 5 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Jobs and Fair Work; Finance and the Constitution

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 6 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 28 June 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12878—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Planning (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 9 November 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-12879: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Transport (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-12880: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-12881: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-12896: Office of the Clerk**—That the Parliament agrees that, between 31 January 2019 and 31 January 2020, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 19 and 22 April 2019, 6 May 2019, 24 and 27 May 2019, 13 September 2019, 29 November 2019, 24 December (pm), 25 and 26 December 2019, and 1 and 2 January 2020.

**S5M-12897: Parliamentary Recess Dates**—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 9 to 17 February 2019 (inclusive), 30 March to 14 April 2019 (inclusive), 30 June to 1 September 2019 (inclusive), 12 to 27 October 2019 (inclusive), 21 December 2019 to 5 January 2020 (inclusive).

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 7 as noted above.

**9. Welcome to Glasgow, a World City of Music:** The Parliament debated S5M-12516 in the name of Adam Tomkins—That the Parliament notes the recommendations of the report, *Growing the Value for Music Tourism in Glasgow*, which was jointly commissioned by Scottish Enterprise and Glasgow Life; understands that the total value of live music attendance to the city's economy is estimated at almost £160 million, sustaining more than 1,000 jobs, and that there are rich opportunities for growth in this area; recognises the wealth of Glasgow's musical culture, what it sees as its huge number of internationally successful home-grown bands and its music festivals, including Celtic Connections and the Merchant

City Festival; believes that it has an unrivalled range of music venues, from large arenas such as the SSE Hydro and the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall to grassroots venues, including King Tut's Wah Wah Hut, Òran Mór, Stereo and Mono; notes the view that, in order to safeguard the future of music venues across the city, serious consideration should be given to putting the so-called agent of change principle on a statutory footing; acknowledges the report's conclusion that, while music tourism already makes a significant contribution to the city's economy, much more could be done to promote its music scene both at home and abroad to boost overall tourism, and notes the view that all stakeholders should capitalise on Glasgow's UNESCO World City of Music status and work collaboratively to maximise the enormous potential of the city's existing assets to attract more music tourists.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

## No. 18, Thursday 21 June 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. MND Awareness Week 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-12476 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament recognises that 18 to 24 June marks MND Awareness Week 2018, which will include Global MND Awareness Day on 21 June; notes that MND Scotland will be raising awareness of the illness and the impact that it has on families throughout Scotland; acknowledges the charity's support services, including its new advocacy service, which seeks to act as a support link between people affected by the condition and the support that is offered by local services and councils; notes that, through the Scottish Government and in partnership with MND Scotland, there is now a legal obligation for NHS boards to provide communications devices to people who need these; recognises the events that are being organised as part of the awareness week, including a fundraising memorial dinner on 21 June for the campaigner, the late Gordon Aikman; congratulates MND Scotland on its first anniversary with its corporate partner the ScotRail Alliance, which has raised at least £71,000 through staff fundraising, customer collections and gifts in kind, and wishes the charity all the best in supporting, caring for and advocating on behalf of people throughout Scotland who MND impacts on.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Provisional Outturn 2017-18.

**5. World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-12891—That the Parliament commemorates World Refugee Day; welcomes people who have sought refuge in Scotland from war and persecution; celebrates the contribution that refugees and asylum seekers have made to Scotland; agrees with the key principle of the New Scots strategy that integration begins from day one of arrival; calls for a more humane asylum system that treats people with dignity and respect at all times and enables them to rebuild their lives and fulfil their potential, and thanks the local authorities, third sector, community and faith organisations and the many people across Scotland who are supporting refugees and asylum seekers as they settle into their new lives.

Michelle Ballantyne moved amendment S5M-12891.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12891 in the name of Angela Constance (World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland), insert at end “; recognises the great efforts that Scotland and the rest of the UK have undertaken in providing funding and support to refugees; acknowledges the

Scottish Government on meeting its refugee housing target three years early; understands that the UK has committed to taking in 20,000 refugees fleeing war-torn Syria, including 900 unaccompanied children from Europe; further understands that the UK remains the second largest bilateral donor in humanitarian assistance in the world; notes that the UK Government has pledged over £2.3 billion in aid to Syria alone; further notes that the UK Government has allocated funding of over £420 million through its Official Development Assistance budget and the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme; underlines that the Home Office provides per capita funding to Scottish local authorities to assist with refugee resettlement, and pledges to use its power to ensure that both the Scottish and UK governments continue to maintain their high standards in welcoming refugees and providing funding support to Syria refugees.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-12891.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12891 in the name of Angela Constance (World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland), insert “; recognises the importance of national and local evaluation of all refugee programmes to identify good practice, and agrees that adequately resourced local authorities play a vital role in supporting community cohesion.”

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

Ross Greer moved amendment S5M-12891.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12891 in the name of Angela Constance (World Refugee Day: Supporting People to Settle in Scotland), insert “, and believes that the right to vote is an important component of integration into Scottish society and that refugees and asylum seekers legally resident in Scotland should have the right to vote in all elections and referenda.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 0, Abstentions 20).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commemorates World Refugee Day; welcomes people who have sought refuge in Scotland from war and persecution; celebrates the contribution that refugees and asylum seekers have made to Scotland; agrees with the key principle of the New Scots strategy that integration begins from day one of arrival; calls for a more humane asylum system that treats people with dignity and respect at all times and enables them to rebuild their lives and fulfil their potential; thanks the local authorities, third sector, community and faith organisations and the many people across Scotland who are supporting refugees and asylum seekers as they settle into their new lives; recognises the importance of national and local evaluation of all refugee

programmes to identify good practice; agrees that adequately resourced local authorities play a vital role in supporting community cohesion, and believes that the right to vote is an important component of integration into Scottish society and that refugees and asylum seekers legally resident in Scotland should have the right to vote in all elections and referenda.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12932—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business on Wednesday 27 June 2018—

after

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Prescription (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Complaint against Mark McDonald MSP

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

**No. 19, Tuesday 26 June 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Maurice Callaghan, Parish Priest, St John the Baptist, Port Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12980—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Tuesday 26 June 2018—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Education Reforms

(b) Wednesday 27 June 2018—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 28 June 2018—

after

First Minister's Questions

insert

First Minister's Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Scottish Ministers

delete

12.45 pm Decision Time

insert

1.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

- 3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Education Reforms.
- 5. Defending the Powers of the Scottish Parliament:** The Parliament debated Defending the Powers of the Scottish Parliament.
- 6. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.
- 7. NHS's 70th Birthday:** The Parliament debated S5M-12842 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament celebrates 5 July 2018 as the 70th anniversary of the founding of the NHS; agrees with the words of its founder, Aneurin Bevan, that it is “a triumphant example of the superiority of collective action and public initiative”; believes that, each and every day, both in Central Scotland and throughout the country, there are countless examples of the importance and success of the NHS; thanks all health service staff, past and present, for their compassion and dedication in delivering care to people in need, and wishes the NHS a happy 70th birthday.
- 8. Motion Without Notice:** Richard Leonard 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 6.07 pm.

## No. 20, Wednesday 27 June 2018

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

**1. The Culture and Heritage Value of Agriculture:** The Parliament debated S5M-12425 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament notes the importance of the almost 200 agricultural shows that are held across the UK; understands that it is estimated that 10% of the population attends at least one of these events each year; notes that these include the Border Union Agricultural Show in Kelso, which has been held for over 200 years, the Berwickshire Show in Duns, and the Newcastleton, St Boswells and Yarrow shows; believes that these are important for showcasing the best of what the agricultural sector has to offer to people from outwith the farming community, driving up standards and preserving and protecting heritage; understands that many farmers can trace their ancestral links with their land that goes back centuries; believes that farmers are best placed to ensure that their land is productive and sustainable, yet understands that they need to be open to the fresh ideas of new entrants; notes what it sees as the importance of the physical heritage of farming, including farmhouses and steadings and the many ruins and derelict buildings, such as shepherd huts, which can be seen around the country; believes that these derelict sites can pose as monuments to the agricultural past but can also get new leases of life as rural housing, shops, B&Bs and other facilities; notes the contribution made by groups such as the Scottish Association of Young Farmers in preserving traditional customs and practices, organising social events and encouraging people to join or stay in agriculture, and wishes them all the best with this work.

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities, Social Security and Equalities were answered by a Minister.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning (Kevin Stewart) made a statement and answered questions on Ending homelessness together - Actions recommended by the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group.

**4. Prescription (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-12958—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Prescription (Scotland) Bill.

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

**5. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 6 Report, 2018 (Session 5):** Patrick Harvie, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-12943—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 5th Report, 2018 (Session 5), *Complaint against Mark McDonald MSP* (SP Paper 362), and agrees to impose the sanctions recommended in the report that the Parliament excludes Mark McDonald from proceedings of the Parliament for a period of one month, to take place from 3 September to 2 October 2018 inclusive; withdraws his salary for a period of one month to coincide with his exclusion from proceedings of the Parliament; withdraws his right of access as a Member to the Holyrood

Parliamentary complex for the period of one month to coincide with his exclusion from the proceedings of the Parliament, and withdraws his rights to any representational, ceremonial and related privileges until dissolution.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 101, Against 0, Abstentions 6).

**6. SPCB Motion – Witness Expenses:** Andy Wightman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-12953—That the Parliament determines that:

- (a) allowances and expenses in respect of the matters set out in column (1) below be paid or payable, as the case may be, in accordance with Rule 2.6.2 or 12.4.3 of the Standing Orders, as the case may be, to a person who attends proceedings of the Parliament for the purpose of giving evidence or who produces documents in his or her custody or under his or her control;
- (b) said allowances and expenses be at the rates set out in column (2) opposite the respective entries in column (1);
- (c) the rates set out in column (2) be uprated in accordance with column (3);
- (d) said allowances and expenses be applied in accordance with the set of underlying principles and rules detailed below;
- (e) the SPCB be directed to issue revised guidance and provide claim forms in connection with the payment of such allowances and expenses; and
- (f) that the qualifying date for such expenses and allowances be 2 July 2018.

**ANNEXE A – OVERVIEW OF CLAIMABLE EXPENSES**

The below rates are reviewed annually and may be revised. Any changes will take effect from 1 April.

<b>Current Scheme (2017/18)</b>		<b>Updated scheme (2018/19)</b>
<b>Accommodation</b> (not including food/drink)		<b>Overnight expenses</b> (including accommodation, food/drink)
Overnight stay	£118.75 per night	£156.00 per night
<b>Subsistence</b> (including overnight)		<b>Food and drink</b> (not overnight)
less than 5 hours	Nil	No change
5 to 10 hours	£6.29 max	No change
over 10 hours	£13.61 max	No change
<b>Travel by public transport</b>		<b>Travel by public transport</b>
Standard fares	Paid at cost	No change
<b>Travel by private transport</b>		<b>Travel by private transport</b>
Taxi	Paid at cost	No change
Car	45p per mile	No change
Motor Cycle	25p per mile	24p per mile
Pedal Cycle	21p per mile	20p per mile
<b>Loss of earnings</b>		<b>Loss of earnings</b>
Paid employment	£237.51 per ½ day max	No change
Self-employment	£237.51 per ½ day max	No change
<b>Caring costs</b>		<b>Caring costs</b>
Childcare	£8.45 per hour max	No change
Unpaid primary carers: replacement care cover for dependents for up to 7.5 hours	N/A	To be paid at cost
<b>Other</b>		<b>Other</b>
Photocopying	13p per sheet	No change
Postage	Paid at cost	No change
Video conferencing	N/A	To be paid at cost

## **ANNEXE B – WITNESS EXPENSES SCHEME PRINCIPLES AND RULES**

### SCHEME OVERVIEW

In submitting a claim, the claimant shall:-

- (i) act in accordance with the Scheme Principles; and
- (ii) comply with the Rules of the Scheme.

### PRINCIPLES OF THE SCHEME

The Principles of the Scheme are:-

#### Inclusivity

The Scottish Parliament aims to promote engagement and participation to support and strengthen the work of the Parliament and to enhance parliamentary democracy at home and abroad.

In striving to meet this aim, the Parliament recognises that individuals have different needs which impact on their ability to participate equally in the work of the Parliament and its committees.

The principle of inclusivity shall therefore be the paramount principle of the Scheme.

#### Accessibility

In supporting equal participation in the committees' work through the payment of witness expenses, due regard shall be had to the following–

- (i) whether the claimant has been invited to participate in an individual or professional capacity. If participating in a professional capacity, whether the body being represented, or individual representative, is able to recoup the expenses incurred from their own professional allowances scheme, entitlement or taxation relief;
- (ii) whether the claimant has any individual need(s) that, if not met by a claim for expenses, may otherwise have a negative impact on their ability to participate equally in the work of committees.

#### Honesty

All claims under the Scheme shall be made in good faith. In this regard, the claimant shall ensure that any claims submitted relate solely in respect of their attendance of parliamentary activities and are not submitted in order to gain financial or other benefit for the claimant, or any other person.

#### Objectivity

With regard to the principle of inclusivity, the claimant, in submitting a claim for expenses under the Scheme, shall be satisfied that the amount and type of claim(s) represent value for money and were incurred having due regard to–

- (i) the claimant's individual needs; and

- (ii) the efficiency and effectiveness of the claimant's ability to participate in relevant proceedings.

### Sustainability

The Scottish Parliament aims to reduce the need to travel and develop and promote the use of sustainable travel by people working in and visiting the building.

When deciding on whether transportation options to attend parliamentary activities represent value for money, claimants shall also give regard to ways in which they may be able to minimise the carbon footprint of their participation. In this light, claimants may have regard to:-

- (i) low-carbon transportation options; or
- (ii) providing evidence by more sustainable means, such as by video conference or submitting any written evidence electronically.

### RULES OF THE SCHEME

1. The payment of expenses shall be at the discretion of the Group Head of Committees and Outreach and all claims under the Scheme shall be assessed on an individual basis.
2. All expenses claims made under the Scheme must be evidenced by original receipts or vouchers (as applicable).
3. Payment of expenses under the Scheme may be made in advance of proceedings with approval of the Group Head of Committees and Outreach.
4. Claims must be received by the clerking team within 28 days of the date on which the proceedings took place in respect of which the claimant makes a claim under the Scheme.
5. Claims for loss of earnings in respect of self-employment must be evidenced by a certificate from an accountant or a copy of the claimant's previous year's tax.
6. Travel and accommodation shall be incurred at standard rates, unless previously agreed with the Clerk to the Committee.
7. Claims totalling more than the upper limit set by the Group Head of Committees and Outreach must receive prior approval of the Clerk to the Committee.
8. Private transport should only be used where it is more economical in the circumstances, or where travel by public transport is otherwise inappropriate.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Business Motion:** Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-12985—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 4 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Members' Business

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Economy, Jobs and Fair Work; Finance and the Constitution

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 5 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 6 September 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

**8. Business Motion:** Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-12987—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 21 December 2018.

**9. Business Motion:** Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-12988—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 March 2019.

**10. Business Motion:** Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-12989—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transport (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 February 2019.

The motions were agreed to.

**11. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved—

**S5M-12990 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Digital Government (Scottish Bodies) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-12991 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (First-Time Buyer Relief) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-12992 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Group Relief Modification) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**12. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6 and 11 as noted above.

**13. NHS at 70:** The Parliament debated S5M-11441 in the name of Ash Denham—That the Parliament celebrates that 5 July 2018 will mark 70 years since the launch of the NHS; notes what it sees as the continuing importance of having a publicly-owned, funded and operated health service, which is universally available and free at

the point of need; acknowledges the reports of gross inequalities in healthcare for the general population prior to its foundation, which was spearheaded by Aneurin Bevan; salutes the continuous hard work and contributions of NHS staff throughout the years; believes that this has made it possible for the NHS to provide an invaluable and life-changing service through care and treatment that has saved and improved the lives of millions of people across Scotland; notes the view that the public, NHS boards, partners in health and social care and the voluntary sector, professional bodies and unions should take the opportunity to look back and celebrate 70 years of achievement of the NHS in Edinburgh and across Scotland and welcome the difference that it has made to people's lives, and appreciates what it believes is the ongoing commitment to the founding principles of the NHS.

The meeting closed at 5.29 pm.

**No. 21, Thursday 28 June 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. First Minister's Appointment of Scottish Ministers:** First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-13018—That the Parliament agrees that Shirley-Anne Somerville, Michael Russell, Jeane Freeman, Humza Yousaf and Aileen Campbell be appointed as Scottish Ministers.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**4. First Minister's Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers:** First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-13017—That the Parliament agrees that Ash Denham, Ben Macpherson, Christina McKelvie, Clare Haughey, Graeme Dey, Ivan McKee, Kate Forbes and Mairi Gougeon be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**5. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 1.11 pm.

**No. 22, Tuesday 4 September 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Canon Dominic Ind, former Rector & University Chaplain, St Saviour's Episcopal Church, Bridge of Allan, Stirling, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13658—That the Parliament agrees—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister Statement: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2018-19

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2018-19

followed by \*Appointment of Scottish Junior Minister\*

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Jobs and Fair Work; Finance and the Constitution

followed by \*Ministerial Statement: A statement on Scottish National Standardised Assessments\*

followed by Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2018-19

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2018-19

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 11 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 13 September 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. First Minister Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement on the Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2018-19.

**5. Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2018-19:** The Parliament debated the statement by the First Minister on the Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2018-19.

**6. First Minister’s Appointment of a Junior Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-13703—That the Parliament agrees that Richard Lochhead be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-13735 Variation to Business Motion Procedure**—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 5 September, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”.

**S5M-13736 Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Justice Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 1.00pm to 2.30pm on Thursday 6 September 2018 for the purpose of taking evidence from the Secretary of State for Scotland on the implications for the Scottish justice system of the UK’s exit from the European Union.

**S5M-13737 Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that Mark Ruskell be appointed to replace Patrick Harvie as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 7 as noted above.

**9. Glasgow and Berlin’s Successful European Championships 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-13532 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the highly successful 2018 European Championships, held jointly during August by the host cities of Glasgow and Berlin; notes that this will be the first of a four-yearly cycle of these European Championships, which are expected to be a highlight of the global sporting calendar; is aware that Glasgow held the aquatics, golf, gymnastics, rowing, triathlon and cycling competitions, including the highly successful BMX cycling events held at the new facility, which is the first of its kind in Scotland, in Knightswood in the west of the city, and congratulates the winners, competitors and hundreds of volunteers who made these Championships so special and such a huge success for those attending and the hundreds of millions watching on TV across Europe.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

## No. 23, Wednesday 5 September 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance and the Constitution and then Economy, Jobs and Fair Work were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish National Standardised Assessments.

**3. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2018-19:** The Parliament continued the debate on the statement by the First Minister from Tuesday 4 September 2018.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13747—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 11 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Preparations for EU Exit

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The Social Enterprise World Forum 2018

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 12 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 13 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating Scotland's Food and Drink Success Story

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 19 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 20 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 13 September 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister", and

(c) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 12 September, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13745—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 21 December 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13746—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prescription (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 October 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-13744 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Communities Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-13748 Parliamentary Recess Dates**—That the Parliament agrees, further to motion S5M-12897 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick on 19 June 2018, the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 9 to 17 February 2019 (inclusive), 6 to 21 April 2019 (inclusive), 30 June to 1 September 2019 (inclusive), 12 to 27 October 2019 (inclusive), 21 December 2019 to 5 January 2020 (inclusive).

After debate, the motions were agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 7 as noted above.

**9. University of Stirling, 10 Years as Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence:** The Parliament debated S5M-13570 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament notes that the University of Stirling is celebrating 10 years since its designation as Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence in 2008; recognises the contribution that its students and alumni have made to Scotland's sporting success locally, nationally and internationally, including a tally of 11 medals at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and three at the 2016 Olympics in Rio; considers that this excellence in performance, participation, research and academia will be strengthened further by the establishment of Scotland's National Tennis Academy and a £20 million transformation of the university's sports facilities, and believes that a thriving sport and health culture is of benefit, not just to the university, but to the community in Stirling and Clackmannanshire.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

## No. 24, Thursday 6 September 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. The Michelle's Law Campaign:** The Parliament debated S5M-13427 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the Parliament notes the campaign to introduce, “Michelle's Law”, which seeks to strengthen victims' rights; acknowledges that this specifically includes the rights of victims being considered paramount in matters relating to temporary release from prison and parole and that they and their families should be able to make representations in person to those deciding to release criminals from jail; notes the view that the authorities should have to explicitly consider the distinct safety and welfare of victims and their relatives when setting conditions for release on licence; understands that the Scottish Prison Service and the Parole Board do not have to publish reasons for releasing offenders into the community; notes the call for this to be reviewed and changed, and further notes the view that exclusion zones for released offenders are an under-utilised power that could alleviate the distress faced by victims and their families in North East Scotland and across the country.

**4. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2018-19:** The Parliament continued the debate on the statement by the First Minister from Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 September 2018.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-13781 Committee remits and size**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the remits and size of committees:

Name of Committee: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

New name: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.8 shall be added—Culture and tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Relations.

New remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.8 shall be added—Culture and tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs.

Name of Committee: Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

New name: Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

New remit: To consider and report on economy and fair work matters falling within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work; matters relating to the digital economy within the responsibilities of the Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy, and matters relating to energy falling within the responsibilities of the Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands.

Number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Finance and Constitution Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.6 shall be added—Constitutional matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution

New remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.6 shall be added—Constitutional matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations.

Name of Committee: Health and Sport Committee

Number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Justice Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

Number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Local Government and Communities Committee

Remit: To consider and report on communities, housing, local government, planning and regeneration matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities.

New remit: To consider and report on communities, housing, local government, measures against poverty, planning and regeneration matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government.

Name of Committee: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and the matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity.

Name of Committee: Social Security Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to social security falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities.

New remit: To consider and report on matters relating to social security (including the delivery and payment of benefits that help address poverty) falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People.

**S5M-13782 Committee membership**—That the Parliament agrees that—

Angela Constance be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

Keith Brown be appointed to replace Kate Forbes on the Health and Sport Committee

David Torrance be appointed to replace Ash Denham on the Health and Sport Committee

Shona Robison be appointed to replace Mairi Gougeon on the Justice Committee

Fulton MacGregor be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson on the Justice Committee

Gillian Martin be appointed to replace Alex Neil on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Tom Arthur be appointed to replace Ivan McKee on the Finance and Constitution Committee

Angela Constance be appointed to replace Ash Denham on the Finance and Constitution Committee

Rona Mackay be appointed to replace Richard Lochhead on the Education and Skills Committee

Jenny Gilruth be appointed to replace Gillian Martin on the Education and Skills Committee

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace George Adam on the Education and Skills Committee

Clare Adamson be appointed to replace James Dornan on the Education and Skills Committee

Annabelle Ewing be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth on the Local Government and Communities Committee

James Dornan be appointed to replace Bob Doris on the Local Government and Communities Committee

Maureen Watt be appointed to replace Kate Forbes on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Bill Kidd be appointed to replace Tom Arthur on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Gil Paterson be appointed to replace Clare Haughey on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Maureen Watt be appointed to replace David Torrance on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Shona Robison be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson on the Social Security Committee

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace Ruth Maguire on the Social Security Committee

Bob Doris to replace Clare Adamson on the Social Security Committee

Annabelle Ewing be appointed to replace Mairi Gougeon on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

Kenneth Gibson be appointed to replace Richard Lochhead on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

David Torrance be appointed to replace Rona Mackay on the Public Petitions Committee

Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Christina McKelvie on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

**S5M-13783 Substitution on committees**—That the Parliament agrees that—

George Adam be appointed to replace Clare Haughey as Scottish National Party substitute on the Justice Committee

Alex Neil be appointed to replace David Torrance as Scottish National Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

George Adam be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald as Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Constitution Committee

Gil Paterson be appointed to replace Clare Adamson as Scottish National Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee

Angela Constance be appointed to replace Kenneth Gibson as Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as Scottish National Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Kate Forbes as Scottish National Party substitute on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

Rona Mackay be appointed to replace Graeme Dey as Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee

Maurice Corry be appointed to replace Michelle Ballantyne as Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Justice Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

## No. 25, Tuesday 11 September 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Fareed Ahmad, National Secretary for External Affairs, National Executive of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Preparations for EU Exit.

**4. The Social Enterprise World Forum 2018:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-13813—That the Parliament joins Scotland’s social enterprise community to welcome the Social Enterprise World Forum 2018 taking place on 12 to 14 September 2018 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre; congratulates the event’s organiser, CEIS, and all those involved in planning, delivering and supporting this three-day event, which will attract more than 1,400 delegates from across the world; recognises that this successful international event has its roots in Scotland with the inaugural event taking place in Edinburgh in 2008 with support from the Scottish Government and its enterprise agencies; notes the excellent partnership working across the public and third sectors over the last 10 years, which has established Scotland’s world-leading reputation for social enterprise; continues to support the ambitions of the Scottish Government and the social enterprise community as set out in *Scotland’s Social Enterprise Strategy 2016-26* and accompanying action plan, *Building A Sustainable Social Enterprise Sector In Scotland 2017-20*, and looks forward to 2019, when the Scottish Government will again work collaboratively with the sector to conduct the third national census of social enterprise in Scotland to ensure that it continues to understand how social enterprise is growing, where further support is needed, and what evidence there is to demonstrate the impact of social enterprise on reducing inequality in Scotland.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-13813.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13813 in the name of Aileen Campbell (The Social Enterprise World Forum 2018), insert at end “; acknowledges the recommendations of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work committee in its report, *Scotland’s Economic Performance* (SP Paper 359), in relation to the need to promote a better understanding of social enterprise in Scotland, and recognises the need to ensure that social enterprises are better able to access financial and other support from government agencies.”

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

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-13813.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13813 in the name of Aileen Campbell (The Social Enterprise World Forum 2018), insert at end “, and notes that, in the current climate of austerity, social enterprises have taken on an even more significant role, by filling gaps left by cuts to the welfare system and pressure on public services.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament joins Scotland’s social enterprise community to welcome the Social Enterprise World Forum 2018 taking place on 12 to 14 September 2018 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre; congratulates the event’s organiser, CEIS, and all those involved in planning, delivering and supporting this three-day event, which will attract more than 1,400 delegates from across the world; recognises that this successful international event has its roots in Scotland with the inaugural event taking place in Edinburgh in 2008 with support from the Scottish Government and its enterprise agencies; notes the excellent partnership working across the public and third sectors over the last 10 years, which has established Scotland’s world-leading reputation for social enterprise; continues to support the ambitions of the Scottish Government and the social enterprise community as set out in *Scotland’s Social Enterprise Strategy 2016-26* and accompanying action plan, *Building A Sustainable Social Enterprise Sector In Scotland 2017-20*; looks forward to 2019, when the Scottish Government will again work collaboratively with the sector to conduct the third national census of social enterprise in Scotland to ensure that it continues to understand how social enterprise is growing, where further support is needed, and what evidence there is to demonstrate the impact of social enterprise on reducing inequality in Scotland; acknowledges the recommendations of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work committee in its report, *Scotland’s Economic Performance* (SP Paper 359), in relation to the need to promote a better understanding of social enterprise in Scotland; recognises the need to ensure that social enterprises are better able to access financial and other support from government agencies, and notes that, in the current climate of austerity, social enterprises have taken on an even more significant role, by filling gaps left by cuts to the welfare system and pressure on public services.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13861—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 12 September 2018—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Transvaginal Mesh

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

**7. The Ecology Centre, Kinghorn, Marks its 20th Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S5M-10449 in the name of Claire Baker—That the Parliament congratulates everyone at the Ecology Centre, which is in Kinghorn, Fife, on its 20th anniversary; understands that it was established by people from the area and residents of Craigencalt Farm for the purpose of developing and managing the Kinghorn Loch site for community use; notes that, with the help of the Scottish Land Fund, the charity purchased land at the east end of the loch and that the site has been continually being developed by staff and volunteers to maintain its rich biodiversity and to help it deliver its community growing projects, environmental education and outdoor volunteering opportunities; believes that the centre also provides employment training opportunities through Our Bright Future and Community Jobs Scotland; recognises what it sees as the significance of its environmental and outdoor education programme with the area's schools with which emphasis is placed on the importance of how to care for the environment and to maintain the positive preservation of eco-systems for the benefit of wildlife and future generations; commends the hard work of the centre's many valued volunteers and its staff, and extends its very best wishes for the anniversary celebrations and for the centre's future.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

## No. 26, Wednesday 12 September 2018

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, and then on Rural Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Transvaginal Mesh.

**3. Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters:** The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) moved S5M-13847—That the Parliament welcomes the Suicide Prevention Action Plan; extends its sympathy to all those bereaved by suicide; believes that every life matters and that no death by suicide is either acceptable or inevitable; acknowledges the dedication, expertise and hard work of all those who have contributed to a 20% reduction in the suicide rate since 2002; accepts that there is far more work to do; supports the determination for a step change in suicide prevention; accepts the vision for a Scotland where suicide is preventable, where help and support is available to anyone contemplating suicide and to those who have lost someone to suicide; calls on leaders at national, regional and local level to transform society’s response and attitudes towards suicide; recognises the need for further collective action to prevent deaths by suicide; supports the additional £3 million investment, and the establishing of a National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group chaired by the former deputy chief constable, Rose Fitzpatrick; agrees with the target to further reduce the rate of suicide by 20% by 2022, and commends the partnership approach across sectors, organisations and society to better identify and support people in distress, to strengthen communities and to save lives.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-13847.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13847 in the name of Clare Haughey (Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters), after “Rose Fitzpatrick;” insert “asks that the Scottish Government provides detail on the accountability of the leadership group and how and when the group will report to the Parliament on action delivery timescales and how funding will be allocated;”.

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

Mary Fee moved amendment S5M-13847.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13847 in the name of Clare Haughey (Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters), insert at end “; recognises the importance of early intervention for supporting good mental wellbeing; welcomes the recent Scottish Government announcement that it will invest in school-based counsellors; notes that this policy has had wide support for some time, given the pressure on youth mental health services, as evidenced in the most recent CAMHS publications, which detail a record low performance on waiting times; acknowledges that adult mental health services are also under

pressure like never before; commends the tireless work of the staff of all of Scotland's mental health services; recognises the importance of ensuring that all support services are given the resources that they need to provide care to deliver the reduction in suicide rates; notes the independent review of mental health services in Tayside and its national significance, and calls on the Scottish Government to draw lessons for the whole of Scotland where appropriate."

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

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-13847.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13847 in the name of Clare Haughey (Suicide Prevention Action Plan: Every Life Matters), insert at end “; acknowledges the characteristics and factors known to contribute to raised suicide risk, and believes that work to identify actions to target risk groups is essential; understands that the Health and Sport Committee recently heard from people affected by suicide and that one of the consistent themes was the lack of access to talking therapies; notes the ISD Scotland statistics showing that one-in-four adults did not start treatment for psychological therapies within 18 weeks during the quarter ending June 2018; recognises that early access to services, support and treatment, and continuity of care can be important factors in preventing deaths by suicide, and urges the Scottish Government to secure substantial progress in these areas.”

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 Suicide Prevention Action Plan; extends its sympathy to all those bereaved by suicide; believes that every life matters and that no death by suicide is either acceptable or inevitable; acknowledges the dedication, expertise and hard work of all those who have contributed to a 20% reduction in the suicide rate since 2002; accepts that there is far more work to do; supports the determination for a step change in suicide prevention; accepts the vision for a Scotland where suicide is preventable, where help and support is available to anyone contemplating suicide and to those who have lost someone to suicide; calls on leaders at national, regional and local level to transform society's response and attitudes towards suicide; recognises the need for further collective action to prevent deaths by suicide; supports the additional £3 million investment, and the establishing of a National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group chaired by the former deputy chief constable, Rose Fitzpatrick; asks that the Scottish Government provides detail on the accountability of the leadership group and how and when the group will report to the Parliament on action delivery timescales and how funding will be allocated; agrees with the target to further reduce the rate of suicide by 20% by 2022; commends the partnership approach across sectors, organisations and society to better identify and support people in distress, to strengthen communities and to save lives; recognises the importance of early intervention for supporting good mental wellbeing; welcomes the recent Scottish Government announcement that it will invest in school-based counsellors; notes that

this policy has had wide support for some time, given the pressure on youth mental health services, as evidenced in the most recent CAMHS publications, which detail a record low performance on waiting times; acknowledges that adult mental health services are also under pressure like never before; commends the tireless work of the staff of all of Scotland's mental health services; recognises the importance of ensuring that all support services are given the resources that they need to provide care to deliver the reduction in suicide rates; notes the independent review of mental health services in Tayside and its national significance; calls on the Scottish Government to draw lessons for the whole of Scotland where appropriate; acknowledges the characteristics and factors known to contribute to raised suicide risk, and believes that work to identify actions to target risk groups is essential; understands that the Health and Sport Committee recently heard from people affected by suicide and that one of the consistent themes was the lack of access to talking therapies; notes the ISD Scotland statistics showing that one-in-four adults did not start treatment for psychological therapies within 18 weeks during the quarter ending June 2018; recognises that early access to services, support and treatment, and continuity of care can be important factors in preventing deaths by suicide, and urges the Scottish Government to secure substantial progress in these areas.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13863—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Bank Closures: Impact on Local Businesses, Consumers and the Scottish Economy

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 19 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 20 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Violence Reduction in Scotland – Progress and Future Priorities

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 26 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations;  
Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 27 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 19 September, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer", and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 20 September 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-13864 Establishment of Private Bill Committee**—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill.

Duration: Until the Bill is passed or rejected, falls or is withdrawn.

Number of members: 4.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Membership: Maurice Corry, Kezia Dugdale, Ruth Maguire and Stewart Stevenson.

**S5M-13865 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Registered Social Landlords (Repayment Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-13867 Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe**—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government's proposal to nominate, as a representative of the Parliament, Angela Constance MSP as a full member on the UK delegation to the regional chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe for the remainder of the parliamentary session to 2021.

**S5M-13880 Sub-Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that Fulton MacGregor be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson as a member of the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Social Enterprises Working to Tackle Child Poverty:** The Parliament debated S5M-13701 in the name of Patrick Harvie—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow-based social enterprise, ApparelXchange, which aims to promote reuse and recycling of school uniforms to reduce costs to families and prevent the waste of resources; notes that the social enterprise worked with a number of schools to run a successful series of summer pop-up shops across Glasgow offering reused items of school uniform; recognises that many families struggle to meet the costs of school uniforms, which it understands amount to an average of £130 per year; commends the team for diverting over 2,100 garments from disposal in landfill, which it understands made carbon savings equivalent to four return flights from Edinburgh to New York; considers that UK Government welfare policies have increased the

number of children living in poverty; values the work done by the Child Poverty Action Group and others on the costs of the school day; considers that child poverty has a deeply damaging effect on young people's education and life chances, and recognises both the valuable contribution that social enterprises make to tackling child poverty and the need for all levels of government to act positively to eliminate it.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

## No. 27, Thursday 13 September 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. East Kilbride Workers said “Nae Pasaran!”:** The Parliament debated S5M-13663 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament understands that, following a successful premiere at the Glasgow Film Festival in March 2018 and excellent reviews from critics and the public, *Nae Pasaran!* has had its full cinematic release to coincide with the 45th anniversary of its subject, the Chilean military coup of 11 September 1973, which began General Pinochet's regime of terror; commends the director and filmmaker, Felipe Bustos Sierra, and his production team, on their relentless commitment in bringing to light the story of Rolls-Royce engineers in East Kilbride who, in 1974, showed their support for the people of Chile by refusing to repair jet engines for the Chilean air force; recognises the determination of the film's main characters, the engineers, Bob Fulton, Robert Somerville, John Keenan and Stuart Barrie, and all of the others who took part in the boycott, to stand against fascism in defence of the democratic rights of the Chilean people, and considers the film to be a depiction of a remarkable piece of Scotland's industrial history, which illustrates an admirable act of solidarity between Scottish workers and the Chilean people.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Linda Fabiani moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Celebrating Scotland's Food and Drink Success Story:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-13876—That the Parliament welcomes Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight and its campaign this year to encourage more people to buy, eat and promote Scottish food and drink and to champion the role that young people play in the sector's success; notes that these aims are reflected in the vision of Scotland as a Good Food Nation; notes that legislation underpinning the Good Food Nation vision and ambition will be introduced in the current parliamentary session; acknowledges the importance and value of the Scottish food and drink sector to the Scottish economy and the people of Scotland, particularly through the growth in sales within the UK and overseas since 2007; notes that, in 2017, food and drink exports to the EU were worth £2.5 billion; is concerned that the prospect of a hard or no-deal Brexit increasingly puts this success at risk, not least because of the threat to the geographical indication status, which provides economic benefit to many important Scottish products, and urges the UK Government to ensure that Scottish produce can continue to benefit from geographical indication status in the UK, Europe and internationally.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-13876.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13876 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Celebrating Scotland's Food and Drink Success Story), leave out from "is concerned" to end and insert "recognises the importance of geographical indicators to the Scottish food and drink sector; believes that any replacement scheme for geographical indicators must ensure at least an equivalent level of protection once the UK leaves the EU; acknowledges the innovative approach set out in the Good Food Nation policy document; believes that this needs to be underpinned by legislation to ensure that Scotland's food policy maintains coherence and visibility over the long term within a framework of common principles, and consequently, regrets the omission of a Good Food Nation Bill from this year's Programme for Government, and calls on the Scottish Government to introduce such a Bill within the next 12 months."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-13876.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13876 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Celebrating Scotland's Food and Drink Success Story), insert at end ", and calls for a Good Food Nation Bill that has tackling food poverty and the right to food at its heart, ensuring a joined-up approach across government, local authorities, trade unions and public bodies to realise Scotland's Good Food Nation ambition."

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

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-13876.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13876 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Celebrating Scotland's Food and Drink Success Story), after "parliamentary session;" insert "agrees that this legislation should be broad-reaching and include measurable and time-bound targets for areas of policy on which food impacts, including health and wellbeing, environmental sustainability, local economic prosperity, resilient communities and fairness in the food chain, as well as new powers that the devolved institutions might receive as a result of exiting the EU, such as animal welfare, food standards, and public procurement;"

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

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S5M-13876.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13876 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Celebrating Scotland's Food and Drink Success Story), insert at end "; recognises the reputation and quality of Scottish farmed salmon; notes however the published concerns of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee regarding the environmental impact of salmon farming in Scotland, and agrees with its finding that the regulatory status quo is not an option."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 117, Against 0, Abstentions 2).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 0, Abstentions 58).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight and its campaign this year to encourage more people to buy, eat and promote Scottish food and drink and to champion the role that young people play in the sector's success; notes that these aims are reflected in the vision of Scotland as a Good Food Nation; notes that legislation underpinning the Good Food Nation vision and ambition will be introduced in the current parliamentary session; agrees that this legislation should be broad-reaching and include measurable and time-bound targets for areas of policy on which food impacts, including health and wellbeing, environmental sustainability, local economic prosperity, resilient communities and fairness in the food chain, as well as new powers that the devolved institutions might receive as a result of exiting the EU, such as animal welfare, food standards, and public procurement; acknowledges the importance and value of the Scottish food and drink sector to the Scottish economy and the people of Scotland, particularly through the growth in sales within the UK and overseas since 2007; notes that, in 2017, food and drink exports to the EU were worth £2.5 billion; recognises the importance of geographical indicators to the Scottish food and drink sector; believes that any replacement scheme for geographical indicators must ensure at least an equivalent level of protection once the UK leaves the EU; acknowledges the innovative approach set out in the Good Food Nation policy document; believes that this needs to be underpinned by legislation to ensure that Scotland's food policy maintains coherence and visibility over the long term within a framework of common principles, and consequently, regrets the omission of a Good Food Nation Bill from this year's Programme for Government; calls on the Scottish Government to introduce such a Bill within the next 12 months; calls for a Good Food Nation Bill that has tackling food poverty and the right to food at its heart, ensuring a joined-up approach across government, local authorities, trade unions and public bodies to realise Scotland's Good Food Nation ambition; recognises the reputation and quality of Scottish farmed salmon; notes however the published concerns of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee regarding the environmental impact of salmon farming in Scotland, and agrees with its finding that the regulatory status quo is not an option.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

## No. 28, Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 18 September 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Mrs Brenda Reid, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, Arbroath, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Bank Closures: Impact on Local Businesses, Consumers and the Scottish Economy:** Gordon Lindhurst, on behalf of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, moved S5M-13912—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee’s 6th Report, 2018 (Session 5), *Bank closures: impact on local businesses, consumers and the Scottish economy* (SP Paper 368).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13984—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 20 September 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Violence Reduction in Scotland – progress and future priorities

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: NHS Tayside Board

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Violence Reduction in Scotland – progress and future priorities

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13973—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. UN International Day of Peace 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-13646 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament recognises the UN International Day of Peace on 21 September 2018; highlights the work of the International Voluntary Service in promoting Peace Day 2018 in Scotland; acknowledges the UN understanding of peace to be structural, rather than just the absence of violence; notes that this understanding aligns with the UN Global Goals agenda, specifically Goal 16 of Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, and further notes this year’s International Peace Day theme of “The Right to Peace”, which serves to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Bill Kidd 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 5.53 pm.

## No. 29, Wednesday 19 September 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity and then on **Justice and the Law Officers** were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Primary 1 Tests:** Liz Smith moved S5M-13945—That the Parliament believes that good-quality pupil assessment is an essential component of the drive to raise educational standards in Scotland’s schools, but notes the level of concern that has been raised by teachers and other education professionals regarding the introduction and delivery of new testing arrangements for Primary 1 (P1) pupils; considers that this concern questions whether the new P1 tests are in line with the play-based learning philosophy of early years provision in the curriculum for excellence, and, in light of this concern, calls on the Scottish Government to halt the tests in P1 and to reconsider the evidence and the whole approach to evaluating the progress of P1 pupils.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-13945.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13945 in the name of Liz Smith (Primary 1 Tests), leave out from “considers” to end and insert “recognises that assessments are a key tool to inform teachers’ professional judgment of the needs of the children and young people that they are teaching; agrees that the assessments are delivered as part of everyday learning and provide consistent evidence for teachers to identify the next steps in a child’s education; further agrees that this is especially valuable in P1 if closing the attainment gap is to continue; recognises that the assessments are not high stakes, there is no pass or fail, and that they should never cause stress to young children, and welcomes the changes and improvements already made following the first year of operation to ensure a better experience for younger pupils and provide extra reassurance to teachers and parents.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

**3. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13975—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 September 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Mental Health Strategy - 2018 Annual Report

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Role in the Development of Future UK Trade Arrangements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 26 September 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Common Agricultural Policy

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Dignity and Respect in Scotland's Security System

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Supporting and Protecting Human Rights Defenders

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 27 September 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 October 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Motion of Condolence: Sir Alex Fergusson

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 3 October 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Justice Committee Debate: Remand

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 4 October 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 26 September, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer",

and (c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 27 September 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-13977 Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 February 2019.

**S5M-13978 Scottish Crown Estate Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Crown Estate Bill at stage 2 be completed by 28 September 2018.

The motions were agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-13976—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities and Human Rights Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Celebrating 10 Years of BBC ALBA:** The Parliament debated S5M-13742 in the name of Donald Cameron—That the Parliament welcomes the tenth anniversary

of the launch of BBC ALBA, which is jointly operated by MG ALBA and the BBC; acknowledges that, since its launch, over £160 million has been invested in producing its Gaelic language content; believes that the station accounts for around 50% of independently-produced hours for audiences in Scotland; commends MG ALBA on working with other Gaelic organisations, including Bòrd na Gàidhlig, to understand the changing trends in Gaelic culture and to implement these in their content; welcomes the news that the channel is investing more in its digital content to reach younger audiences; further welcomes its recent partnership agreement with S4C of Wales, Northern Ireland Screen's Irish Language Broadcast Fund and TG4 of the Republic of Ireland to invest more in Celtic language output, and recognises what it sees as the ongoing contribution that BBC ALBA makes in promoting Gaelic language and culture to a wider audience in the Highlands and Islands and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 17.52 pm.

## No. 30, Thursday 20 September 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Scotland's Marine Energy Industry has Potential to Grow:** The Parliament debated S5M-13815 in the name of Liam McArthur—That the Parliament recognises the importance of maintaining Scotland's global lead in developing wave and tidal stream technologies; acknowledges the wider set of socio-economic benefits associated with these technologies, such as the GVA and job potential set out by the ORE Catapult report, *Tidal Stream and Wave Energy Cost Reduction and Industrial Benefit*, published in 2018; further recognises what it considers the important role that marine renewables need to play in the mix of technologies that will be required to meet Scotland's energy needs and climate change commitments; celebrates the successes of the industry to date, including Scotrenewables Tidal Power's successful full year of continuous testing in the sea around Orkney, which it considers has played a leading role in the development of marine renewables over the years; notes the contribution of the Scottish Government's Ministerial Marine Energy Group in supporting the sector, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to do everything in its power to support the further development of the industry and continue to make the case to the UK Government to introduce a programme of market support for tidal energy in the UK, in order that Scotland continues to be the home of tidal technology.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Tayside Board.

**5. Violence Reduction in Scotland, Progress and Future Priorities:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-13995—That the Parliament notes the World Economic Forum's recent recognition of Scotland's progress in turning its record on violence around; notes that, through a public health approach, police recorded crime, the number of accident and emergency admissions and the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey results, including incidents not reported to police, all indicate a significant reduction in violent crime over the last decade; recognises the role of the Violence Reduction Unit, which was established in 2005, in driving these reductions in partnership with a range of public and third sector partners, and acknowledges the importance of support for victims and their families who are affected by crime, along with prevention, early intervention and services that support rehabilitation and ultimately reduce reoffending to ensure that violence continues to reduce across Scotland.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S5M-13995.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13995 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Violence Reduction in Scotland, Progress and Future Priorities), leave out from

“, the number” to “partners,” and insert “statistics indicate a significant reduction in violent crime over the last decade; recognises the role of the Violence Reduction Unit, which was established in 2005, in driving these reductions in partnership with a range of public and third sector partners; however further notes with concern the recent comments from the Director of the Violence Reduction Unit that violent crime is up to 11 times higher than indicated in these recorded crime statistics; accepts that the latest statistics show that violent crime is now increasing again,”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S5M-13995.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-13995 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Violence Reduction in Scotland, Progress and Future Priorities), insert at end “; notes that the success of the public health approach will be at risk unless public and third sector partners are properly funded; further notes with concern that numbers of non-sexual violent crimes have increased by 14% in the last two years, while the clear-up rate has fallen from 84% to 77%, and encourages the Scottish Government to investigate the reasons for this recent trend, which has seen a stall in the long-term progress in reducing violent crime.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 0, Abstentions 26).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the World Economic Forum’s recent recognition of Scotland’s progress in turning its record on violence around; notes that, through a public health approach, police recorded crime, the number of accident and emergency admissions and the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey results, including incidents not reported to police, all indicate a significant reduction in violent crime over the last decade; recognises the role of the Violence Reduction Unit, which was established in 2005, in driving these reductions in partnership with a range of public and third sector partners; acknowledges the importance of support for victims and their families who are affected by crime, along with prevention, early intervention and services that support rehabilitation and ultimately reduce reoffending to ensure that violence continues to reduce across Scotland; notes that the success of the public health approach will be at risk unless public and third sector partners are properly funded; further notes with concern that numbers of non-sexual violent crimes have increased by 14% in the last two years, while the clear-up rate has fallen from 84% to 77%, and encourages the Scottish Government to investigate the reasons for this recent trend, which has seen a stall in the long-term progress in reducing violent crime.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

## No. 31, Tuesday 25 September 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend David Coleman, the Environmental Chaplain for Eco-Congregation Scotland, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) made a statement and answered questions on Mental Health Strategy - 2018 Annual Report.

**4. Scotland's Role in the Development of Future UK Trade Arrangements:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-14059— That the Parliament recognises the importance of international trade to the Scottish economy and the serious impact that future trading arrangements with both the EU and the rest of the world will have on Scotland; notes the publication of *Scotland's Role in the Development of Future UK Trade Arrangements* and the intention of the Scottish Government to encourage a wide-ranging and urgent discussion about the best way to protect and enhance the interests of Scotland in the development of future trade deals, and calls on the UK Government to engage with the Scottish Government and the other devolved administrations to deliver a modern, inclusive process drawing on international best practice that ensures the interests and priorities of all parts of the UK are properly represented, protected and promoted.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-14059.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14059 in the name of Ivan McKee (Scotland's Role in the Development of Future UK Trade Arrangements), leave out from "the intention" to the end and insert "notes that international relations, including relations with the EU and the regulation of international trade, are expressly reserved to the UK Parliament under the Scotland Act 1998; calls on all parliaments, assemblies and governments in the UK to ensure that the UK's withdrawal from the EU is delivered compatibly with the UK's devolution arrangements, respecting both that which is devolved and that which is reserved, and considers that this will require effective and extensive collaborative working between all parliaments, assemblies and governments in the UK."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 0, Abstentions 29).

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14085—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 27 September 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Paediatric Services at St John's Hospital

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

**7. Eye Health Week 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-13553 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament notes that Eye Health Week takes place between 24 and 30 September 2018; welcomes the progress that has been made with eye health and the hugely important eye examinations; notes that, in the last financial year, 1,923,926 over 16s and 288,258 under 16s received a free eye test, which is the highest annual level on record; commends all organisations involved in promoting eye health and care, and notes the calls for the public to get their eyes tested on a regular basis by utilising the free eye examination.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

## No. 32, Wednesday 26 September 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations and then on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on the Common Agricultural Policy.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Dignity and Respect in Scotland's Social Security System.

**4. Supporting and Protecting Human Rights Defenders:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-14075—That the Parliament notes that 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 20th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders; commends the vital work that human rights defenders undertake around the world, often at considerable risk to themselves and their families; welcomes the establishment of the Scottish Human Rights Defender Fellowship and acknowledges the contribution made by all of the Fellowship partners, which are the Scottish Government, Amnesty International, Beyond Borders, Front Line Defenders, SCIAF and the universities of Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews; notes in particular the central role played by the University of Dundee in hosting the Fellowship; commends also the work of ProtectDefenders.eu, the EU Human Rights Defenders mechanism, in providing training, support, capacity building and emergency assistance to human rights defenders, including through its financial support for the Scottish Fellowship, and wishes the 2018 Fellows every success during their time in Scotland and on their return home.

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

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14087—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 October 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Motion of Condolence: Sir Alex Fergusson

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Building a Social Security System Together: Co-designing the Social Security Charter

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 3 October 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Health and Care Update

*followed by* Justice Committee Debate: Remand

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 4 October 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls in Sport Week

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 October 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Debate:  
Making Scotland a Screen Leader, Report Examining the Scottish Screen Sector

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 October 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 October 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

## 5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 3 October, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”

and (c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on 4 October 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14088—That the Parliament agrees that the Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14089—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

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

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 6 and 7 as noted above.

**9. The Impact of Leaving EURATOM:** The Parliament debated S5M-11849 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the importance of the medical isotopes that are used in radiotherapy for the treatment of cancer, diagnostic work and therapy throughout Scotland and the rest of the UK; understands that, because of Brexit, the UK will be leaving EURATOM, which is an international body that is legally joined with the EU to regulate nuclear material; believes that the UK does not produce any of these isotopes and that two-thirds of the countries that it imports them from are EU member states; understands that transporting them can be difficult, as radioisotopes have a very short half-life and cannot be stored for long periods of time; believes that any delay can lead to a decrease in useable material and, subsequently, the cancellation of appointments; understands with concern that leaving EURATOM could result in shortages of medical isotopes, increases in cost, and more medical operations in place of radiotherapy; believes that this would have a negative affect for people in the Highlands and Islands and across Scotland who rely on such treatment, and, in order to continue the necessary trade arrangements around the isotopes, notes the calls for the UK Government to come to an agreement that allows the country to remain a part of EURATOM.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

**No. 33, Thursday 27 September 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Paternity Leave and Tackling Inequality:** The Parliament debated S5M-11590 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament notes that dads, partners of adopters and intended parents having babies through surrogacy are entitled to one or two weeks' statutory paternity leave; believes that challenging the presumption that women are primarily responsible for raising children is key to tackling wider societal inequality, including the gender pay gap; notes international research showing a link between increased paternity leave and a range of positive outcomes, including greater maternal wellbeing and reduced incidence of postnatal depression; understands that some employers offer enhanced leave or pay, including the Scottish Government, which offers staff four weeks' paternity leave on full pay, and notes the view that families across Scotland, including in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, would benefit from such practices being adopted by other employers.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Paediatric Services at St John's Hospital.

**5. Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland:** The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) moved S5M-14094—That the Parliament recognises and values the contribution of the Armed Forces and veterans community to Scotland; commends the excellent work of the first Scottish Veterans Commissioner, Eric Fraser, including his most recent report on veterans' health and wellbeing; welcomes the new Commissioner, Charlie Wallace, and supports continuing partnership working across all levels of government and the private and charitable sectors to ensure that the Armed Forces, veterans and their families receive the best possible support and access to opportunities across Scotland.

Maurice Corry moved amendment S5M-14094.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14094 in the name of Clare Haughey (Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland), insert at end “and that health support is being delivered to the Armed Forces and veterans' community to meet any specific needs that they may have as a result of their service.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises and values the contribution of the Armed Forces and veterans community to Scotland; commends the excellent work of the first Scottish Veterans Commissioner, Eric Fraser, including his most recent report on veterans' health and wellbeing; welcomes the new Commissioner, Charlie Wallace, and supports continuing partnership working across all levels of government and the private and charitable sectors to ensure that the Armed Forces, veterans and their families receive the best possible support and access to opportunities across Scotland, and that health support is being delivered to the Armed Forces and veterans' community to meet any specific needs that they may have as a result of their service.

**6. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14131—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Wednesday 3 October 2018—

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Health and Care Update

and (b) Thursday 4 October 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls in Sport Week

insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Health and Care Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls in Sport Week

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

**No. 34, Tuesday 2 October 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Ian MacDonald, Senior Minister, Holy Trinity Church of Scotland, Wester Hailes, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Motion of Condolence: Sir Alex Fergusson:** Ruth Davidson moved S5M-14142—That the Parliament expresses its deep sadness at the death of The Rt Hon Sir Alex Fergusson DL; offers its sympathy and condolences to his family and friends; appreciates his wide contribution to public life, particularly his distinguished tenure as Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, and recognises the high esteem in which he was held by colleagues from all parties and the principled, dedicated and considered way he represented the people of Galloway and West Dumfries.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**3. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14180—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 2 October 2018—

after

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

*followed by* Committee Announcements

and (b) Thursday 4 October 2018—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls in Sport Week

insert

*followed by* Scottish Government Motion: Scottish Fiscal Commission – Appointments

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister.

**5. Building a Social Security System Together: Co-designing the Social Security Charter:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-14160—That the Parliament recognises the

progress made in working with Experience Panels and others to develop Scotland's Social Security Charter; agrees with the human rights approach being taken to empower citizens to jointly lead this work; endorses the published findings of those with lived experience supporting work on the charter; agrees that the process of consultation and co-design will help build trust in this new public service, and notes the Scottish Government's ongoing commitment to work with the Parliament and people of Scotland to deliver a social security system that lives up to the principles, agreed unanimously by the Parliament, in Section 1 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S5M-14160.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14160 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Building a Social Security System Together: Co-designing the Social Security Charter), after “public service” insert “, but should also consider how it might enable any other individual or organisation with an interest to be consulted as part of any scrutiny of the draft charter”.

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

Mark Griffin moved amendment S5M-14160.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14160 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Building a Social Security System Together: Co-designing the Social Security Charter), leave out from “agrees that the process” to “public service” and insert “considers that this consultation is an open, ongoing process, in which people who are entitled to social security are encouraged to enrol and participate; agrees that the process of consultation and co-design will help build trust in this new public service; believes that meaningful co-production should be an exemplar that informs future Scottish public service design”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the progress made in working with Experience Panels and others to develop Scotland's Social Security Charter; agrees with the human rights approach being taken to empower citizens to jointly lead this work; endorses the published findings of those with lived experience supporting work on the charter; considers that this consultation is an open, ongoing process, in which people who are entitled to social security are encouraged to enrol and participate; agrees that the process of consultation and co-design will help build trust in this new public service, but should also consider how it might enable any other individual or organisation with an interest to be consulted as part of any scrutiny of the draft charter; believes that meaningful co-production should be an exemplar that informs future Scottish public service design, and notes the Scottish Government's ongoing commitment to work with the Parliament and people of Scotland to deliver a social security system that lives up to the principles,

agreed unanimously by the Parliament, in Section 1 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.

**6. Committee Announcement:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee, made an announcement on UK common frameworks.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 5 as noted above.

**8. The Cycle to Syracuse to Mark the 30th Anniversary of the Lockerbie**

**Disaster:** The Parliament debated S5M-13890 in the name of Oliver Mundell—That the Parliament remembers the 259 passengers and crew aboard Pan Am 103 and 11 residents of Lockerbie who were killed on 21 December 1988; recognises the response of the community and emergency services and shows its support for all who experienced pain and distress in the times that followed; notes that a number of commemorative events are planned; draws particular attention to the Lockerbie Memorial Tour 2018, which will see a team of cyclists undertake a continuous journey from Lockerbie Academy to Syracuse University as part of its desire to “complete” the journey that was never finished by the 35 students from the university who were on the flight; understands that the core team will consist of the tour organiser, Colin Dorrance, who will represent Police Scotland, Paul Rae, who will represent the Scottish Fire And Rescue Service, David “Heavy” Whalley BEM MBE, who will represent the RAF Mountain Rescue, David Walpole, who will represent the Scottish Ambulance Service and the “novice” cyclist Brian Asher, who will represent Lockerbie Academy, where he is the head teacher, and the wider community; acknowledges that the team also aims to raise money for the Dumfries and Galloway-based charity, Soul Soup, to support its outstanding work in providing mental health support to 12- to 25-year-olds to reduce their risk of suicide; thanks Scottish Power and the community businesses that are generously supporting the initiative; notes that the first stage of the journey will see over 1,600 pupils from the academy and the surrounding primary schools “crossing” the Atlantic by riding on exercise or their own bikes at school; understands that the second stage will be 70-mile public road cycle ride from the Memorial Cairn at the school to Edinburgh Castle by the core team, other cyclists from the town, the emergency services and members of the Ecclefechan-based cycling club, the Fechan Flyers; notes that the core team will then fly to Washington DC and cycle nearly 600 miles from the Lockerbie Cairn at Arlington National Cemetery to the university in time to join its annual Remembrance Convocation, at which they will make a presentation on behalf of the town, which will include a traditional shepherds crook fashioned by the Lockerbie Men’s Shed with wood sourced from Tundergarth; conveys its thoughts, prayers and best wishes to everyone marking the 2018 Remembrance Week; thanks the university on the important role that it plays in providing a focal point for many families, maintaining an archive and fostering links with the town, including the academy; thanks the university’s staff past and present, including Judy O’Rourke OBE, Kelly Rodoski and Professor Lawrence Mason, on their personal commitment; acknowledges the importance of the Lockerbie Scholarship, which sees two of the school’s pupils study at the university each year, with 58 scholars having taken part so far; believes that the cycle embodies the motto of the remembrance scholarship program, “look back and act forward”; welcomes the strong links that have emerged

between the town, the university and friends in the United States; wishes his team well with the 3,238-mile cycle, and recalls the town's motto, "Forward Lockerbie".

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

**No. 35, Wednesday 3 October 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. Justice Committee Debate – Remand:** The Parliament debated Remand.
- 3. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14182— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 October 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Response to Recommendations on Financial Redress for Survivors of Child Abuse in Care

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Performance

*followed by* Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Debate: Making Scotland a Screen Leader – Report Examining the Scottish Screen Sector

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 October 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 October 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Primary 1 National Standardised Assessment

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Inaugural Contribution to Development Report

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 October 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 31 October 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 1 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 24 October, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer", and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 25 October 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-14183 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-14185 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Poverty and Inequality Commission and Scottish Commission on Social Security as Specified Authorities) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-14187 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Poverty and Inequality Commission) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

**6. 75th Anniversary of Age Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-13889 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament congratulates Age Scotland on reaching its landmark 75th year; recalls its establishment in 1943 as the Scottish Older People’s Welfare Committee; notes the subsequent formation of Age Concern and Help the Aged, whose merger in 2009 led to a new charity dedicated to improving later life for everyone in Scotland; wishes the staff and volunteers of Age Scotland every success for the future as they work to promote positive views of ageing and later life, help older people to be as well as they can be and help to tackle loneliness and isolation; recognises the contribution made by its network of over 1,100 local groups, which allow older people to meet socially, discuss issues affecting their lives, raise awareness about the help and support available locally and promote their health and wellbeing through activities such as body boosting bingo, walking football and men’s sheds; acknowledges the range of innovative projects led by Age Scotland and Age Scotland enterprises based in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency with the aim of improving later life, including its Housing project, which focuses on housing needs, the Warm and Well project, which delivers advice sessions on how to stay warm and reduce fuel bills in the winter months, its Helpline, which provides information and advice annually to over 10,000 older people and generated £587,000 in previously unclaimed benefits in 2017, its Early Stage Dementia project, which seeks to raise awareness of early stage dementia and the signs and symptoms of the condition, and its Veterans project, which, through the Unforgotten Forces consortium, boosts the health and wellbeing of veterans aged 65 and over; recognises the positive value of lifeline services in Orkney, such as Age Scotland Orkney’s Good Day call service and the emerging partnership with Care and Repair Edinburgh; notes the work of its regional ambassadors, its policy engagement work, the Age Scotland Awards and its Annual Conference; commends its campaigning work on social care, access to transport services, particularly in rural areas, community facilities such as cash machines and public toilets, and the take-up of social security entitlements; pays tribute to the work of Luminare, Scotland’s creative ageing organisation, which is supported by Age Scotland, for its internationally-acclaimed festival and work to improve the lives of older people

through the arts, and hopes that Age Scotland will continue to work positively on behalf of older people for many years to come.

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Sandra White 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 5.56 pm.

## No. 36, Thursday 4 October 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Challenge Poverty Week:** The Parliament debated S5M-14031 in the name of Elaine Smith—That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2018, which runs from 1 to 7 October; notes the activities and events across Scotland to mark the week, including at the Conforti Institute in Coatbridge, to highlight the realities of, as well as the possible solutions to, poverty; understands that one million people in Scotland are living in poverty; considers that it is not right that so many people in society are locked into this; believes that it restricts the choices that people can make; notes the view that the grip of poverty can be loosened by boosting incomes, reducing costs and ensuring that everyone can participate in society, and commends the work taking place every day in communities across Scotland to tackle poverty.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Health and Care Update.

**5. Women and Girls in Sport Week:** The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-14194—That the Parliament agrees that increased participation in sport and physical health improves health and wellbeing, leads to improved self-esteem and, at the elite level, brings international success; recognises that, although physical activity levels among women and girls are increasing, everyone must work together to remove the barriers that some still face when it comes to getting involved in sport and physical activity; recognises the positive work that Active Schools is taking in increasing the participation of girls, and welcomes the work of the Women and Girls in Sport Advisory Board and the continued commitment to a dedicated Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week.

Brian Whittle moved amendment S5M-14194.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14194 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Women and Girls in Sport Week), insert at end “; recognises the inequality of access to sport and physical activity across demographics, which is especially significant to women and girls’ participation, and considers that the goal must be equal access for all irrespective of background or personal circumstances.”

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

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-14194.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14194 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Women and Girls in Sport Week), insert at end “; notes the continued disparity in participation rates between boys and girls, as outlined in the most recent

Scottish Health Survey, as well as the ongoing link between deprivation and low participation rates, and raises concern regarding the Scottish Government's limited success in making progress on this issue; recognises the importance of having inspirational role models that are representative of all backgrounds to encourage more people to get involved in sport; congratulates the Scotland women's national football team on qualifying for the World Cup finals in 2019, and warmly welcomes the Scottish Government's support for the team as it prepares for the tournament."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that increased participation in sport and physical health improves health and wellbeing, leads to improved self-esteem and, at the elite level, brings international success; recognises that, although physical activity levels among women and girls are increasing, everyone must work together to remove the barriers that some still face when it comes to getting involved in sport and physical activity; recognises the positive work that Active Schools is taking in increasing the participation of girls; welcomes the work of the Women and Girls in Sport Advisory Board and the continued commitment to a dedicated Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week; recognises the inequality of access to sport and physical activity across demographics, which is especially significant to women and girls' participation; considers that the goal must be equal access for all irrespective of background or personal circumstances; notes the continued disparity in participation rates between boys and girls, as outlined in the most recent Scottish Health Survey, as well as the ongoing link between deprivation and low participation rates, and raises concern regarding the Scottish Government's limited success in making progress on this issue; recognises the importance of having inspirational role models that are representative of all backgrounds to encourage more people to get involved in sport; congratulates the Scotland women's national football team on qualifying for the World Cup finals in 2019, and warmly welcomes the Scottish Government's support for the team as it prepares for the tournament.

**6. Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay), moved S5M-14208—That the Parliament agrees the recommendation of the Finance and Constitution Committee that the Scottish Government nominations to the Scottish Fiscal Commission be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14211—That the Parliament agrees that the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**No. 37, Tuesday 23 October 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Kathleen Forbes, former Director, Family Life Centre Ministries, Stirling Baptist Church, Stirling, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Response to Recommendations on Financial Redress for Survivors of Child Abuse in Care.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Performance.

**5. Making Scotland a Screen Leader, Report Examining the Scottish Screen Sector:** Joan McAlpine, on behalf of the **Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee**, moved S5M-14400—That the Parliament notes the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee's 6th Report 2018 (Session 5), *Making Scotland a Screen Leader* (SP Paper 366).

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

**6. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14421—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 25 October 2018—

after

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Primary 1 national standardised assessment

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Home Detention Curfew – HMIPS and HMICS independent reviews

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Place in Europe: Our Way Forward

The motion was agreed to.

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

**8. Fife Out-of-hours Closure:** The Parliament debated S5M-11786 in the name of Jenny Gilruth—That the Parliament notes the decision of the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership to close out-of-hours GP services in Glenrothes, St Andrews and Dunfermline; understands that this was taken without public consultation; believes that it will increase health inequalities in Glenrothes and the surrounding area and

see people having to pay for transport to Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy; further believes that it will create an additional resource burden on staff at the Victoria; considers that any public consultation that retrospectively takes place during the three-month contingency closure will be compromised, and notes the calls for the Director of the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership to reverse this decision with immediate effect.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

**No. 38, Wednesday 24 October 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Keep the Monklands in Monklands:** Richard Leonard moved S5M-14405— That the Parliament believes that a replacement hospital for the current University Hospital Monklands should be built in Monklands.

The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) moved amendment S5M-14405.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14405 in the name of Richard Leonard (Keep the Monklands in Monklands), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “welcomes the development of plans to refurbish or replace University Hospital Monklands; notes that these plans will ensure that the new hospital will have state-of-the-art facilities and provide a range of specialist services for patients across Lanarkshire as well as allow it to continue to be the local hospital for the patients living in the Monklands’ catchment area; further notes that the new hospital will retain an A&E department along with associated specialist services; acknowledges that a public consultation has been undertaken regarding the possible sites for the new hospital; believes that any decision for the new hospital’s location must, as a priority, help to reduce the level of health inequalities in the Monklands area and across Lanarkshire, and further believes that the choice of location must take full account of the views of the patients who will be served by the new hospital, as well as other key factors, such as accessibility, transport links, travel times and providing the best return to the NHS in terms of patient care.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 98, Against 21, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the development of plans to refurbish or replace University Hospital Monklands; notes that these plans will ensure that the new hospital will have state-of-the-art facilities and provide a range of specialist services for patients across Lanarkshire as well as allow it to continue to be the local hospital for the patients living in the Monklands’ catchment area; further notes that the new hospital will retain an A&E department along with associated specialist services; acknowledges that a public consultation has been undertaken regarding the possible sites for the new hospital; believes that any decision for the new hospital’s location must, as a priority, help to reduce the level of health inequalities in the Monklands area and across Lanarkshire, and further believes that the choice of location must take full account of the views of the patients who will be served by the new hospital, as well as other key factors, such as accessibility, transport links, travel times and providing the best return to the NHS in terms of patient care.

**3. Ending Austerity, Poverty and Inequality:** Elaine Smith moved S5M-14406— That the Parliament notes with concern the recent publication of a number of reports that show that deep-rooted poverty and inequality persists in Scotland’s communities; understands that revelations from these reports include that, in the last 12 months, at least 94 rough sleepers died on Scotland’s streets and that at least one in 10 people living in the poorest areas of Scotland ran out of food due to a lack of money, and that life expectancy in Scotland has fallen for the first time in 35 years and remains the lowest of all nations in the UK; believes that, while UK Government changes to the benefit system are a significant driver of poverty, the Scottish Government has failed to use the devolved powers adequately to challenge and address the root causes of poverty and inequality, including those perpetuated by the policies of the UK Government, and, in doing so, calls for an end to austerity in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Aileen Campbell) moved amendment S5M-14406.4—

As an amendment to S5M-14406 in the name of Elaine Smith (Ending Austerity, Poverty and Inequality), leave out from “understands” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish Government has used devolved powers to challenge and address root causes of poverty and inequality, including setting targets to help eradicate child poverty by 2030, fully mitigating the so-called bedroom tax, launching the Carer’s Allowance Supplement, extending access to free sanitary products, implementing recommendations from the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group, increasing the Fair Food Fund and committing to a Disability Employment Action Plan; believes that UK Government policies are a significant driver of poverty and inequality, including welfare reforms that will lead to an annual cut to people in Scotland of £3.7 billion by 2020-21; calls on the UK Government to publish its analysis of the impact of Universal Credit on people’s incomes, and further calls on it to immediately halt the roll-out in Scotland and use the UK Budget to address its fundamental flaws, reinstating work allowances, reversing the two-child limit and lifting the benefits freeze.”

Michelle Ballantyne moved amendment S5M-14406.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14406 in the name of Elaine Smith (Ending Austerity, Poverty and Inequality), leave out from “believes that” to end and insert “recognises that the Scottish Government has significant new devolved powers that enable it to top up and create new social security benefits if required; believes that educational standards and the economy are contributing factors to inequality, and further believes that, by improving these areas, as well as increasing the quality of public and mental healthcare, inequality in Scotland can be reduced.”

After debate, amendment S5M-14406.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 59, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-14406.3 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes with concern the recent publication of a number of reports that show that deep-rooted poverty and inequality persists in Scotland’s communities; notes that the Scottish Government has used devolved powers to challenge and address root causes of poverty and inequality, including setting targets to help eradicate child poverty by 2030, fully mitigating the so-called bedroom tax, launching the Carer’s Allowance Supplement, extending access to free sanitary products, implementing recommendations from the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group, increasing the Fair Food Fund and committing to a Disability Employment Action Plan; believes that UK Government policies are a significant driver of poverty and inequality, including welfare reforms that will lead to an annual cut to people in Scotland of £3.7 billion by 2020-21; calls on the UK Government to publish its analysis of the impact of Universal Credit on people’s incomes, and further calls on it to immediately halt the roll-out in Scotland and use the UK Budget to address its fundamental flaws, reinstating work allowances, reversing the two-child limit and lifting the benefits freeze.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14427—That the Parliament agrees—

Tuesday 30 October 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Digital Society For All: Working Together to Maximise the Benefits of Digital Inclusion

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 31 October 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 1 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2016: Setting Scotland's Future Direction on the Low Carbon Transition

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Place of Safety: Supporting Asylum Seekers in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 8 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Motion of Remembrance

1.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.45 pm Members' Business

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Prescription (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 31 October 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer", and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 1 November 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14428—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Planning (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 16 November 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-14429 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-14430 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-14431 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Social Security Chamber) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Support for Families of Loved Ones Killed Abroad:** The Parliament debated S5M-13681 in the name of Angela Constance—That the Parliament acknowledges the BBC documentary, Killed Abroad, which was recently aired in Scotland and highlighted the tragic death of Kirsty Maxwell, who was from Livingston; believes that this demonstrated what it sees as the unacceptable obstacles that families face in seeking information and support in such tragic circumstances; recognises the profound impact that this has on those who have lost loved ones abroad; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to urge the UK Government to take meaningful action to address what it considers to be the failings and gaps in support and procedures provided by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to families of those affected; commends the work of the UK All-party Parliamentary Group on Deaths Abroad and Consular Services in highlighting these issues, and notes its call for an urgent review into the support provided for bereaved families and for a closer look into devolved services so that grieving families having to deal with multiple agencies are not faced with insurmountable barriers in their fight for information on the most basic facts about the circumstances of their loved ones' deaths.

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

## No. 39, Thursday 25 October 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Regulation of Electricians as a Profession:** The Parliament debated S5M-14162 in the name of Jamie Halcro Johnston—That the Parliament notes the calls supporting the principle of the regulation of electricians as a profession; understands that, while over 100 regulated professions exist in the UK, including gas engineers, there is no protection afforded to electricians; appreciates that improperly-installed electrical work creates a significant risk of fire as well as other harm to householders in the Highlands and Islands and across Scotland; believes that the installation of electrical work by unqualified or only partly qualified individuals carries the risk of defects and safety issues arising; acknowledges the survey conducted by SELECT, which is the trade association for the electrical contracting industry in Scotland, which suggests that 93% of householders would expect someone claiming to be an electrician to be properly qualified and that 89% were not aware of how to check the qualifications of someone, and acknowledges the calls for the Scottish Government to consider how the Parliament's powers over protection of title can be utilised to reassure the public of the safety of electrical work that is carried out in domestic and non-domestic premises.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on an **Update on Primary 1 national standardised assessments**.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Home Detention Curfew – HMIPS and HMICS independent review.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Place in Europe: Our Way Forward.

**7. Scottish Government's Inaugural Contribution to International Development Report:** The Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-14425—That the Parliament notes the publication by the Scottish Government of *Contribution to International Development Report 2017-18*, which presents its contributions to international development in collaboration with partners, particularly in its partner countries, Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda and Pakistan, in support of the UN Global Goals; further notes the cross-cutting themes on policy coherence for development in areas such as health, education, climate change and human rights, while safeguarding beneficiaries; welcomes the significant contributions of international development organisations, civic society, universities, the NHS and Police Scotland to global citizenship and

collaborative international development initiatives; believes that ongoing collaborations with the Department for International Development, Comic Relief and other donors, and the co-creation of international development initiatives with the NHS, Police Scotland, universities, civil society organisations and others, will continue to strengthen Scotland's position as an outward-looking, committed global citizen; considers that Scotland should continue to provide a positive and progressive voice in the world, for compassion, tolerance, diversity and social justice; recognises the strong cross-party approach and support for international development across the Parliament, and reaffirms strong support for Scotland's distinct and collaborative contributions to international development to help tackle global challenges, including poverty, injustice and inequality.

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-14425.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14425 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Scottish Government's Inaugural Contribution to International Development Report), after "global citizen" insert "; notes that it is crucial for Scotland to ensure its policymaking across government is consistent with the commitment to global justice, climate justice, human rights and international development and therefore commits to setting a target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 at the latest in the new Climate Change Bill".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

## No. 40, Tuesday 30 October 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Michael Veitch, Wooler Evangelical Church, Northumberland, former councillor in East Lothian, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14532—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 30 October 2018—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Financial Overview

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Financial Overview.

**5. A Digital Society For All: Working Together to Maximise the Benefits of Digital Inclusion:** The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-14509—That the Parliament recognises the benefits that digital inclusion can bring to everyone in Scotland; welcomes the findings, published on 29 October 2018, of the two-year research project, Living Digitally, commissioned by Carnegie UK, on the impact of digital technologies on people with a range of disabilities; acknowledges the strong evidence of the positive impact of digital inclusion on their wellbeing; recognises that a combined focus by government, the wider public sector and private and voluntary sectors is the most effective way of increasing digital participation, which in turn will increase educational attainment, provide better access to fair work and higher-wage jobs, and supports effective, person-centred public services, such as the health and social care sector, to develop innovative solutions and enable Scotland to be a digital society for all.

Donal Cameron moved amendment S5M-14509.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14509 in the name of Kate Forbes (A Digital Society for All: Working Together to Maximise the Benefits of Digital Inclusion), insert at end “; recognises that a lack of quality broadband connection can prevent digital inclusion, especially in remote and rural areas; notes the negative effects of the removal of high street banking services from local communities, regrettably leading to circumstances of digital exclusion, and calls for a comprehensive and sympathetic approach by the Scottish Government that acknowledges the huge advantages that digital technology brings to

Scottish society, but also recognises the risks of excluding those who are currently unable to access such technology in their daily lives.”

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

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-14509.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14509 in the name of Kate Forbes (A Digital Society for All: Working Together to Maximise the Benefits of Digital Inclusion), insert at end “; notes that rural communities, those on the lowest income, people with physical or mental health conditions and older people are particularly affected by digital exclusion; recognises that digital exclusion exacerbates wider social and economic inequalities; believes that the Scottish Government has failed to adequately tackle digital exclusion, and calls for a more comprehensive approach by the Scottish Government to end Scotland’s digital divide.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the benefits that digital inclusion can bring to everyone in Scotland; welcomes the findings, published on 29 October 2018, of the two-year research project, Living Digitally, commissioned by Carnegie UK, on the impact of digital technologies on people with a range of disabilities; acknowledges the strong evidence of the positive impact of digital inclusion on their wellbeing; recognises that a combined focus by government, the wider public sector and private and voluntary sectors is the most effective way of increasing digital participation, which in turn will increase educational attainment, provide better access to fair work and higher-wage jobs; supports effective, person-centred public services, such as the health and social care sector, to develop innovative solutions and enable Scotland to be a digital society for all; recognises that a lack of quality broadband connection can prevent digital inclusion, especially in remote and rural areas; notes the negative effects of the removal of high street banking services from local communities, regrettably leading to circumstances of digital exclusion, and calls for a comprehensive and sympathetic approach by the Scottish Government that acknowledges the huge advantages that digital technology brings to Scottish society, but also recognises the risks of excluding those who are currently unable to access such technology in their daily lives.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

**7. Ban on the Export of Live Animals for Slaughter and Fattening:** The Parliament debated S5M-13785 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament notes the Farm Animal Welfare Committee’s review into the transportation of live animals exports from the UK; understands that in 2017 3,073 sheep, 5,595 calves and 661 cattle were exported from Scotland for either slaughter or fattening; considers that Scotland’s reputation for high animal welfare standards is of huge value to the sector; is particularly concerned about the export of young male dairy

calves on long journeys to Spain and Italy where they are fattened for beef or veal; recognises what it understands is widespread support for a ban on the exporting of animals for slaughter and for fattening, including in the South Scotland region, and the serious concerns raised by the export of live animals in relation to animal welfare, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a ban on the export of live animals for slaughter or fattening.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Colin Smyth 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 6.02 pm.

## No. 41, Wednesday 31 October 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities and Local Government and then on Social Security and Older People were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. Concern Over the State of Scotland's Ferry Services:** Jamie Greene moved S5M-14520—That the Parliament raises its concern over the provision of Scotland's ferry services, which have seen significant delays, disruptions and cancellations over the last 12 months to the detriment of Scotland's island and rural communities; notes that CalMac Ferries' managing director described this summer's disruptions as the worst in eight years and admitted that there is currently no resilience in the network based on the lack of additional available vessels in case of breakdowns; recognises the comments made by Audit Scotland in its 2017 report, *Transport Scotland's ferry services*, in which it called for a new long-term ferry strategy; recognises the necessity of ferries in boosting tourism and providing vital public services to island communities, and calls on the Scottish Government to remedy these failings and restore public confidence in Scotland's ferry network.

The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) moved amendment S5M-14520.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14520 in the name of Jamie Greene (Concern Over the State of Scotland's Ferry Services), leave out from "raises" to end and insert "notes the concerns regarding the provision of Scotland's lifeline ferry services to island and rural communities and acknowledges the frustration to customers in the event of service failures; further acknowledges the significant actions that have been taken to address those concerns to support the continued socioeconomic development of Scotland's remote and island communities; recognises the commendable work of ferry operators' crew and staff in maintaining high levels of performance; notes the ongoing review of investment plans and priorities, including the development of an action plan to further address resilience issues on the Clyde and Hebrides network; recognises the continued significant levels of investment in upgraded infrastructure; acknowledges the commitment to an inclusive approach to vessel design and procurement, which includes communities, public sector partners and trade unions, and acknowledges the positive contribution that ferries procurement is making to Scotland's ambitious strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by its ferry operations."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-14520.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14520 in the name of Jamie Greene (Concern Over the State of Scotland's Ferry Services), insert at end " ; recognises that ferry capacity must be able to meet demand and that the

funding and purchasing of new ferries needs to be transparent, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a long-term ferry strategy, accompanied by a comprehensive implementation and delivery plan, and a national shipbuilding strategy detailing its long-term ambitions for the sector and setting out a 30-year programme of work.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 62, Abstentions 0), disagreed to on casting vote.

**3. Early Years:** Alison Harris moved S5M-14521—That the Parliament is committed to improving the availability of, and flexibility in, the provision of high-quality childcare; recognises that, in order to deliver the Scottish Government’s ambitions, there has to be much more effective partnership working between state and private sector providers; is very concerned therefore at the recent findings that have been issued by the National Day Nurseries Association, which show that fewer than one-third of private sector providers are currently in a position to expand place numbers because they feel that there has been a lack of engagement from both the Scottish Government and some local authorities when addressing their concerns about access to capital funding and the lower payments being made to many private sector providers; believes that these concerns are in line with those set out by Audit Scotland earlier in 2018, when it reported that there were “significant risks” within the current Scottish Government policy on childcare, and demands urgent action from the Scottish Ministers to ensure that private sector providers, as well as state sector providers, are able to meet their full potential when it comes to delivering expanded childcare.

The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) moved amendment S5M-14521.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14521 in the name of Alison Harris (Early Years), leave out from “recognises that” to end and insert “reconfirms its support for expanding the provision to 1,140 hours of funded, high-quality early learning and childcare for all three- and four-year-olds and for eligible two-year-olds through a provider-neutral approach; believes that all frontline staff delivering the 1,140 hours provision must be paid the real living wage; welcomes that funding for the real living wage formed part of the £1 billion multi-year funding package agreed with local government; recognises the concerns expressed by some private providers on local engagement and investment; further recognises recent progress, including the adoption of partnership working principles by COSLA and the creation of an Early Learning and Childcare Partnership Forum; believes that there is a need to ensure best practice on partnership working and investment, such as the approaches adopted in Angus, the City of Edinburgh and Moray that were commended recently by members of the partnership forum, and agrees that the Scottish Government must work with COSLA, individual local authorities and providers themselves to ensure that best practice is replicated in all parts of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 62, Abstentions 0), disagreed to on casting vote.

Mary Fee moved amendment S5M-14521.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14521 in the name of Alison Harris (Early Years), insert at end “, and that this action should include publishing data on the size of the current workforce, as well as information on how the Scottish Government expects to meet staffing targets, given that it estimated that up to 11,000 additional early learning and childcare workers will be required by 2020 to deliver the planned expansion.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 62, Abstentions 0), disagreed to on casting vote.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14535—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Impact of the UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Ivory Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Safeguarding Scotland's International Research Collaborations and Reputation for Scientific Excellence from the Threat of Brexit

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 8 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Motion of Remembrance

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Members' Business

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Plan to Improve the Educational Experience of LGBTI Young People

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Prescription (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 14 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 15 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 7 November 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer"

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 8 November 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14536—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by Friday 21 June 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-14537 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-14538 Office of the Clerk**—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Thursday 27, Friday 28 and Monday 31 December 2018.

**S5M-14556 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead

committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Agriculture Bill (UK Legislation).

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Restoring the Caledonian Pinewood Forest:** The Parliament debated S5M-13223 in the name of Joan McAlpine—That the Parliament recognises that only 1% of the original Caledonian Pinewood forest remains today across Scotland, including areas in the south of Scotland; understands that the environmental and ecological consequences of this are significant as the pinewood forest is an important habitat for a number of wildlife species, including aspen, black grouse, capercaillie, golden eagle, juniper, wood ant, pine marten, red squirrel, tree lungwort, twinflower and wildcat; believes that many of the remaining fragments of forest are not being actively managed and that the Caledonian Pinewood Recovery Project, being implemented by Trees For Life, aims to save these remnant pinewoods; notes that the project sees Trees for Life working in partnership with The Woodland Trust Scotland to assess the health of the remaining pinewood fragments and work with landowners to promote their better management, thereby restoring Scotland's unique pinewoods, and commends the work of Trees for Life and The Woodland Trust Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

## No. 42, Thursday 1 November 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Outdoor Classroom Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-14384 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament notes that Outdoor Classroom Day takes place on 1 November 2018; understands that this is a global campaign to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play; believes that thousands of schools, including many across Scotland, will be participating by taking lessons outdoors and prioritising playtime; considers that outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads them to develop better social skills, enhanced problem solving and team working skills; commends the work of organisers to promote participation by schools in Outdoor Classroom Day, which takes place on two dates each year to fit with term times, and notes the hope that such events will encourage more time learning outside every day.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2016: Setting Scotland's Future Direction on the Low Carbon Transition.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route Update.
- 6. A Place of Safety: Supporting Asylum Seekers in Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-14548—That the Parliament believes that Scotland must be a place of safety for people seeking asylum; agrees that those seeking asylum should be supported to integrate in Scotland's communities and rebuild their lives from day one of arrival; believes that the asylum system must treat people fairly and with dignity and respect at all times; considers that the UK Government must work in equal partnership with devolved governments and local government and provide local authorities with the resources required to support people dispersed to their areas; believes that accommodation provided to people seeking asylum must meet Scottish quality standards and be appropriate to their needs; considers that people seeking asylum should be allowed to work while their claim is being assessed to help rebuild their lives; recognises that there must be a long-term sustainable solution that does not leave people destitute or homeless at the end of the asylum process, and considers that refugee resettlement programmes provide a model of partnership working and integration support that should be replicated in the asylum system.

Michelle Ballantyne moved amendment S5M-14548.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14548 in the name of Aileen Campbell (A Place of Safety: Supporting Asylum Seekers in Scotland), insert at end “; recognises the skills and talent that many asylum seekers have to offer, and urges that due care and attention is given to the facts of individual cases.”

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

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-14548.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14548 in the name of Aileen Campbell (A Place of Safety: Supporting Asylum Seekers in Scotland), after “dispersed to their areas” insert “, and that the delivery of asylum accommodation, which must be within the public sector, must have adequate funding to fulfil this responsibility and should be housing of a good quality standard”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-14548.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14548 in the name of Aileen Campbell (A Place of Safety: Supporting Asylum Seekers in Scotland), leave out from first “asylum system” to “at all times” and insert “current UK asylum system fails to treat people with dignity or respect their human rights, particularly in relation to the deliberate use of destitution as a policy tool; calls on the UK Government to take urgent steps to end the threat of destitution and to implement immediately the outstanding recommendations in paragraph 96(4) of the Smith Commission report; congratulates the many individuals, communities and organisations that have worked to welcome and support asylum seekers in Glasgow and elsewhere in Scotland, including by mobilising practical opposition to evictions and lock changes”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-14548.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14548 in the name of Aileen Campbell (A Place of Safety: Supporting Asylum Seekers in Scotland), insert at end “, and recognises the immense contribution of the voluntary sector in providing community support, practical assistance, navigation through systems and companionship to some of the most vulnerable people in Scotland.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that Scotland must be a place of safety for people seeking asylum; agrees that those seeking

asylum should be supported to integrate in Scotland's communities and rebuild their lives from day one of arrival; believes that the current UK asylum system fails to treat people with dignity or respect their human rights, particularly in relation to the deliberate use of destitution as a policy tool; calls on the UK Government to take urgent steps to end the threat of destitution and to implement immediately the outstanding recommendations in paragraph 96(4) of the Smith Commission report; congratulates the many individuals, communities and organisations that have worked to welcome and support asylum seekers in Glasgow and elsewhere in Scotland, including by mobilising practical opposition to evictions and lock changes; considers that the UK Government must work in equal partnership with devolved governments and local government and provide local authorities with the resources required to support people dispersed to their areas, and that the delivery of asylum accommodation, which must be within the public sector, must have adequate funding to fulfil this responsibility and should be housing of a good quality standard; believes that accommodation provided to people seeking asylum must meet Scottish quality standards and be appropriate to their needs; considers that people seeking asylum should be allowed to work while their claim is being assessed to help rebuild their lives; recognises that there must be a long-term sustainable solution that does not leave people destitute or homeless at the end of the asylum process; considers that refugee resettlement programmes provide a model of partnership working and integration support that should be replicated in the asylum system; recognises the skills and talent that many asylum seekers have to offer; urges that due care and attention is given to the facts of individual cases, and recognises the immense contribution of the voluntary sector in providing community support, practical assistance, navigation through systems and companionship to some of the most vulnerable people in Scotland.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14571—That the Parliament agrees that—

Anas Sarwar be appointed to replace Iain Gray on the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee;

Iain Gray be appointed to replace Mary Fee on the Education and Skills Committee;

Mary Fee be appointed to replace Neil Findlay on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Alex Rowley on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

**No. 43, Tuesday 6 November 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Mark Hazelwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14648—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 6 November 2018—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 8 November 2018—

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Prescription (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Complaint against Annie Wells MSP

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty:**

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-14621—That the Parliament welcomes the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights to the UK and in particular to Scotland this week as part of his visit to investigate the link between poverty and the realisation of human rights in the UK; condemns the unacceptable damage that the UK Government's welfare reform policies are causing across Scotland, and the subsequent negative impact on poverty levels; agrees that Universal Credit is causing debt and hardship across Scotland's communities and calls on the UK Government to immediately halt the roll-out of this; notes the conclusions of the Scottish Government's 2018 welfare reform report, which highlights that the UK Government's welfare cuts will lead to a £3.7 billion fall in social security spending in Scotland in 2020-21, including a £370 million reduction due to the benefit freeze;

further notes that the appalling two-child limit has already reduced the income of 3,800 families in Scotland and this number is set to grow year on year and will result in a £92 million cut for families by 2020-21; raises concerns that UK Government tax and welfare changes since 2010 are estimated to increase the number of children living in relative poverty in Scotland by 8%; believes that the UK Government failed in its autumn Budget to support the poorest in society by lifting the current benefit freeze and addressing the fundamental flaws in Universal Credit, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to ensuring that dignity, fairness and respect are at the heart of Scotland's new social security system.

Michelle Ballantyne moved amendment S5M-14621.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14621 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty), leave out from “condemns” to end and insert “believes that a social security system should simplify benefits, encourage those who can to work and support those who cannot, and that therefore the principle of Universal Credit is correct; acknowledges the difficulties that have been experienced during the roll-out of the system; welcomes changes, such as the £1.7 billion announced in the 2018 autumn Budget, which make Universal Credit more generous than the system it replaces, and believes that, with the powers under the Scotland Act 2016 to create new benefits and top up reserved benefits, the Scottish Government can no longer justify simply criticising UK Government policy, and must now focus on its own implementation plans.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Mark Griffin moved amendment S5M-14621.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14621 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty), after “roll-out of this;” insert “further agrees that MPs must act to halt the Universal Credit managed migration; notes the contribution of Scottish Choices, the Scottish Welfare Fund and mitigation of the so-called bedroom tax to help counter the impact of welfare reform; believes that cross-party talks should now take place to consider the extent to which the income supplement can protect people from the Conservative administration's welfare reform, and how Scotland's new powers will be best used to support carers, older people and disabled people;”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-14621.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14621 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty), after first “benefit freeze” insert “; believes that these cuts are highly gendered, impacting the income of women disproportionately, and that,

contrary to assurances given by the UK Government that Universal Credit would not cut incomes, some low-income families are expected to lose an average of £200 per month”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-14621.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14621 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Impact of UK Government Welfare Cuts and Universal Credit on Poverty), insert at end “, and regrets that the cuts made to Universal Credit by the UK Conservative administration in 2015 were not restored in its recent Budget.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights to the UK and in particular to Scotland this week as part of his visit to investigate the link between poverty and the realisation of human rights in the UK; condemns the unacceptable damage that the UK Government’s welfare reform policies are causing across Scotland, and the subsequent negative impact on poverty levels; agrees that Universal Credit is causing debt and hardship across Scotland’s communities and calls on the UK Government to immediately halt the roll-out of this; further agrees that MPs must act to halt the Universal Credit managed migration; notes the contribution of Scottish Choices, the Scottish Welfare Fund and mitigation of the so-called bedroom tax to help counter the impact of welfare reform; believes that cross-party talks should now take place to consider the extent to which the income supplement can protect people from the Conservative administration’s welfare reform, and how Scotland’s new powers will be best used to support carers, older people and disabled people; notes the conclusions of the Scottish Government’s 2018 welfare reform report, which highlights that the UK Government’s welfare cuts will lead to a £3.7 billion fall in social security spending in Scotland in 2020-21, including a £370 million reduction due to the benefit freeze; believes that these cuts are highly gendered, impacting the income of women disproportionately, and that, contrary to assurances given by the UK Government that Universal Credit would not cut incomes, some low-income families are expected to lose an average of £200 per month; further notes that the appalling two-child limit has already reduced the income of 3,800 families in Scotland and this number is set to grow year on year and will result in a £92 million cut for families by 2020-21; raises concerns that UK Government tax and welfare changes since 2010 are estimated to increase the number of children living in relative poverty in Scotland by 8%; believes that the UK Government failed in its autumn Budget to support the poorest in society by lifting the current benefit freeze and addressing the fundamental flaws in Universal Credit; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to ensuring that dignity, fairness

and respect are at the heart of Scotland's new social security system, and regrets that the cuts made to Universal Credit by the UK Conservative administration in 2015 were not restored in its recent Budget.

**5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on what talks the Scottish Government has had with management at the Michelin factory in Dundee, the trade unions and Dundee City Council regarding the future of the plant was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay).

**6. Ivory Bill – UK Legislation:** The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Mairi Gougeon) moved S5M-14625—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Ivory Bill, which was introduced in the House of Commons on 23 May 2018, relating to the prohibition and regulation (including enforcement) of the import and export of ivory into and from Scotland for sale or hire and acquisitions by and between accredited museums and galleries in Scotland, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Committee Announcement:** Johann Lamont, on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee, made an announcement on an Inquiry into Mental Health Support for Young People in Scotland.

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 6 as noted above.

**9. The Maybole Bypass and South Scotland Road Infrastructure:** The Parliament debated S5M-14491 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament welcomes the upcoming announcement from the Scottish Government regarding which company has won the contract to carry out the five-mile stretch of off-line bypass and associated junctions for the South Scotland town of Maybole; understands that this decision will be based on one of four already shortlisted companies, Farrans Roadbridge, John Paul Construction, R J McLeod and Wills Bros; notes that this stretch of road will separate local road users from those travelling longer distances, including to the ports, which will therefore minimise disruption from heavy traffic in Maybole; considers that this stretch of bypass will significantly improve road safety and journey time reliability; congratulates the Scottish Government on achieving what it considers this landmark step for the infrastructure in South Scotland, while understanding that more investment on other roads in the region, such as the A75 and A77, is also needed in order to improve safety, journey times and to bring about business that will see a much needed boost to the rural and local economy of the south west of Scotland; acknowledges the work of the Maybole Bypass Committee members past and present, local residents and businesses who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to many years of campaigning to secure the bypass, and commends both the A75 and A77 action groups for their continued efforts to bring about positive change in the region.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

**No. 44, Wednesday 7 November 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Economy and Fair Work were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Safeguarding Scotland's International Research Collaborations and Reputation for Scientific Excellence from the Threat of Brexit:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Richard Lochhead) moved S5M-14638—That the Parliament notes with concern the growing number of voices within Scotland's research and science communities warning of the substantial threat that Brexit poses to Scotland's position as a leading nation in international science and research; understands the significant economic, social and cultural contributions that universities and other research institutions and their international collaborators bring to Scotland; believes that the UK Government's approach to the Brexit negotiations, including its commitment to ending freedom of movement, is undermining Scotland's worldwide reputation and threatening the mobility of students and researchers and full participation in European research programmes, and commits to exploring options to safeguard Scotland's international research collaborations and reputation for scientific excellence globally.

Oliver Mundell moved amendment S5M-14638.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14638 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Safeguarding Scotland's International Research Collaborations and Reputation for Scientific Excellence from the Threat of Brexit), leave out from "notes with concern" to "European research programmes" and insert "recognises the very significant economic, social and cultural value of research co-operation across the UK and with the international community, and the benefits of knowledge exchange; welcomes the assurance of UK Government research funding up to 2020; supports the UK Government's plans to include science and innovation among future co-operative accords with the EU; urges the UK Government to ensure that the visa system is structured to attract students and staff of the highest calibre to work in UK universities and research centres".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-14638.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14638 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Safeguarding Scotland's International Research Collaborations and Reputation for Scientific Excellence from the Threat of Brexit), insert at end ", including a focus from both the Scottish and UK governments on promoting the importance of Horizon Europe developing in a way that allows the UK to be involved."

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

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-14638.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14638 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Safeguarding Scotland’s International Research Collaborations and Reputation for Scientific Excellence from the Threat of Brexit), insert at end “, in addition to providing unequivocal support for a public vote on the final terms of the Brexit deal.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 30, Abstentions 20).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 28, Abstentions 21).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes with concern the growing number of voices within Scotland’s research and science communities warning of the substantial threat that Brexit poses to Scotland’s position as a leading nation in international science and research; understands the significant economic, social and cultural contributions that universities and other research institutions and their international collaborators bring to Scotland; believes that the UK Government’s approach to the Brexit negotiations, including its commitment to ending freedom of movement, is undermining Scotland’s worldwide reputation and threatening the mobility of students and researchers and full participation in European research programmes, and commits to exploring options to safeguard Scotland’s international research collaborations and reputation for scientific excellence globally, including a focus from both the Scottish and UK governments on promoting the importance of Horizon Europe developing in a way that allows the UK to be involved, in addition to providing unequivocal support for a public vote on the final terms of the Brexit deal.

**3. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14657—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1: Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution - Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 14 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 15 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Crown Estate Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

*followed by* Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Scotland's Economic Performance

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 14 November 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 15 November 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”

and

(d) that the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of its consideration of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill, under Rule 9.6.3A of the Standing Orders, that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Bill on the fourth sitting day after publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-14658 Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 31 May 2019.

**S5M-14659 Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 22 February 2019.

The motions were agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-14660 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill (UK Legislation).

**S5M-14661 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-14662 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Emergency Service Workers:** The Parliament debated S5M-14497 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the Parliament commends the bravery and dedication of emergency service workers in the north east and across the country; recognises what it sees as their extraordinary efforts to keep everyone safe, working long hours in often difficult circumstances; acknowledges that this can include heading towards danger when others are running away; understands that, in 2016-17, over 3,000 offences were committed against these workers, with attacks often carried out by the very people that they were trying to help; condemns such assaults; regards an attack on any emergency worker as an attack on society itself, and thanks all emergency workers with the police, fire, ambulance, search and rescue, prison and other services for all the work that they do.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

## No. 45, Thursday 8 November 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Motion of Remembrance:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-14666—That the Parliament acknowledges that the First World War had a devastating impact around the world, including on our nation, in which no community was unaffected; recognises the importance of honouring all those who have lost their lives in armed conflicts; notes that 2018 marks the centenary of the First World War Armistice; commends the work of the Scottish Commemorations Panel and partner organisations, which have developed a fitting programme of events to commemorate Scotland's Armistice centenary, both nationally and for communities; notes that the centenary of the Armistice will be commemorated with a National Service for Scotland in Glasgow Cathedral; recognises the many other organisations and community groups in communities across Scotland that will be delivering commemorative events that inform people about Scotland's involvement in the First World War while helping them recognise the effects of the war on their local communities and the wider world and its lasting impact on life today, and calls on the nation to come together and pay its respects on 11 November 2018 to ensure that those who suffered so much will never be forgotten, and in the hope that conflicts such as the First World War might end.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. South Lanarkshire Care Homes Under Threat:** The Parliament debated S5M-14123 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament understands that South Lanarkshire Council plans to reduce the number of its care home facilities; notes that the first phase of these plans includes the closure of McWhirter House in Larkhall and Kirkton House in Blantyre; considers that the proposed new community hub facility at the St Joseph's site in Blantyre is not a like-for-like replacement and that this will result in a reduction in the number of long-term residential beds; understands that the closure of McWhirter House will leave Larkhall with no council-run care facilities for older people; believes that council-run care provision must remain a vital part of the delivery of residential care for older people and that the ageing population requires a shift in the model of care in South Lanarkshire and the Central Scotland region; recognises that the reliance of the older population on care is likely to increase in coming decades; acknowledges calls that this should be achieved without a reduction in the availability of long-term council care beds and with the support of the community; is concerned at reports that there has not been meaningful consultation with care home staff, trade unions or the communities that are affected by the plans; acknowledges in particular the concerns raised by the GMB, and notes the calls for the SNP administration in South Lanarkshire to halt the planned closures.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Plan to Improve the Educational Experience of LGBTI Young People.

**6. Prescription (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14664—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Prescription (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 2: 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Prescription (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 27, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 29, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 29, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 29, Against 81, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 5, 6 and 7.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**8. Prescription (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-14665—That the Parliament agrees that the Prescription (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**9. Breach of the Code of Conduct for MSPs:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-14602—That the Parliament notes the 6th Report, 2018 (Session 5) of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee, Complaint against Annie Wells MSP (SP Paper 408) and agrees to impose the sanction recommended in the report that Annie Wells MSP be excluded from all meetings of the Parliament and all meetings of its committees for the first five sitting days after this motion is agreed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

**No. 46, Tuesday 13 November 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Imam Habibur Rahman, Dunfermline Central Mosque and Islamic Centre, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) moved S5M-14704—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill.

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

- 4. Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-14567—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Motion Without Notice:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.47 pm. The motion was agreed to.
- 6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.
- 7. Texas Instruments:** The Parliament debated S5M-13551 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament expresses its concern at reports that the Texas Instruments semi-conductor plant in Greenock is scheduled to close in 2019; notes the effect that this closure could have on the current employees and Inverclyde economy; further notes that a total of 572 positions would be affected with 318 direct jobs, 127 indirect jobs and 127 induced jobs; acknowledges that the Texas Instruments task force, which includes Inverclyde Council, the Scottish Government, parliamentarians, councillors and various public agencies, was established after the announcement, with an initial remit of trying to find a buyer for the plant and to safeguard as many jobs as possible; suggests that all avenues to date have sadly fallen through, and notes calls on everyone involved to redouble their efforts to find a resolution to try and assist the workforce, as well as the Inverclyde economy.

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

## No. 47, Wednesday 14 November 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Economy and then on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future:** Alex Rowley moved S5M-14717—That the Parliament believes in a health and social care system based on human rights, where people receive care according to their need, not on their ability to pay; recognises the immediate and long-term challenges to social care delivery and is concerned about high levels of turnover in the social care sector; further recognises the commitment of social care staff to delivering high-quality care but considers there to still be a disparity between the value of social care to society and staff's level of pay and working conditions; considers that social care workers, and the professional services that they provide, should be held in the same high regard as clinical health care; affirms the Scottish Government's aim of shifting the balance of care from acute settings into the community but believes that this cannot be achieved without a significant increase in resources and investment in social care services; notes a central theme of the Fraser of Allander Institute publication, Scotland's Budget Report 2018, that it is not sustainable to protect the health budget at the expense of local authorities' budgets, and calls on the Scottish Government to work in partnership with local government and NHS boards to develop a financial model that will provide long-term stability for both health and social care in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved amendment S5M-14717.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14717 in the name of Alex Rowley (Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future), leave out from "services; notes a central theme" to "Scottish Government to work" and insert ", primary care and mental health services over the current parliamentary session; further believes that protection of the health budget, and its investments in social care, is necessary to ensure that the NHS can be sustained long into the future; notes that, with investment from both the NHS and local authorities, almost £9 billion per year is managed by integration authorities; believes that the additional investment of £66 million in this financial year to support social care, including for delivering the real living wage for adult social care workers, supporting the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and increasing payments for free personal care, should be utilised for that purpose, and recognises the publication of the medium-term financial framework for health and social care, which was advanced by the Scottish Government".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-14717.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14717 in the name of Alex Rowley (Investing in Social Care for Scotland's Future), insert at end “, and further calls on the Scottish Government to focus on improving workforce planning and consider new models of care and joint working, including working with housing associations to tackle delayed discharge to prevent patients waiting in wards because their homes need to be adapted for their return.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes in a health and social care system based on human rights, where people receive care according to their need, not on their ability to pay; recognises the immediate and long-term challenges to social care delivery and is concerned about high levels of turnover in the social care sector; further recognises the commitment of social care staff to delivering high-quality care but considers there to still be a disparity between the value of social care to society and staff's level of pay and working conditions; considers that social care workers, and the professional services that they provide, should be held in the same high regard as clinical health care; affirms the Scottish Government's aim of shifting the balance of care from acute settings into the community but believes that this cannot be achieved without a significant increase in resources and investment in social care, primary care and mental health services over the current parliamentary session; further believes that protection of the health budget, and its investments in social care, is necessary to ensure that the NHS can be sustained long into the future; notes that, with investment from both the NHS and local authorities, almost £9 billion per year is managed by integration authorities; believes that the additional investment of £66 million in this financial year to support social care, including for delivering the real living wage for adult social care workers, supporting the implementation of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and increasing payments for free personal care, should be utilised for that purpose; recognises the publication of the medium-term financial framework for health and social care, which was advanced by the Scottish Government in partnership with local government and NHS boards to develop a financial model that will provide long-term stability for both health and social care in Scotland, and further calls on the Scottish Government to focus on improving workforce planning and consider new models of care and joint working, including working with housing associations to tackle delayed discharge to prevent patients waiting in wards because their homes need to be adapted for their return.

**3. ScotRail Break Clause:** Colin Smyth moved S5M-14720—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should exercise the break clause in the ScotRail franchise at the earliest opportunity.

The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) moved amendment S5M-14720.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14720 in the name of Colin Smyth (ScotRail Break Clause), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that the

punctuality and reliability of ScotRail’s services continue to be below the Scottish Government contractual performance targets; recognises that both responsible parties for the effective operation of Scotland’s rail network, Network Rail and ScotRail, are delivering as their combined priority the implementation of a suite of system-wide actions as recommended in the review by Nick Donovan; further recognises that the Scottish Government has secured the right for a public sector body to bid to run Scotland’s rail services, but also notes that the majority of rail performance problems in Scotland are the direct responsibility of Network Rail, and calls on the UK Government to take the opportunity in its Rail Review to devolve authority for rail infrastructure to Scotland, so that responsibility for this rests with the Scottish Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 60, Abstentions 0), disagreed to on casting vote.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-14720.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14720 in the name of Colin Smyth (ScotRail Break Clause), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes wide acceptance that current ScotRail performance is not meeting passengers’ expectations, as evidenced by its failure to meet its contractual Public Performance Measures (PPM) over the last two quarters, reaching its lowest performance in two decades in September 2018 with a PPM measurement of 87.5%; notes the decision taken by the Scottish Government in August 2018 to reduce the target to 87.18% in order to avoid a breach of contract, and the further decision taken in October 2018 to implement a ministerial waiver on enforcing the ScotRail performance targets from June 2019; notes that there are multiple reasons for delays to services, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to continued monitoring of performance to ensure that the franchise meets its contractual obligations with a view to making a full assessment and evaluation prior to the 2020 break clause, and to report to the Parliament in a transparent and timely manner its intentions with regard to the ScotRail franchise, paying due regard to ScotRail staff, passengers and value for public money being at the heart of any decision.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14761—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 15 November 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight

insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update from the Scottish Government on the proposed UK/EU Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14738—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Implementation of Best Start Grant

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Crown Estate Bill

*followed by* Crime (Overseas Production Orders) Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Offensive Weapons Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Energy Efficient Scotland

*followed by* Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Scotland's Economic Performance and Economic Data

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Committee Announcements

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 29 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE1463: Effective Thyroid and Adrenal Testing, Diagnosis and Treatment

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 14 November 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer"

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 15 November 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14739—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 March 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-14740 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Assigned Colleges (University of the Highland and Islands) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-14741 Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee can meet, if necessary, during Tuesday afternoon meetings of the Parliament after Topical Questions for the purpose of considering business arising from the UK's exit from the European Union.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 7 as noted above.

**9. Special Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change:** The Parliament debated S5M-14361 in the name of Maurice Golden—That the Parliament notes the release of a special report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on limiting a rise in global temperature to 1.5C; further notes that it details the consequences of climate change that are currently impacting populations and places around the world and the damaging and far-reaching effects that will occur if global temperature change exceeds 1.5C; acknowledges that the report warns of the urgent need for increased action on climate change from all countries in order to be able to keep global temperature rises within 1.5C; welcomes the announcements by both the Scottish and UK governments that they intend to seek new advice from the UK Committee on Climate Change regarding the implications of this report for Scotland's climate change targets; believes that Scotland, as an advanced economy with a proven record of expertise and innovation in tackling climate change, for example the Recycle Room in Clydebank, shares in the global responsibility to take action and, while commending reductions in emissions to date, notes calls for a renewed commitment to reducing Scotland's carbon footprint, and believes that integrating circular economic practice across policy making and providing enhanced support to transition Scotland to a low-carbon economy is an integral part of the process towards tackling climate change.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

## No. 48, Thursday 15 November 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Day of the Imprisoned Writer:** The Parliament debated S5M-14312 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament recognises 15 November as the Day of the Imprisoned Writer, which is a day when people are invited to stand in solidarity with persecuted, exiled and imprisoned writers across the globe; notes with grave concern what it sees as the international decline in free expression, as documented by organisations such as PEN International, Amnesty International, the Committee to Protect Journalists, Human Rights Watch and Reporters Without Borders; understands that there are global efforts by state and non-state actors to attack and silence journalists; notes the view that governments around the world have a requirement to combat impunity and seek justice for murdered, persecuted, and imprisoned writers; acknowledges initiatives by national and international governmental, intergovernmental and civil society partners to work together to secure protections for persecuted and imprisoned writers; commemorates writers who have been killed for exercising their right to freedom of expression, and acknowledges the call for the Day of the Imprisoned Writer to be officially recognised by the Parliament.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Update from the Scottish Government on the proposed UK/EU Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration.

**5. Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight:** The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-14749—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of two new delivery plans for Scotland, which set out ambitious actions to increase levels of physical activity and to improve diet and healthy weight; recognises the important contribution that physical activity, diet and healthy weight make to health and wellbeing, including that obesity and an unhealthy diet are linked to harms, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, musculoskeletal conditions and cancer; endorses a vision for a Scotland where people eat well, have a healthy weight and are physically active, as articulated in the nation's new public health priorities; acknowledges the shared responsibility across all of society to help achieve this vision, including across national and local government as well as the public, private, third and community sectors; supports ambitions to reduce physical inactivity in adults and adolescents by 15% by 2030 and to halve childhood obesity by 2030; commends the commitment in both delivery plans to tackle health inequalities, and maintains support for proposals to restrict the promotion and marketing of food and drink that is high in fat, sugar or salt with little to no nutritional benefit where they are sold to the public.

Brian Whittle moved amendment S5M-14749.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14749 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to recognise that the three pillars of basic health are physical activity, nutrition and inclusivity and for it to provide the methodology required to achieve more ambitious targets.”

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

David Stewart moved amendment S5M-14749.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14749 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight), leave out from “commends the commitment” to “health inequalities” and insert “notes with concern the deprivation gap in levels of physical activity and considers that, regardless of background or ability to pay, physical activities should be accessible for all; recognises the impact that poverty has on the ability of families to provide healthy meals; commends the Club 365 initiative from North Lanarkshire Council and calls for this to be rolled out across the country to end holiday hunger; believes that further action should be taken to tackle food insecurity and make healthy food options more affordable”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-14749.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14749 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight), after second “2030” insert “; recognises the positive impact that walking and cycling have on health; welcomes the doubling of active travel funding in 2018-19 but notes that active travel remains a tiny proportion of Scotland’s overall transport budget; calls for further urgent increases to bring active travel expenditure up to at least £25 per capita”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 79, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-14749.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14749 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Physical Activity, Diet and Healthy Weight), insert at end “, and reaffirms the call, which the Parliament agreed in the debate on motion S5M-04324 on 2 March 2017, for the Scottish Government to bring forward a national falls strategy, which it believes will help give people confidence in the physical landscape around them to enable a more active lifestyle.”

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 publication of two new delivery plans for Scotland, which set out ambitious actions to increase levels of physical activity and to improve diet and healthy weight; recognises the important contribution that physical activity, diet and healthy weight make to health and wellbeing, including that obesity and an unhealthy diet are linked to harms, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, musculoskeletal conditions and cancer; endorses a vision for a Scotland where people eat well, have a healthy weight and are physically active, as articulated in the nation’s new public health priorities; acknowledges the shared responsibility across all of society to help achieve this vision, including across national and local government as well as the public, private, third and community sectors; supports ambitions to reduce physical inactivity in adults and adolescents by 15% by 2030 and to halve childhood obesity by 2030; commends the commitment in both delivery plans to tackle health inequalities; maintains support for proposals to restrict the promotion and marketing of food and drink that is high in fat, sugar or salt with little to no nutritional benefit where they are sold to the public; calls on the Scottish Government to recognise that the three pillars of basic health are physical activity, nutrition and inclusivity and for it to provide the methodology required to achieve more ambitious targets, and reaffirms the call, which the Parliament agreed in the debate on motion S5M-04324 on 2 March 2017, for the Scottish Government to bring forward a national falls strategy, which it believes will help give people confidence in the physical landscape around them to enable a more active lifestyle.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14762—That the Parliament agrees that Alex Rowley be appointed to replace Monica Lennon as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

**No. 49, Tuesday 20 November 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Father John Morrison, St Fergus Catholic Church, Paisley, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on what support the Scottish Government is providing to those affected by the announced closure of the New School, Butterstone, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney).

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Implementation of Best Start Grant.

**5. Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future:** The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-14807— That the Parliament recognises the benefits of the digital economy to every business, region and citizen in Scotland; acknowledges the strong evidence of the importance of technology to growing Scotland's business base and productivity levels, and recognises that a combined focus by government, the wider public sector and private sector is the most effective way of improving the digital capabilities and processes of Scotland's businesses and workforce, which in turn will increase productivity, profitability and, as a consequence, result in higher paid jobs, building Scotland's reputation as an innovative nation.

Finlay Carson moved amendment S5M-14807.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14807 in the name of Kate Forbes (Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government, industry, workers, academics and citizens to capitalise on opportunities available to Scottish businesses under the UK-wide industrial strategy, including through city and region deals, sector deals as well as the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund and Innovate UK, which helps businesses develop new ideas and grow research and innovation strategies.”

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

James Kelly moved amendment S5M-14807.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14807 in the name of Kate Forbes (Developing Scotland's Digital Industries for our Economic Future), insert at end “; further recognises that Scotland's digital skills gap and the digital divide, which affects far too many people in rural communities, those on the lowest incomes, people with physical or mental health conditions, and older people and women, who are often digitally excluded, poses a threat to Scotland's

ability to maximise the benefits of digitisation; agrees that strategic leadership and a comprehensive strategy is needed, which includes ensuring that digital skills development is embedded in schools, from primary to further and higher education, that employers are supported to embrace retraining and upskilling, that existing infrastructure constraints, and other barriers to digital inclusion, are addressed and that the challenges of cybersecurity and securing digital democracy are recognised, and agrees that the development of a comprehensive strategy must have the principles of fair work at its heart and include the involvement of the trade unions to ensure that the benefits of digitisation can be realised for all.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the benefits of the digital economy to every business, region and citizen in Scotland; acknowledges the strong evidence of the importance of technology to growing Scotland’s business base and productivity levels; recognises that a combined focus by government, the wider public sector and private sector is the most effective way of improving the digital capabilities and processes of Scotland’s businesses and workforce, which in turn will increase productivity, profitability and, as a consequence, result in higher paid jobs, building Scotland’s reputation as an innovative nation; calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government, industry, workers, academics and citizens to capitalise on opportunities available to Scottish businesses under the UK-wide industrial strategy, including through city and region deals, sector deals as well as the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund and Innovate UK, which helps businesses develop new ideas and grow research and innovation strategies; further recognises that Scotland’s digital skills gap and the digital divide, which affects far too many people in rural communities, those on the lowest incomes, people with physical or mental health conditions, and older people and women, who are often digitally excluded, poses a threat to Scotland’s ability to maximise the benefits of digitisation; agrees that strategic leadership and a comprehensive strategy is needed, which includes ensuring that digital skills development is embedded in schools, from primary to further and higher education, that employers are supported to embrace retraining and upskilling, that existing infrastructure constraints, and other barriers to digital inclusion, are addressed and that the challenges of cybersecurity and securing digital democracy are recognised, and agrees that the development of a comprehensive strategy must have the principles of fair work at its heart and include the involvement of the trade unions to ensure that the benefits of digitisation can be realised for all.

**6. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14834—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 21 November 2018—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Committee Announcement:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, made an announcement on its report on *Confidentiality of reports from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards for Public Life in Scotland*.

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

**9. Offshore Wind Week 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-14466 in the name of Lewis Macdonald—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that Scotland has made to offshore wind since planning permission was granted in 2003 for the development of Scotland’s first offshore wind farm, Robin Rigg, in the Solway Firth; considers that Scotland has benefited from many other offshore wind projects in recent years, including Vattenfall’s European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre in Aberdeen Bay, which has been built with the support of EU funding to create and test new offshore wind technologies, Hywind Scotland, a floating wind farm developed by Equinor off Peterhead, which started power generation in October 2017, and the Kincardine Offshore Floating Wind Farm off the coast of Stonehaven, which is expected to be the largest floating wind farm in the world when it is completed in 2020; understands that the contributions made by these and other projects will be recognised and celebrated during Offshore Wind Week 2018, which runs from 19 to 23 November and is an annual event supported by Scottish Renewables; notes the hope that a pipeline of successful projects can be secured in future leasing rounds by ensuring an adequate provision of shallow and deep water sites; further notes the view that government at all levels needs to support the offshore wind sector to ensure that its success continues, particularly beyond 2030, and looks forward to more offshore wind farms being developed in the coming years, contributing to Scotland’s energy mix.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

## No. 50, Wednesday 21 November 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**2. Scottish Crown Estate Bill – Stage 3:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14833—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Crown Estate Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 40 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 40 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 2 hours 15 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Scottish Crown Estate Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 10 (For 114, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
- 17 (For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 28)
- 18 (For 88, Against 1, Abstentions 27)
- 21A (For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 28)
- 21B (For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 28)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 28, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 33, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 26 (For 33, Against 85, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 7, 8, 4, 44, 45 and 5.

The following amendments were moved and with the agreement of the Parliament withdrawn: 6, 42, 3 and 43.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Scottish Crown Estate Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**4. Scottish Crown Estate Bill – Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-14822— That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Crown Estate Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 119, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**5. Crime (Overseas Production Orders) Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-14825—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Crime (Overseas Production Orders) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 27 June 2018, relating to the making of overseas production orders, the people who may apply for orders, the requirements for the making of orders, the content and effect of orders, the variation or revocation of orders, the inclusion of non-disclosure requirements in orders, restrictions on the service of orders, the retention of electronic data and its use as evidence, procedural matters to be determined by court rules, the requirements to notify holders of confidential journalistic data of applications for orders in relation to that data, the effect of notices of application, the means of serving an order, and definitions for the purposes of the Bill, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Lord Advocate, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Offensive Weapons Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-14827—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Offensive Weapons Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 20 June 2018, relating to the creation of new offences in respect of corrosives, stop and search powers in relation to the new offence of possession of a corrosive substance in public, certain procedural provisions relating to the corrosives offences, a new defence specific to remote sales relating to the existing offence of sale of bladed articles to under 18s, a new offence of delivery of bladed articles to residential premises, a new offence of delivery of bladed articles to under 18s when purchased remotely from outwith the UK, changes to the definition of a flick knife, a new offence of possession in all place of certain knives and offensive weapons, arrangements for disposal of these certain knives and offensive weapons, and prohibition of certain firearms and commencement powers, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14837—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 November 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Interim Findings of the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights on UK poverty

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Hear Me Too: 16 days of Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 November 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 29 November 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Ending Homelessness Together

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 December 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Public Petitions Committee debate: PE1463 on Thyroid and Adrenal Testing, Diagnosis and Treatment

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 5 December 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 6 December 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution - Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 28 November 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer"

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 29 November 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-14838 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2018 Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-14839 Change to Committee Remit**—That the Parliament agrees, under Rule 6.1, that the remit of the following mandatory committee be amended—

Name of Committee: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.4 shall be added—

Matters relating to Scottish general elections falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness:** The Parliament debated S5M-13860 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes that November marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and that 15 November 2018 is World Pancreatic Cancer Day; congratulates all of the pancreatic cancer charities and their supporters on working tirelessly to raise awareness of the condition; understands that it is one of the least survivable cancers and the fifth most common cause of cancer death in Scotland; notes that, while there are currently no screenings or early detection tests, some are in development; recognises that early detection is vital to improving a person's chance of survival by ensuring early access to treatment; appreciates that this need for early diagnosis makes awareness and knowledge of the condition all the more important, and welcomes all efforts in this cause.

The meeting closed at 6.44 pm.

**No. 51, Thursday 22 November 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Arthritis Research UK Survey on Access to Work:** The Parliament debated S5M-13271 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament welcomes the survey by Arthritis Research UK and Arthritis Care Scotland, which has gathered information for, and raised awareness of, the Access to Work Scheme for people who live with arthritis and related musculoskeletal conditions, such as back pain; recognises that the scheme was created in 1994 as a specialist disability service giving practical advice and support to disabled people who are working, self-employed or looking for work; welcomes the news that around 36,470 people were helped by the scheme in 2015-16 across the UK; notes that, in Scotland, it is estimated that almost 1.5 million people live with a musculoskeletal condition, including in the Scottish Borders; understands that these conditions, such as arthritis and back pain, are a leading cause of sickness absence, including among the NHS workforce, which has an impact on the individual, the health service and the wider economy, if those individuals are not supported, and supports the work by Arthritis Research UK and Arthritis Care Scotland to raise awareness of the Access to Work Scheme to help all those in Scotland and the UK who could benefit from it, and looks forward to the results and findings of the survey that are due in 2018.

**4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Energy Efficient Scotland.

**6. Scotland's Economic Performance and Economic Data:** Gordon Lindhurst, on behalf of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, moved S5M-14824—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee's 5th Report 2018 (Session 5), *Scotland's Economic Performance* (SP Paper 359), and its 3rd Report 2018 (Session 5), *How To Make Data Count: Improving The Quality And Coverage Of Our Economic Statistics* (SP Paper 277).

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

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

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

## No. 52, Tuesday 27 November 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Ms Angela Morgan, former Chief Executive, Includem, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) made a statement and answered questions on the interim findings of the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights on UK poverty.

**4. Hear Me Too: 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-14904—That the Parliament welcomes the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence and 2018's theme to “End Gender-based Violence in the World of Work”; commends the many activists and organisations, both in Scotland and across the world, that are providing frontline support for survivors, raising awareness of this important issue and working tirelessly to challenge the underlying attitudes and inequalities that perpetuate violence against women and girls; reaffirms its support for Equally Safe, Scotland's strategy to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls; reflects on the advancements made and welcomes the publication of the first progress report for Equally Safe; continues its work to eliminate sexual harassment; notes that this is a societal issue and calls on communities everywhere to stand shoulder to shoulder in sending a clear message that violence against women and girls is never acceptable, and urges everyone in Scotland to continue to challenge harassment and abuse, hold perpetrators to account for their behaviour and work together to build a Scotland where everyone can live equally safe.

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

**5. Committee Announcement:** Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, made an announcement on the Committee's inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland.

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

**7. Investigation into Bullying Claims at NHS Highland:** The Parliament debated S5M-14643 in the name of Edward Mountain—That the Parliament condemns bullying in any shape or form; welcomes the independent external investigation to examine the claims of bullying in the workplace at NHS Highland, which was announced by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on 2 November 2018, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the matter is resolved fully and promptly.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

**No. 53, Wednesday 28 November 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs and then on Government Business and Constitutional Relations were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. New Approach Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis:** Miles Briggs moved S5M-14914—That the Parliament recognises the drug-related public health crisis; understands that the number of people engaged in problematic use of opiates and/or benzodiazepines has increased since 2007, with 934 fatalities recorded in 2017, and that Scotland now has the highest drug death rate in Europe; considers that the Scottish Government's draft drug and alcohol strategy, All Together Now, is not fit for purpose, and that it will not deliver the additional capacity or intervention needed to reduce Scotland's damaging drug and alcohol levels, and recognises that a new approach is needed to tackle this crisis.

The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved amendment S5M-14914.2—

As an amendment to S5M-14914 in the name of Miles Briggs (New Approach Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis), leave out from "drug-related" to end and insert "public health crisis related to the harm associated with the use of opiates and/or benzodiazepines and other drugs; further recognises that the harm has increased since 2007, with 934 fatalities recorded in 2017; believes that Scotland needs a drug and alcohol strategy founded on the principles of rights, recovery and respect, and which places public health at its heart and does not stigmatise those seeking recovery or harm reduction, and calls on the UK Government to make the necessary changes to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to allow the creation of a medically supervised safe consumption facility in Glasgow, or empower the Scottish Parliament to do so."

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-14914.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14914 in the name of Miles Briggs (New Approach Needed to Tackle Scotland's Drugs Crisis), leave out from "related" to end and insert "and alcohol-related public health crisis; understands that the number of people engaged in problematic use of opiates and/or benzodiazepines has increased since 2007, with 934 fatalities recorded in 2017, and that Scotland now has the highest drug death rate in Europe, and calls on to the Scottish Government to take an evidence-based approach and declare this a "public health emergency" as called for by the Scottish Drugs Forum; considers that the Scottish Government's draft drug and alcohol strategy, All Together Now, is not fit for purpose, and that it will not deliver the additional capacity or intervention needed to reduce Scotland's damaging drug and alcohol levels, and recognises that a new approach is needed to tackle this crisis; accepts that the stigma experienced by people with alcohol and drug issues and their families is a barrier to recovery and believes that the strategy must go further to address this in order to achieve long-lasting culture change;

believes that greater priority must be placed on preventative action, harm reduction and reducing health inequalities to help people avoid harmful substance use in the first place; recognises that a commitment to reducing alcohol- and drug-related deaths and poor health outcomes must be backed by sustainable funding for alcohol and drug partnerships and strong public services; calls for the new strategy to include a target to reduce the number of drug-related deaths by 50% in the next five years and in line with the World Health Organization's Global Status Report on Non-Communicable Diseases 2014; agrees that the Scottish Government should adopt a national target to reduce population alcohol consumption in Scotland by at least 10% over the next 10 years, and recognises that there are distinct needs in relation to alcohol that require specialist responses, including acute alcohol withdrawal, foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, alcohol-related brain damage, liver scanning and alcohol brief interventions, which should be reflected in the Scottish Government's forthcoming action plan."

After debate, amendment S5M-14914.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 32, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-14914.3 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the public health crisis related to the harm associated with the use of opiates and/or benzodiazepines and other drugs; further recognises that the harm has increased since 2007, with 934 fatalities recorded in 2017; believes that Scotland needs a drug and alcohol strategy founded on the principles of rights, recovery and respect, and which places public health at its heart and does not stigmatise those seeking recovery or harm reduction, and calls on the UK Government to make the necessary changes to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to allow the creation of a medically supervised safe consumption facility in Glasgow, or empower the Scottish Parliament to do so.

**3. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14958— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 December 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Public Petitions Committee debate: PE1463 on thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Strategy for our Veterans – taking it forward in Scotland

*followed by* Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill (UK Legislation)

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 5 December 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Protecting Our Interests: Scotland's Response to the UK Government and EU's Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 6 December 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution - Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 11 December 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

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5.00 pm Decision Time

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Wednesday 12 December 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Final Stage Proceedings: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 13 December 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 5 December 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 6 December 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-14959—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 1 February 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-14960 Committee Size**—That the Parliament agrees, further to motion S5M-13781, that the size of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be reduced from 9 to 7 members.

**S5M-14981 Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Finance and Constitution Committee and the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee can meet jointly during the afternoon meeting of the Parliament after First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 29 November 2018 for the purpose of considering business arising from the UK’s exit from the European Union.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Planned Bank of Scotland Branch Closures:** The Parliament debated S5M-14782 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament condemns the Bank of Scotland’s intention to close seven branches across the country; understands that thousands of Bank of Scotland customers who depend on branches in Burnside, Dundee, Keith, Kirriemuir, Lossiemouth, Paisley, Stonehouse and Glasgow St George’s Cross in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency will be negatively affected by the closures; considers that there is a need for a continued face-to-face banking service in local communities for those who remain reliant on high street branches, and believes that national banks have a duty to fully consult their customers before making such critical decisions.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

**No. 54, Thursday 29 November 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. St Andrew's Day 2018, Make Someone's Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-14747 in the name of Tom Arthur—That the Parliament welcomes the celebration of St Andrew's Day; understands that the theme in 2018 is, Make Someone's Day; notes the view that everyone should celebrate the national day; believes that it is an opportunity to promote Scotland to the world as an inclusive and outward looking nation; welcomes the launch of St Andrew's Fair Saturday, which will take place on 1 December; understands that this will be a celebration of arts and culture, and considers the celebrations to be an opportunity for people in Scotland across all faiths, beliefs, cultures and ethnic origins, and Scots internationally, to mark the contribution of Scotland at home and across the globe.

**4. Ending Homelessness Together:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-14962—That the Parliament agrees that everyone should have a safe, warm, settled home; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to end homelessness and rough sleeping and transform temporary accommodation; welcomes the comprehensive work of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group and the Local Government and Communities Committee to set out recommendations and actions to achieve this shared ambition; supports the publication of the Ending Homelessness Together Action Plan, which addresses these recommendations and sets out the steps that the Scottish Government will take in partnership with COSLA, local authorities, the third and public sectors and others across housing, and welcomes the role of the cross-sector Homelessness Prevention and Strategy Group in overseeing implementation of this action plan to deliver an end to homelessness and rough sleeping.

Graham Simpson moved amendment S5M-14962.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14962 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Ending Homelessness Together), insert at end “, and urges the Scottish Government to announce legislation in its next Programme for Government to limit the time that a person has to spend in unsuitable temporary accommodation to no more than seven days.”

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

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-14962.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14962 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Ending Homelessness Together), insert at end “; agrees that there are complex reasons why people become homeless, including mental and physical health

reasons, and welcomes the government's commitment to embed homelessness as a priority for improving public health; recognises the gendered dynamics of homelessness and welcomes the work being done by Scottish Women's Aid and the Chartered Institute of Housing on the needs of women and children fleeing domestic abuse, and recognises the key role that frontline staff in local authorities will play in the successful delivery of the action plan, but believes that they need additional resources to reflect this."

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

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-14962.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-14962 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Ending Homelessness Together), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to maintain its commitment to ensuring that homelessness is prevented in the first place by reviewing current private rented sector law, including Schedule 3 of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016, which currently provides landlords with 18 statutory eviction grounds to threaten and force tenants, through no fault of their own, into homelessness.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that everyone should have a safe, warm, settled home; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to end homelessness and rough sleeping and transform temporary accommodation; welcomes the comprehensive work of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group and the Local Government and Communities Committee to set out recommendations and actions to achieve this shared ambition; supports the publication of the Ending Homelessness Together Action Plan, which addresses these recommendations and sets out the steps that the Scottish Government will take in partnership with COSLA, local authorities, the third and public sectors and others across housing, and welcomes the role of the cross-sector Homelessness Prevention and Strategy Group in overseeing implementation of this action plan to deliver an end to homelessness and rough sleeping; urges the Scottish Government to announce legislation in its next Programme for Government to limit the time that a person has to spend in unsuitable temporary accommodation to no more than seven days; agrees that there are complex reasons why people become homeless, including mental and physical health reasons, and welcomes the government's commitment to embed homelessness as a priority for improving public health; recognises the gendered dynamics of homelessness and welcomes the work being done by Scottish Women's Aid and the Chartered Institute of Housing on the needs of women and children fleeing domestic abuse, and recognises the key role that frontline staff in local authorities will play in the successful delivery of the action plan, but believes that they need additional resources to reflect this.

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

**No. 55, Tuesday 4 December 2018**

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.

**No. 56, Wednesday 5 December 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Protecting Our Interests: Scotland's Response to the UK Government and EU's Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) moved S5M-15032—That the Parliament agrees that both a no deal outcome and the outcomes arising from the withdrawal agreement and political declaration setting out the framework for the future relationship between the EU and the UK, as presented to the House of Commons by the Prime Minister, would be damaging for Scotland and the nations and regions of the UK as a whole, and therefore recommends that they be rejected and that a better alternative be taken forward.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

**3. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15045—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 11 December 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 December 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Scotland's Interests: Response to the Outcome of the Meaningful Vote in Westminster

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Draft Spending and Tax Plans for 2019-20

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 December 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights

followed by Final Stage: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 December 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 December 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 December 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 12 December 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer"

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 13 December 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15046—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transport (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 1 March 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15047—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 March 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15048—That the Parliament agrees that the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 (Variation of Schedule 5) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Remembering Conscientious Objectors:** The Parliament debated S5M-14915 in the name of Alison Johnstone—That the Parliament notes the proposal by the Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre for a memorial to conscientious objectors and all who oppose war; further notes that the Transport and Environment Committee of the City of Edinburgh Council has approved the proposal for this memorial, which would be located in Princes St Gardens; believes that such a memorial would provide an important opportunity for people to reflect on the value of peacemakers around the world, as well as on the bravery of conscientious objectors during the First World War and what it considers their inhumane treatment by the government; congratulates the Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre on its work on this project, and wishes it well with its crowd funder to raise money to create the memorial.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

## No. 57, Thursday 6 December 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. 30th World AIDS Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-14820 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes that 1 December 2018 will mark the 30th World AIDS Day; recognises that the day offers the opportunity to raise awareness of HIV, to challenge stigma, and to reflect on the progress that has been made in the fight against HIV in Scotland and around the world; understands that, with early diagnosis and effective treatment, it is a manageable long-term health condition; recognises however, that it continues to represent a significant public health concern, affecting some of the most marginalised groups in society and often driven by stigma and discrimination; believes that such stigma has a damaging impact on the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people living with the condition and that it acts as a disincentive to access testing and treatment; considers that this can undermine efforts to reduce new infections; commends the joint work of Waverley Care and Scotland's NHS boards across to promote the "Undetectable=Untransmittable" (U=U) message, which is that a person living with HIV who achieves and maintains an undetectable viral load cannot pass on the virus through sex; recognises that this message has been endorsed by health professionals, charities and campaigners worldwide, including the British HIV Association, and believes that information around U=U, and other HIV prevention options, including pre-exposure prophylaxis, can contribute to an improved understanding of HIV, a reduction in stigma and fewer new infections.

**4. Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-15055—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill—Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-14969—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15076—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for——

(a) Thursday 13 December 2018—

delete

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights

insert

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: The UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Reference by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland to the UK Supreme Court

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights

(b) Wednesday 19 December 2018—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

insert

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

## No. 58, Tuesday 11 December 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Right Reverend Bruce Cameron (Perth) Retired Bishop, Former Chair of Faith in Older People, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations:** The Cabinet Secretary for (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-15096—That the Parliament acknowledges the conclusion of coastal state negotiations and the bilateral negotiation with Norway on shared stocks in the North Sea and the forthcoming annual fisheries negotiations in Brussels; notes that 2019 will see the full implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish stocks and that the outcome of the Brussels negotiations will be pivotal in helping Scotland’s fishing fleet to reduce the potential impacts of choke species; is concerned that failure to explore and adopt all available solutions in this regard could potentially tie the fleet up; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to respect the scientific advice in relation to next year’s quotas, and supports its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland’s fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors at the Brussels negotiations.

Peter Chapman moved amendment S5M-15096.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15096 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations), insert at end “, and recognises the opportunities that leaving the EU and CFP presents for the Scottish fishing industry.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 1).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-15096.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15096 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations), insert at end “; notes that there will be increases in quotas; calls on the Scottish Government to support the industry to grow to meet the increased capacity both within the catching sector and processing, and further calls for protected quota shares for new entrants with smaller community-based vessels.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-15096.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15096 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations), insert at end “; is concerned by recent reports of alleged illegal fishing activities, and calls for the use of robust vessel tracking and monitoring technology on all Scottish fishing vessels.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 31, Abstentions 17).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-15096.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15096 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End of Year Negotiations), after “next year’s quotas,” insert “but recognises the importance of real time science data and accurate, current stock assessments as part of this approach.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 26, Abstentions 17).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the conclusion of coastal state negotiations and the bilateral negotiation with Norway on shared stocks in the North Sea and the forthcoming annual fisheries negotiations in Brussels; notes that 2019 will see the full implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish stocks and that the outcome of the Brussels negotiations will be pivotal in helping Scotland’s fishing fleet to reduce the potential impacts of choke species; is concerned that failure to explore and adopt all available solutions in this regard could potentially tie the fleet up; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to respect the scientific advice in relation to next year’s quotas but recognises the importance of real time science data and accurate, current stock assessments as part of this approach, and supports its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland’s fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors at the Brussels negotiations; notes that there will be increases in quotas; calls on the Scottish Government to support the industry to grow to meet the increased capacity both within the catching sector and processing; further calls for protected quota shares for new entrants with smaller community-based vessels; is concerned by recent reports of alleged illegal fishing activities, and calls for the use of robust vessel tracking and monitoring technology on all Scottish fishing vessels.

**4. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

**5. 60th Anniversary of the Ultrasound Scanner, Invented in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-14921 in the name of Angela Constance—That the Parliament recognises that 2018 marks the 60th anniversary of the pioneering innovation, the obstetric ultrasound scanner, following the publication in 1958 of the seminal paper by Donald, MacVicar and Brown, which brought about its development; commends Professor Dugald Cameron who, when he was a final year student that year at The Glasgow School of Art, designed the prototype and worked with a young engineer, Tom Brown, to develop the production version, which was the first of its kind in the world; understands that, since its invention in Scotland, this globally-significant breakthrough has been used to perform over 8.7 million scans annually in the UK, with women in particular benefiting from this safe and non-invasive imaging technique; believes that the scanner has grown in stature, not only as a vital medical tool for the care of pregnant women, but in offering essential diagnosis for a plethora of conditions in men, women and children; acknowledges

that it has also expanded into certain therapeutic areas; lauds the late Professor Ian Donald of the University of Glasgow who, after serving as an RAF medical officer in the Second World War, used the concept of adapting radar and sonar technology for medical use to invent this revolutionary technique; recognises the essential contribution of Tom Brown, whose creative technical expertise and collaboration with Donald and others made it possible for this application of ultrasound to be developed, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to support efforts to encourage the country's museums and others in Almond Valley and across the country in recognising the importance of the obstetric ultrasound scanner and its place in the nation's industrial design, invention and innovation history and heritage.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

**No. 59, Wednesday 12 December 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Brexit Update.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government's draft spending and tax plans for 2019-20.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15118—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 December 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Preparations for EU Exit

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Conduct of Reviews and Inquiries

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 19 December 2018

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Reforming Mental Health Services

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Early Learning and Childcare Expansion

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Contribution of EU citizens to Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 20 December 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 January 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 January 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 10 January 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 19 December 2018, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer"

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 20 December 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15119—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 1 February 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15120—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Fisheries Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Remembering the Korean War:** The Parliament debated S5M-15011 in the name of Gordon Lindhurst—That the Parliament remembers the UK service personnel who fought and died in the Korean War, including the thousands of veterans who were held as prisoners; notes that 2018 saw the 65th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on 27 July 1953 between representatives of the UN Command, the Korean People’s Army and the Chinese People’s Volunteer Army, which put into place the demilitarized zone close to the 38th parallel and a cease-fire that brought to an end the armed conflict that had lasted since June 1950; recognises that almost 100,000 British troops fought in the war, with more than 1,000, including over 230 Scots, losing their lives and that around 1,000 were taken prisoner; acknowledges that many veterans have expressed the feeling that they were part of a “forgotten” war and have said that, on return home, people did not want to hear their story; welcomes the Scottish Korean War Memorial, which was opened on 27 June 2000 in the Bathgate Hills, West Lothian; appreciates the project, West Lothian and the Forgotten War, which was set up in 2008 and worked for two years with veterans and children from a school in the area to educate the young people about the campaign; recognises the recent action taken by West Lothian Council to install more signage in relation to the memorial, and notes the calls by the Korean War Memorial Trust for Transport Scotland to place signage on the M8 and M9 so that veterans and visitors can more easily access the site.

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

**No. 60, Thursday 13 December 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. St Andrews' GP Out-of-hours Facility:** The Parliament debated S5M-15013 in the name of Willie Rennie—That the Parliament notes the proposal by the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership to close the GP out-of-hours facility in St Andrews; further notes the reported criticism from the community regarding the consultation process; understands there has nonetheless been a large response to the consultation from people in east Fife, and that over 6,000 have signed a petition and more than 2,000 have submitted objection postcards; believes that the Dundee Kings Cross out-of-hours facility is often at capacity and consequently finds it difficult to accept patients from north Fife; understands that there is a large number of students and older people in the east Fife area; believes that GPs from the area are prepared to step up to provide a local service, and notes the calls for the St Andrews' facility to be retained.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Lord Advocate (James Wolffe) made a statement and answered questions on the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Reference by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland to the UK Supreme Court.

**5. Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-15126—That the Parliament reaffirms its long-standing commitment to human rights and human dignity and to the principles of equality, democracy and the rule of law; notes with approval that 2018 is the 70th anniversary of the adoption by the UN of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; further notes similarly that Scotland has enjoyed 20 years of the vitally-important human rights safeguards that are contained in the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Scotland Act 1998; expresses its wish that all of Scotland should work in concert to promote and vindicate human rights for all, keeping pace with progressive international standards and demonstrating global leadership; notes the publication on Human Rights Day 2018 of the report and recommendations of the First Minister's Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership; welcomes the report and recommendations of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee, which was published on 26 November 2018, following the human rights inquiry that it carried out, and agrees that the Scottish Government should now take action, in partnership with civil society, the Parliament and all parties, to ensure that Scotland continues to lead by example across the full spectrum of civil, political, economic, social, cultural and environmental rights.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-15126.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15126 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights), after “carried out,” insert “and notes the balance of support within the committee for the report’s conclusions,”.

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

Mary Fee moved amendment S5M-15126.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15126 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights), insert at end “; believes that cuts to public services and social security pose a risk to the human rights of those living in Scotland, and agrees with the First Minister’s Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership that ‘too many people are not enjoying their rights in everyday life’ and ‘in too many places services are not meeting needs’.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-15126.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15126 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights), insert at end “, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into law and its move to meet the minimum age of criminal responsibility specified by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, both of which are prerequisites in establishing Scotland as an international human rights leader.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 0, Abstentions 24).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 24).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament reaffirms its long-standing commitment to human rights and human dignity and to the principles of equality, democracy and the rule of law; notes with approval that 2018 is the 70th anniversary of the adoption by the UN of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; further notes similarly that Scotland has enjoyed 20 years of the vitally-important human rights safeguards that are contained in the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Scotland Act 1998; expresses its wish that all of Scotland should work in concert to promote and vindicate human rights for all, keeping pace with progressive international standards and demonstrating global leadership; notes the publication on Human Rights Day 2018 of the report and recommendations of the First Minister’s Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership; welcomes the report and recommendations of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee, which was published on 26 November 2018, following the human rights inquiry that it carried out and notes the balance of support within the committee for the report’s conclusions; agrees that the Scottish Government should now take action, in partnership with civil society, the Parliament and all parties, to ensure that Scotland continues to lead by

example across the full spectrum of civil, political, economic, social, cultural and environmental rights, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into law and its move to meet the minimum age of criminal responsibility specified by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, both of which are prerequisites in establishing Scotland as an international human rights leader.

**6. Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill – Final Stage:** The Bill was considered at its Final Stage.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9A.10.5A that, in his view, no provision of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill – Final Stage:** Tom Arthur on behalf of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee moved S5M-14447—That the Parliament agrees that the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-15149 Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that—

George Adam be appointed to replace Keith Brown as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Keith Brown be appointed to replace George Adam as a member of the Social Security Committee.

**S5M-15150 Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Richard Lyle be appointed to replace Joan McAlpine as Scottish National Party substitute on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7, and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

## No. 61, Tuesday 18 December 2018

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.

## No. 62, Wednesday 19 December 2018

The meeting opened at 1.00 pm.

**1. Centenary of the Iolaire Disaster:** The Parliament debated S5M-14614 in the name of Alasdair Allan— That the Parliament commemorates with great sadness the Iolaire disaster of 1 January 1919, when at least 201 men, mainly those returning home to the islands of Lewis and Harris after active service in the Royal Navy, lost their lives; remembers this terrible event, which took place when HMY Iolaire struck the Beasts of Holm, a group of rocks only around three miles from where the men's families were waiting for them at Stornoway Harbour; notes the series of commemorations that will take place in the islands around the centenary, and commends the efforts that are being made in the community and nationally to give due recognition to a disaster that, for many decades afterwards, had a devastating impact on the people of the Western Isles.

**2. Motion Without Notice:** Alasdair Allan moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Security and Older People and Communities and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) made a statement and answered questions on Reforming Mental Health Services.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Early Learning and Childcare Expansion.

**6. Contribution of EU Citizens to Scotland:** The Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-15184—That the Parliament welcomes the significant economic, social and cultural contributions made by EU citizens to Scotland; acknowledges that they are a welcome and integral part of communities across the country; notes that EU citizens are important contributors to key sectors such as health and social care, education, construction, tourism and hospitality, culture, rural industries and financial services; recognises that EU citizens who have settled in Scotland have done so under freedom of movement; however, notes that the UK Government's policy is for EU citizens, including children, to enter an application process to obtain settled status and pay a fee to retain their existing rights to live, work and study in Scotland; recognises the risk that this charge could create a barrier for families and for individuals on low incomes; notes the Scottish Government commitment to meet the settled status fee for EU citizens working in devolved public services and to provide an information and advice service to support them; however, believes that EU citizens should not have to pay to retain rights that they already hold, and therefore calls on the UK Government to scrap its fee for settled status applications.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-15184.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15184 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Contribution of EU Citizens to Scotland), leave out from “however, notes that the UK Government’s policy” to end and insert “, and notes and welcomes that the first priority of the UK Government in the process of leaving the EU has always been to secure the status of EU citizens living in the UK, and UK nationals living in the EU.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-15184.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15184 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Contribution of EU Citizens to Scotland), after “freedom of movement;” insert “commends the work of organisations such as EU Citizens Rights Project, in partnership with stakeholders, to address the needs and concerns of EU citizens, ensuring that their voice is heard throughout the negotiation period;”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the significant economic, social and cultural contributions made by EU citizens to Scotland; acknowledges that they are a welcome and integral part of communities across the country; notes that EU citizens are important contributors to key sectors such as health and social care, education, construction, tourism and hospitality, culture, rural industries and financial services; recognises that EU citizens who have settled in Scotland have done so under freedom of movement; commends the work of organisations such as EU Citizens Rights Project, in partnership with stakeholders, to address the needs and concerns of EU citizens, ensuring that their voice is heard throughout the negotiation period; however, notes that the UK Government’s policy is for EU citizens, including children, to enter an application process to obtain settled status and pay a fee to retain their existing rights to live, work and study in Scotland; recognises the risk that this charge could create a barrier for families and for individuals on low incomes; notes the Scottish Government commitment to meet the settled status fee for EU citizens working in devolved public services and to provide an information and advice service to support them; however, believes that EU citizens should not have to pay to retain rights that they already hold, and therefore calls on the UK Government to scrap its fee for settled status applications.

**7. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15192—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 January 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Ultra Low Emission Vehicles

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 January 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Improving Animal Welfare

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Recognising the Life Sciences Sector in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 10 January 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Future Rural Policy and Support in Scotland

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 January 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 16 January 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 17 January 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 9 January 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 10 January 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15193—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 8 February 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15208—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 1 March 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15195—That the Parliament agrees that—

Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Andy Wightman as the Green Party substitute on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee;

Andy Wightman be appointed to replace Patrick Harvie as the Green Party substitute on the Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 10 as noted above.

**12. Scottish Government to Penalise Scots for Living Alone:** The Parliament debated S5M-14677 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament disagrees with the Scottish Water proposal to cut the single occupancy discount from over half a million people in Scotland; understands that, currently, 944,659 people in Scotland receive a discount from Scottish Water due to the fact that they receive Council Tax

Reduction or live alone; understands that the proposal is to instead offer discounts to only those who receive Council Tax Reduction, regardless of how many people live in the household; believes that this will see hundreds of thousands of people in Scotland, including those in the Dumbarton constituency, being forced to pay for far more water than they are actually using; considers that this will particularly affect older people who are on low and fixed incomes, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to work with Scottish Water to rethink what it considers this ill-advised proposal to penalise those who live alone.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

**No. 63, Thursday 20 December 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

The meeting closed at 12.48 pm.

**No. 64, Tuesday 8 January 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Colin Sinclair, Minister, Palmerston Place Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15278—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 8 January 2019—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Ultra-low Emission Vehicles

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Conclusion of Judicial Review

(b) Thursday 10 January 2019—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Future Rural Policy and Support in Scotland

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Implications of the White Paper on Immigration and the Population of Scotland

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Future Rural Policy and Support in Scotland

(c) Wednesday 16 January 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Protecting Scotland's Interests: Response to the Outcome of the Meaningful Vote in Westminster

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;  
Rural Economy

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ultra-low Emission Vehicles:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-15243—That the Parliament recognises the progress being made in Scotland on ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEV) during an unprecedented period of innovation in mobility; recognises that Scotland has one of Europe’s most comprehensive charge point networks and that this is continuing to be expanded, including the launch of the Electric A9; notes the promising growth in ULEV registrations in Scotland; further notes that the Scottish Government is on target to double the number of ULEVs in the public fleet, and recognises the leadership being shown by local authorities and other organisations to bring the benefits of ULEVs to communities across Scotland.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-15243.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15243 in the name of Michael Matheson (Ultra-low Emission Vehicles), insert at end “; understands that further efforts will be required for the Scottish Government to meet its 2032 target; underlines that additional steps will be required to tackle ‘range anxiety’ and ensure that sufficient charging points are available across Scotland, particularly in remote, rural and island communities; recognises that lack of standardisation of charging points remains an obstacle; understands that creative and innovative schemes and funds may be required to encourage uptake of ULEVs; recognises that concerted effort will be required to fully deliver the benefits of mass ULEV usage, and calls on all Members to adopt a cross-party approach to ensure that Scotland meets its obligations to reducing carbon emissions and continues to lead the world in tackling climate change.”

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

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-15243.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15243 in the name of Michael Matheson (Ultra-low Emission Vehicles), insert at end “; further recognises the importance of ULEVs to tackling air pollution and improving public health and tackling greenhouse gas emissions; notes the need for more investment in

infrastructure to significantly grow the use of ULEVs; believes that the promotion of ULEVs must also be accompanied by a modal shift towards increased use of public transport and active travel, within a better integrated, more affordable and sustainable public transport system; notes the importance of hydrogen as well as electricity in powering ULEVs, including potentially rail as well as road vehicles; welcomes the action already taken to promote hydrogen vehicles, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue working with local authorities and energy and transport companies on the further development of electric, hydrogen and other low-emission transport technologies in Scotland.”

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

John Finnie moved amendment S5M-15243.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15243 in the name of Michael Matheson (Ultra-low Emission Vehicles), after “registrations in Scotland” insert “; welcomes the important role that ULEVs can play in decarbonising the transport sector, but recognises that this technology does not address the need to cut congestion and to improve road safety”.

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

Liam McArthur moved amendment S5M-15243.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15243 in the name of Michael Matheson (Ultra-low Emission Vehicles), after “registrations in Scotland” insert “; understands, however, that Scotland lags behind European leaders in the provision of charge points and ULEV share; believes that the Scottish Government should urgently review how the charging network can be further expanded and efficiently maintained, and work with the UK Government to ensure that effective incentives are in place to support increased take-up of greener vehicles”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the progress being made in Scotland on ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEV) during an unprecedented period of innovation in mobility; recognises that Scotland has one of Europe’s most comprehensive charge point networks and that this is continuing to be expanded, including the launch of the Electric A9; notes the promising growth in ULEV registrations in Scotland; welcomes the important role that ULEVs can play in decarbonising the transport sector, but recognises that this technology does not address the need to cut congestion and to improve road safety; further notes that the Scottish Government is on target to double the number of ULEVs in the public fleet; recognises the leadership being shown by local authorities and other organisations to bring the benefits of ULEVs to communities across Scotland; understands that

further efforts will be required for the Scottish Government to meet its 2032 target; underlines that additional steps will be required to tackle 'range anxiety' and ensure that sufficient charging points are available across Scotland, particularly in remote, rural and island communities; recognises that lack of standardisation of charging points remains an obstacle; understands that creative and innovative schemes and funds may be required to encourage uptake of ULEVs; recognises that concerted effort will be required to fully deliver the benefits of mass ULEV usage; calls on all Members to adopt a cross-party approach to ensure that Scotland meets its obligations to reducing carbon emissions and continues to lead the world in tackling climate change; further recognises the importance of ULEVs to tackling air pollution and improving public health and tackling greenhouse gas emissions; notes the need for more investment in infrastructure to significantly grow the use of ULEVs; believes that the promotion of ULEVs must also be accompanied by a modal shift towards increased use of public transport and active travel, within a better integrated, more affordable and sustainable public transport system; notes the importance of hydrogen as well as electricity in powering ULEVs, including potentially rail as well as road vehicles; welcomes the action already taken to promote hydrogen vehicles, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue working with local authorities and energy and transport companies on the further development of electric, hydrogen and other low-emission transport technologies in Scotland.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Conclusion of Judicial Review.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

**7. Transport Infrastructure in South West Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-14266 in the name of Brian Whittle—That the Parliament recognises the importance of good transport links to the economy of south west Scotland and the country as a whole; acknowledges the reported concerns expressed by individuals, businesses and community campaign groups regarding the ability of the existing transport network in the south west, including the A77, A76, A75, the Bellfield interchange and the Stranraer-Ayr and Dumfries-Kilmarnock rail lines, to cope with existing demand; notes that the A77 and A75, which are the main road links used by traffic travelling to and from the Stena Line and P&O ferry terminals at Loch Ryan, are single carriageway roads over much of their length; understands that they offer few safe opportunities for overtaking and pass through a number of communities; believes that several campaign groups have been set up calling for various improvements to transport infrastructure, including investment in the trunk road network to bypass towns and villages and upgrading routes to dual carriageway where possible, the re-opening of Cumnock railway station, and improvements to reliability and quality of rail services; considers that good transport infrastructure plays a valuable role in economic development, tourism and quality of life, and, to boost the area's economy, reduce journey times, improve road safety and give it the best opportunity to succeed, notes calls for the Scottish Government to develop a long-term programme of sustained investment in the south west's transport infrastructure, similar to investment elsewhere in the country.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

**No. 65, Wednesday 9 January 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Economy and Fair Work were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Improving Animal Welfare.

**3. Recognising the Life Sciences Sector in Scotland:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-15261—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the life sciences sector to the Scottish economy; notes that February 2019 is the second anniversary of the publication of the industry-led Life Sciences Strategy; understands that the development of the strategy has seen the sector increase its turnover from £4 billion in 2015 to £5.2 billion in 2016 and that it is on track to meet its target to double sectoral turnover to £8 billion by 2025, and notes that this has been achieved through the strengthening of partnerships across industry, academia and with the NHS.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-15261.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15261 in the name of Ivan McKee (Recognising the Life Sciences Sector in Scotland), insert at end “; recognises the importance of the UK-wide domestic market to the life sciences sector in Scotland; notes the announcement that the UK Medicines Manufacturing Innovation Centre will be based in Renfrewshire and will receive £13 million from the UK Government’s Industrial Strategy Fund; further notes that the life sciences sector is a key pillar of the UK Government’s Industrial Strategy, and welcomes the announcement of the UK Government’s long-term plan for the NHS, which will result in a £2 billion funding boost for the Scottish Government.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-15261.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15261 in the name of Ivan McKee (Recognising the Life Sciences Sector in Scotland), insert at end “, and believes that future work across the sector must be in partnership with trades unions, as part of a wider industrial strategy.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the life sciences sector to the Scottish economy; notes that February

2019 is the second anniversary of the publication of the industry-led Life Sciences Strategy; understands that the development of the strategy has seen the sector increase its turnover from £4 billion in 2015 to £5.2 billion in 2016 and that it is on track to meet its target to double sectoral turnover to £8 billion by 2025; notes that this has been achieved through the strengthening of partnerships across industry, academia and with the NHS, and believes that future work across the sector must be in partnership with trades unions, as part of a wider industrial strategy.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15280—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 January 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Securing a Just Transition to a Carbon-neutral Economy

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 16 January 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Protecting Scotland's Interests: Response to the Outcome of the Meaningful Vote in Westminster

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 17 January 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating the Role of Credit Unions in Scotland's Communities

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 January 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 23 January 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 24 January 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Committees Budget Scrutiny

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 16 January 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer"

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 17 January 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

**6. Rotary Club of Currie Balerno Recycling PCs:** The Parliament debated S5M-15094 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament thanks the Rotary Club of Currie Balerno, which has recycled and provided used computers for schools in Africa for over six years with its partners, the Turing Trust; recognises that over

4,000 PCs have been wiped, refurbished, installed with educational materials and shipped to schools in Ghana, Malawi and other African countries; considers that there are not only social benefits from reusing old PCs but also environmental benefits from the offsetting of 2,058 tonnes of CO2 emissions so far, which is the equivalent of planting 5,145 trees; acknowledges that many of the project volunteers learned IT refurbishment skills and that four trainees have used their training and work experience as an opportunity to end long-term unemployment and get full-time jobs; understands that the club's most recent project, under the Scottish Government's small grants programme, is to provide computers for classrooms in Malawi over a three-year period and that, to date, it has helped 41,067 students to gain vital digital literacy skills; encourages potential donors to provide old computers, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to give greater consideration to smaller charities such as these to develop their projects and expertise.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

## No. 66, Thursday 10 January 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support, Getting it right for carers supporting someone at the end of life:** The Parliament debated S5M-15009 in the name of Mark Griffin—That the Parliament welcomes the new report by Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support, *Getting it right for carers supporting someone at the end of life*; notes that the report found that too many people caring for someone at the end of life are going unidentified and unsupported, carers supporting someone at the end of life without support are at risk of falling into crisis and a breakdown of care, the decline towards end of life and death can often be rapid, sometimes quicker than expected, and that the support needs of carers can be very high at this time; further notes that the report sets out that carers need to be identified early, need good care co-ordination and information to support them in their caring role, need respite and/or replacement care to give them a break, and that more needs to be done to identify those in caring roles, especially those caring for someone at the end of life and particularly by those in primary care roles, such as GPs and district nurses, and recognises the report's recommendation that all those caring for someone at end of life, including those in Central Scotland, should have their needs assessed quickly and a plan put in place to support them.
4. **Motion Without Notice:** Mark Griffin moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Implications of the white paper on immigration and the population of Scotland.
6. **Future Rural Policy and Support in Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-15279—That the Parliament acknowledges that future policy for Scotland's rural economy should be founded on key principles, including sustainability, simplicity, innovation, inclusion, productivity and profitability; recognises that it should seek to maintain flourishing communities, enable farmers and crofters to continue to deliver high-quality goods and services through food production and stewardship of the countryside and Scotland's natural assets, and encourage diverse land use; calls on the UK Government to deliver a fair allocation of future rural funds to Scotland, including fully replacing all lost EU funding, that will allow development and implementation of a funding support scheme that meets rural Scotland's needs and interests; further calls on the Scottish Government to convene a group consisting of producer, consumer and environmental organisations to inform and recommend a new bespoke policy on farming and food production for Scotland, and agrees that the Parliament should legislate for future rural policy.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-15279.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15279 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Future Rural Policy and Support in Scotland), leave out from “including fully replacing” to end and insert “which will allow the development and implementation of a funding support scheme that meets rural Scotland’s needs and interests; notes the serious concern across the farming and crofting sectors about the potential reduction of Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS) payments and the effects that this will have on livestock farming, given the unique importance of LFASS; welcomes the input of producer, consumer and environmental organisations in assisting with the formulation of a new bespoke policy on farming and food production for Scotland; notes the preference of the NFUS for a Scottish Schedule to the UK Agriculture Bill in order ‘to offer certainty and stability sooner rather than later’, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that it has sufficient legislative powers to implement a support scheme that will allow the active rural economy to transition from the current system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-15279.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15279 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Future Rural Policy and Support in Scotland), insert at end “; notes that, in designing a future farm payments system, there is an opportunity to mitigate current reductions to Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (LFASS) payments; recognises that any future system should prioritise payments to those farmers and agricultural workers most in need of financial support, due to land quality and distance from market, and notes that there is an opportunity to design a scheme that tackles rural poverty and food poverty, leads to sustainable development and inclusive growth, supports the repopulation of rural areas, protects the environment and addresses climate change.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-15279.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15279 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Future Rural Policy and Support in Scotland), after “land use;” insert “agrees that agricultural support is a key tool in addressing the climate emergency and emissions from agriculture and land use, and that future funding should help develop a net-zero emissions farming sector in Scotland;”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 27, Abstentions 6).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

**No. 67, Tuesday 15 January 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Wilhelmina Nesbitt, Rector, St John the Evangelist Church, Greenock, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Securing a Just Transition to a Carbon-neutral Economy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-15380—That the Parliament supports the application of just transition principles in Scotland, acknowledging the need to plan, invest in and implement a transition to carbon-neutrality in a way that is fair for all.

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-15380.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15380 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Securing a Just Transition to a Carbon-neutral Economy), insert at end “, and believes that implementing a circular economy strategy for Scotland is an effective and sustainable way to bring about this transition.”

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

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-15380.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15380 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Securing a Just Transition to a Carbon-neutral Economy), insert at end “, and further supports the just transition process through giving further consideration to the establishment of a statutory, long-term just transition commission, which should be well-funded, independent of government and accountable to the Parliament, building on the work of the present non-statutory commission.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-15380.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15380 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Securing a Just Transition to a Carbon-neutral Economy), insert at end “; recognises that global fossil fuel reserves far exceed the amount that can safely be used without causing catastrophic climate change; agrees therefore that the policy of maximum economic recovery of oil and gas, as advocated by both Scottish and UK governments, is incompatible with the Paris Agreement or with the goal of a just transition; supports an accelerated roll-out of renewable energy and decommissioning projects, creating secure and high-quality employment opportunities, and calls for the principles of a just transition to be embedded across all government infrastructure policy, planning and

projects, including the national investment bank and publicly-owned energy company.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 107, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 0, Abstentions 28).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the application of just transition principles in Scotland, acknowledging the need to plan, invest in and implement a transition to carbon-neutrality in a way that is fair for all; believes that implementing a circular economy strategy for Scotland is an effective and sustainable way to bring about this transition, and further supports the just transition process through giving further consideration to the establishment of a statutory, long-term just transition commission, which should be well-funded, independent of government and accountable to the Parliament, building on the work of the present non-statutory commission.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15413—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 17 January—

after

2.30 pm Celebrating the Role of Credit Unions in Scotland's Communities

insert

*followed by* Appointment of the Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15414—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Equalities and Human Rights Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 1.15pm to 2.15pm on Thursday 17 January 2019 for the purpose of taking evidence from Professor Ann Skelton, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, on the implications of setting 14 as an international standard for the minimum age of criminal responsibility.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Paisley Voted Britain's Top Town:** The Parliament debated S5M-14729 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament notes that Paisley has been named the best town in the UK and Ireland at the Academy of Urbanism Awards in London;

understands that the Great Town Award recognises the best, most enduring or most improved urban environments across the UK, Ireland and Europe, and this year focused on places that have been through transformation; acknowledges Paisley's recent achievements and the success of the City of Culture 2021 campaign in winning over the people of Paisley and helping to change the narrative and establish a "Positive Paisley" attitude; praises the efforts of everyone involved in transforming the town, and looks forward to the continued vision of confidence and community spreading across the town.

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm.

**No. 68, Wednesday 16 January 2019**

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Protecting Scotland's Interests: Response to the outcome of the meaningful vote in Westminster.

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and then on Rural Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**3. Scotland's Future Economy:** Richard Leonard moved S5M-15390—That the Parliament expresses its solidarity with the people and communities who have suffered as a result of recent workplace closures, including those at sites in Cambuslang, Dingwall, Dumfries and Galloway, Dundee, Livingston and Shotts; believes that Scotland's future economy needs to be rebalanced with an industrial strategy to promote indigenous business development and to grow a more diverse economy that puts the interests of employees and their communities at its heart, and calls on the Scottish Government to increase support for growing public, co-operative and employee ownership models.

Derek Mackay moved amendment S5M-15390.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15390 in the name of Richard Leonard (Scotland's Future Economy), insert at end “; urges the UK Government to support Scottish industry by providing an additional £388 million to match the Scottish Government's commitment of £1,584 million to deals and additional investments in city regions; recognises that the biggest threat to Scotland's economy, including its industrial sector, is leaving the EU, and calls on the UK Government to rule out a no deal Brexit.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-15390.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15390 in the name of Richard Leonard (Scotland's Future Economy), leave out from “believes that” to end and insert “notes the economic forecasts of the Scottish Fiscal Commission, which state that Scotland's economic growth will continue to be subdued over the next five years and will continue to underperform that of the UK; regrets Scottish Government policies that have made Scotland the highest-taxed part of the UK; believes that it is time for a new direction for Scotland's economy, and calls on the Scottish Government to work together with the UK Government to capitalise on opportunities arising from the UK-wide industrial strategy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament expresses its solidarity with the people and communities who have suffered as a result of recent workplace closures, including those at sites in Cambuslang, Dingwall, Dumfries and Galloway, Dundee, Livingston and Shotts; believes that Scotland’s future economy needs to be rebalanced with an industrial strategy to promote indigenous business development and to grow a more diverse economy that puts the interests of employees and their communities at its heart; calls on the Scottish Government to increase support for growing public, co-operative and employee ownership models; urges the UK Government to support Scottish industry by providing an additional £388 million to match the Scottish Government’s commitment of £1,584 million to deals and additional investments in city regions; recognises that the biggest threat to Scotland’s economy, including its industrial sector, is leaving the EU, and calls on the UK Government to rule out a no deal Brexit.

**4. Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill – UK Legislation:** Jeanne Freeman moved S5M-15391—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 26 October 2018, relating to powers to make healthcare payments; healthcare agreements and data processing, in so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15428—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 January 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: City Deal and Regional Economic Partnership

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 23 January 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Review of Personal and Social Education

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Waste Management

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Entrepreneurship

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 24 January 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Committees Budget Scrutiny

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 January 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 30 January 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations;  
Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 31 January 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 23 January 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer"

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 24 January 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-15416 Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 8 February 2019.

**S5M-15417 Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Damages (Investment Return and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 1 February 2019.

**S5M-15418 Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 8 March 2019.

The motions were agreed to.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15415—That the Parliament agrees that the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (Tolerable Standard) (Extension of Criteria) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 7 as noted above.

**9. Highland Youth Survey:** The Parliament debated S5M-15052 in the name of Gail Ross—That the Parliament notes the outcome of a survey by Highland and Islands Enterprise (HIE), which suggests that there has been an increase in the number of young people committed to staying in the Highlands; understands that almost all areas in the region report an increased proportion of young people expressing a commitment to staying, with over 54% expecting to be living in the Highlands in 10 years' time; acknowledges that fewer school leavers are committed to leaving than in 2015, with that figure falling from 56% to 42%; welcomes the positive view that 70% of participants in the survey considered that those who stayed in the Highlands were lucky to be able to work or study locally; notes what it sees as the important part that young people play in supporting thriving communities; recognises the role of the Highland City Region Deal in delivering projects, such as the Northern Innovation Hub and Science Skills Academy, and commends the work of HIE and the University of the Highlands and Islands, including their role in developing and implementing the Developing the Young Workforce strategy, which it considers has contributed to these positive findings.

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

**No. 69, Thursday 17 January 2019**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Fairer Hospital TV Charges:** The Parliament debated S5M-14486 in the name of Edward Mountain—That the Parliament believes that charges for bedside televisions in hospitals must be proportionate and affordable for all patients; understands that many hospitals in the Highlands and Islands and across Scotland are charging adult patients up to £9.90 per day to access bedside television; considers that accessing bedside television in hospitals can be prohibitively expensive for long-stay patients; understands that NHS boards receive no income for providing this service, and notes the calls for all NHS boards to renegotiate bedside television contracts when they are next up for renewal to ensure the best possible value for money for patients across Scotland.

**4. Celebrating the Role of Credit Unions in Scotland's Communities:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-15426—That the Parliament celebrates the vital role of credit unions in reducing inequality in Scotland by offering affordable loans and savings in the heart of communities, thereby protecting people from predatory lenders and unmanageable debt; recognises that these not-for-profit financial cooperatives provide ethical financial services to a combined membership of over 400,000 people living in Scotland; supports action to further raise the profile of this important sector, building on the Scottish Government's recent national campaign, Credit Unions: People, Not Profit, and welcomes the continued collaboration between the Scottish Government and the sector to ensure that credit unions continue to thrive for the benefit of Scotland's communities.

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-15426.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15426 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Celebrating the Role of Credit Unions in Scotland's Communities), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to do more to promote the value of payroll deductions among employers and increase awareness of credit unions in schools as part of a broader programme to build financial capability.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament celebrates the vital role of credit unions in reducing inequality in Scotland by offering affordable loans and savings in the heart of communities, thereby protecting people from predatory lenders and unmanageable debt; recognises that these not-for-profit financial

cooperatives provide ethical financial services to a combined membership of over 400,000 people living in Scotland; supports action to further raise the profile of this important sector, building on the Scottish Government's recent national campaign, Credit Unions: People, Not Profit; welcomes the continued collaboration between the Scottish Government and the sector to ensure that credit unions continue to thrive for the benefit of Scotland's communities, and calls on the Scottish Government to do more to promote the value of payroll deductions among employers and increase awareness of credit unions in schools as part of a broader programme to build financial capability.

**5. Appointment of the Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell), moved S5M-15423—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Social Security Committee that Bill Scott be appointed as Chair of the Poverty and Inequality Commission.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

## No. 70, Tuesday 22 January 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Rob McArthur, Pastor, River Church, Banff, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. City Deal and Regional Economic Partnership:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-15493— That the Parliament agrees that city region and regional growth deals are important catalysts in driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth across Scotland; notes that the UK Government has not yet made a formal commitment to discussing deals for Falkirk, Argyll and Bute and the Islands; calls on the UK Government to join with the Scottish Government in common purpose by agreeing a clear timetable to achieve 100% coverage of Scotland with growth deals; commends the Scottish Government's committed level of investment to date of £1,584 million in city region deals and additional investment in city regions, and the significant investment committed by regional partners in Scotland; urges the UK Government to provide a further £388 million to match the Scottish Government's investment commitment, and notes that all deals will provide a foundation for strong regional economic partnerships that will inspire collaboration to drive inclusive growth, enabling new jobs and wider economic opportunity.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-15493.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15493 in the name of Michael Matheson (City Deal and Regional Economic Partnership), leave out from “notes that the UK Government” to end and insert “welcomes the collaborative approach taken by the Scottish and UK governments in establishing the numerous city regional and regional growth deals; commends both governments for the significant joint investment across Scotland; calls on them to work together to ensure that every part of Scotland is covered by a growth deal; notes the report by the Local Government and Communities Committee, which recommends that both governments set out a clear timetable to achieve this aim, and reaffirms that the people of Scotland are best served when its two governments engage in a collaborative and cooperative manner to deliver sustained future investment into Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-15493.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15493 in the name of Michael Matheson (City Deal and Regional Economic Partnership), insert at end “, and agrees that the Glasgow City Region Deal's flagship Airport Access Project should be progressed as a matter of urgency.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that city region and regional growth deals are important catalysts in driving inclusive and sustainable economic growth across Scotland; notes that the UK Government has not yet made a formal commitment to discussing deals for Falkirk, Argyll and Bute and the Islands; calls on the UK Government to join with the Scottish Government in common purpose by agreeing a clear timetable to achieve 100% coverage of Scotland with growth deals; commends the Scottish Government's committed level of investment to date of £1,584 million in city region deals and additional investment in city regions, and the significant investment committed by regional partners in Scotland; urges the UK Government to provide a further £388 million to match the Scottish Government's investment commitment; notes that all deals will provide a foundation for strong regional economic partnerships that will inspire collaboration to drive inclusive growth, enabling new jobs and wider economic opportunity, and agrees that the Glasgow City Region Deal's flagship Airport Access Project should be progressed as a matter of urgency.

**4. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

**5. Cervical Screening Uptake Statistics:** The Parliament debated S5M-15194 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament notes the latest cervical screening uptake statistics, released in September 2018, which show that uptake is falling, with more than one in four women not taking up their invitation; understands that cervical screening is the best protection against cervical cancer and that falling screening attendance means that there will be more diagnoses that could have been prevented; commends the preventative work of the HPV Immunisation Programme in Scotland, which it understands has seen high uptakes of the HPV vaccine among S1 to S3 girls since 2008; supports Cervical Cancer Prevention Week, which runs from 21 to 27 January 2019, and notes calls for more to be done to remove barriers to screening and to make it easily accessible in the Central Scotland region and across the country.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

**No. 71, Wednesday 23 January 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity and then Justice and the Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, a Minister and the Lord Advocate.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on a Review of Personal and Social Education.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Clinical Waste Services.

**4. Supporting Entrepreneurship:** The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-15507—That the Parliament recognises the successes of Scotland’s entrepreneurial businesses and the potential of all of Scotland’s people; welcomes the collaborative approach to increasing and supporting entrepreneurship between the private sector and the Scottish Government; notes the crucial role played by Scotland’s entrepreneurs and the all-sector enterprise support network in developing the “Scotland CAN DO” approach, including through the Unlocking Ambition Challenge; further notes the role of the public sector in supporting entrepreneurship and innovation through organisations such as CivTech, and welcomes the commitment to build on this momentum, as set out in the Economic Action Plan.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-15507.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15507 in the name of Kate Forbes (Supporting Entrepreneurship), leave out from “, as set out” to end and insert “; notes the economic forecasts of the Scottish Fiscal Commission, which state that Scotland’s economic growth will continue to be subdued over the next five years and will continue to underperform that of the UK as a whole; further notes that Scotland’s business creation rate continues to lag behind the rest of the UK; recognises the impact that the Scottish Government’s policy of making Scotland the highest taxed part of the UK has on Scotland’s reputation as being open to entrepreneurs, and calls on the Scottish Government to change direction in economic policy in order to create the skills, business and financial environment in which entrepreneurship can flourish.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-15507.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15507 in the name of Kate Forbes (Supporting Entrepreneurship), insert at end “; notes the report from Women’s Enterprise Scotland highlighting barriers for women entrepreneurs getting

support; further notes concerns about the fragmentation of support for start-up businesses, especially for social enterprises, worker co-operatives and sole traders, while budgets for Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise decrease, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide streamlined support to business start-ups and to ensure that such support should continue in order to discourage successful businesses being bought over, rather than grown rooted in the Scottish economy.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 27, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the successes of Scotland’s entrepreneurial businesses and the potential of all of Scotland’s people; welcomes the collaborative approach to increasing and supporting entrepreneurship between the private sector and the Scottish Government; notes the crucial role played by Scotland’s entrepreneurs and the all-sector enterprise support network in developing the “Scotland CAN DO” approach, including through the Unlocking Ambition Challenge; further notes the role of the public sector in supporting entrepreneurship and innovation through organisations such as CivTech; welcomes the commitment to build on this momentum, as set out in the Economic Action Plan; notes the report from Women’s Enterprise Scotland highlighting barriers for women entrepreneurs getting support; further notes concerns about the fragmentation of support for start-up businesses, especially for social enterprises, worker co-operatives and sole traders, while budgets for Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise decrease, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide streamlined support to business start-ups and to ensure that such support should continue in order to discourage successful businesses being bought over, rather than grown rooted in the Scottish economy.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15515—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 January 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: St John’s Paediatric Services Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Business: A Connected Scotland: The Scottish Government’s Strategy for Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Appointment of a New Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 30 January 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Response to the latest EU Exit vote in Westminster

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 31 January 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 February 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution – Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 February 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Debate: Inquiry into Salmon Farming in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 February 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution - Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 30 January 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 31 January 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-15514 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands etc) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 0, Abstentions 27).

**S5M-15552 Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament, after Topical Questions, on Tuesday 29 January 2019 in order to consider its draft report on the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Celebrating the Reach of Adult Learning:** The Parliament debated S5M-15186

in the name of Colin Beattie—That the Parliament acknowledges the partnership established between Midlothian Council’s Lifelong Learning and Employability Service and Melville Housing to assist tenants to improve their digital skills through cooking, specifically supporting people on low incomes in the Dalkeith, Mayfield and Easthouses areas; believes that, by providing a unique adult learning programme that develops digital skills, financial capacity, research and use of online information, this has helped tenants become more aware of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle;

understands that the participants were able to develop social networks to reduce social isolation; welcomes what it sees as the outstanding contribution that community-based adult learning makes to people, and welcomes debate about the impact and effect of adult learning in disadvantaged communities across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

## No. 72, Thursday 24 January 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Remembering the Holocaust:** The Parliament debated S5M-15264 in the name of Richard Lyle—That the Parliament recognises that 27 January 2019 is Holocaust Memorial Day; believes that the day is an important opportunity to reflect on the tragedy of the Holocaust and the atrocities committed during the times of Nazi rule in Germany; remembers that approximately 17 million people lost their lives during this dark time with 6 million of those being Jews; considers that the pain, suffering and sorrow that was caused comes from views rooted in hatred and prejudice and perpetrated by those with dangerous thoughts of superiority; acknowledges that it has almost been 70 years since the Holocaust; reiterates its condemnation of the actions of those involved, and supports the victims of this and other genocides throughout recent history; commends all service personnel who fought in defence of liberty, freedom and justice, especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, and reiterates its commitment to condemning any antisemitic action or language present today and defending all ethnic groups that are oppressed and persecuted throughout the world.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Richard Lyle moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Committees Budget Scrutiny:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee, moved S5M-15421—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by parliamentary committees.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

**No. 73, Tuesday 29 January 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Brogan Carberry and Zaina Bouazza, Lessons from Auschwitz Ambassadors, Holocaust Educational Trust, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on St John's Paediatric Services Update.

**4. A Connected Scotland, the Scottish Government's Strategy for Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-15609—That the Parliament recognises that social isolation and loneliness are issues that can affect people at any age, stage or walk of life; welcomes the recent publication of the Scottish Government's national strategy, A Connected Scotland, which has been backed by £1 million to support innovative projects and approaches to bring people together; thanks those individuals and organisations that have contributed their ideas to the strategy, and recognises that Scotland's people and communities know what is best for them in tackling these issues and that, across the public, private and third sectors, everyone has a part to play to tackle social isolation and loneliness and build a more connected Scotland.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-15609.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15609 in the name of Christina McKelvie (A Connected Scotland, the Scottish Government's Strategy for Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness), after "bring people together;" insert "calls for increased awareness of youth loneliness, greater social prescribing and a national awareness campaign;"

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

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-15609.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15609 in the name of Christina McKelvie (A Connected Scotland, the Scottish Government's Strategy for Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness), insert at end " ; further recognises the key role of local communities, local services and the third sector in preventing social isolation; notes that the UN rapporteur's preliminary report on extreme poverty and human rights in the UK stated that 'many of the public places and institutions that previously brought communities together, such as libraries, community and recreation centres, and public parks, have been steadily dismantled or undermined', and agrees that the impact of ongoing austerity on local services, the third sector and local communities must be addressed as part of the strategy to tackle social isolation and loneliness."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that social isolation and loneliness are issues that can affect people at any age, stage or walk of life; welcomes the recent publication of the Scottish Government’s national strategy, A Connected Scotland, which has been backed by £1 million to support innovative projects and approaches to bring people together; calls for increased awareness of youth loneliness, greater social prescribing and a national awareness campaign; thanks those individuals and organisations that have contributed their ideas to the strategy, and recognises that Scotland’s people and communities know what is best for them in tackling these issues and that, across the public, private and third sectors, everyone has a part to play to tackle social isolation and loneliness and build a more connected Scotland.

**5. Appointment of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** Kezia Dugdale, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-15582—That the Parliament agrees to the appointment of Caroline Anderson as the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15619—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 30 January 2019—

delete

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Response to the latest EU Exit vote in Westminster

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

delete

5.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

**8. Housing Through the Lens of Ageing:** The Parliament debated S5M-15454 in the name of Graham Simpson—That the Parliament welcomes the publication in January 2019 of the report, *Housing through the lens of Ageing: Integration, Communication and Community, an analysis of the Age Scotland Housing Project*, which has been co-produced by Age Scotland and the University of Stirling; notes that this builds on previous research and has the aim of constructively progressing the thinking, debate and practice of the role of housing in the quality of life of older people by analysing housing research data gathered via a national housing roadshow and survey; commends the analysis undertaken by the university and, in particular, the input from its team of community researchers; notes that the topics covered in the research explored the views of older people on their current housing situation and changing needs, their experience of adaptations and energy efficiency measures, including how these have been funded; and if they had heard of or used their local care and repair scheme; acknowledges the recommendations on six key areas, strategic planning, information and advice, adaptations, housing with care or support, preventative support and new housing; believes that these findings can help to inform the development and implementation of the Scottish Government’s housing strategy for older people, Age, Home and Community, and notes the ambition to see collaborative efforts to take this important work forward so that older people in Central Scotland and across the country can live safe, healthy and independent lives at home for as long as possible.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

**No. 74, Wednesday 30 January 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations and the on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Presumption to Mainstream:** Liz Smith moved S5M-15607—That the Parliament notes the comments made by the OECD that inclusion is one of the key strengths of the Scottish education system; believes that the presumption to mainstream pupils has laudable intentions and that it works well for the majority of young people in Scotland’s schools; recognises however the very considerable concern that has been expressed by many teachers, teaching assistants, children’s charities and parents’ groups that a growing number of young people with special educational needs are not being well served by being placed in inclusive mainstream education; believes that this is putting additional pressures on teachers and young people in classrooms across Scotland, making it more difficult to support the individual needs of each child, and, in light of the recent evidence presented to Parliament, calls on the Scottish Government to work with local government partners to review the presumption to mainstream policy to ensure there can be more effective uptake of the provision of places in special schools and specialist units and utilisation of specialist staff.

John Swinney moved amendment S5M-15607.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15607 in the name of Liz Smith (Presumption to Mainstream), insert at end “;agrees that this review should be founded on a continuing commitment to a presumption to mainstream and on the need to ensure that children and young people’s additional support needs are met, to enable them to reach their full potential, from within whichever learning provision best suits their learning needs, and notes the forthcoming publication of revised guidance, tools and advice for school staff, and national research, on the experiences of children and young people with additional support needs.”

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

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-15607.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15607 in the name of Liz Smith (Presumption to Mainstream), leave out from “has laudable intentions” to end and insert “is the correct approach and that it works well for the majority of young people in Scotland’s schools; recognises the very considerable concern that has been expressed by many teachers, school support staff, children’s charities and parents organisations that a growing number of young people with special educational needs are not being well served by being placed in inclusive mainstream education without the resources and staffing required to meet their needs as a result of reductions in local authority budgets; believes that this is putting additional pressures on teachers and young people in classrooms across Scotland, making it more difficult to

support the individual needs of each child, and calls on the Scottish Government, in light of the recent evidence presented to Parliament, to work with local authority partners to ensure that every child who requires additional support has their needs assessed quickly and effectively, with the requisite support provided, while additionally ensuring that there can be more effective provision of places in special schools and specialist units where that is assessed as appropriate.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the comments made by the OECD that inclusion is one of the key strengths of the Scottish education system; believes that the presumption to mainstream pupils has laudable intentions and that it works well for the majority of young people in Scotland’s schools; recognises however the very considerable concern that has been expressed by many teachers, teaching assistants, children’s charities and parents’ groups that a growing number of young people with special educational needs are not being well served by being placed in inclusive mainstream education; believes that this is putting additional pressures on teachers and young people in classrooms across Scotland, making it more difficult to support the individual needs of each child; in light of the recent evidence presented to Parliament, calls on the Scottish Government to work with local government partners to review the presumption to mainstream policy to ensure there can be more effective uptake of the provision of places in special schools and specialist units and utilisation of specialist staff, and, agrees that this review should be founded on a continuing commitment to a presumption to mainstream and on the need to ensure that children and young people’s additional support needs are met, to enable them to reach their full potential, from within whichever learning provision best suits their learning needs, and notes the forthcoming publication of revised guidance, tools and advice for school staff, and national research, on the experiences of children and young people with additional support needs.

**3. Tackling Antisocial Behaviour:** Liam Kerr moved S5M-15615—That the Parliament supports a higher level of fixed penalty notice for more serious antisocial behaviour.

Ash Denham moved amendment S5M-15615.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15615 in the name of Liam Kerr (Tackling Antisocial Behaviour), leave out from “supports” to end and insert “recognises that fixed penalty notices play an important role in tackling antisocial behaviour when used as part of a comprehensive package of penalties and interventions, which include diversionary, early intervention and preventative activities that are aimed at steering individuals away from antisocial behaviour whenever possible, and calls on the Scottish Government to keep all of these approaches under review by working with Police Scotland, local authorities and the court services to ensure that appropriate and proportionate penalties and/or

interventions are applied to deliver the best outcomes for victims and wider society.”

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S5M-15615.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15615 in the name of Liam Kerr (Tackling Antisocial Behaviour), insert at end “to be considered as part of a wider set of proposals to eliminate the causes of antisocial behaviour, and diversionary policies to identify and tackle behaviour before it reaches the criminal threshold.”

After debate, amendment S5M-15615.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 50, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-15615.3 was pre-empted.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that fixed penalty notices play an important role in tackling antisocial behaviour when used as part of a comprehensive package of penalties and interventions, which include diversionary, early intervention and preventative activities that are aimed at steering individuals away from antisocial behaviour whenever possible, and calls on the Scottish Government to keep all of these approaches under review by working with Police Scotland, local authorities and the court services to ensure that appropriate and proportionate penalties and/or interventions are applied to deliver the best outcomes for victims and wider society.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15623—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 February 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of Scotland’s Forestry Strategy 2019 - 2029

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 February 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Response to the Latest EU Exit Vote in Westminster

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Debate: Inquiry into Salmon Farming in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 February 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 February 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Preliminary Stage Debate: Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 February 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 February 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 6 February 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 7 February 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15621—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 15 March 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15622—That the Parliament agrees that the Cremation (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Equally Safe at Work:** The Parliament debated S5M-15427 in the name of Gail Ross—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the new employer accreditation programme pilot, Equally Safe at Work; notes that this has been developed by Close the Gap, which it considers to be Scotland’s women and the labour market expert; understands that it will be piloted by local government and is part of the implementation of Equally Safe, which is Scotland’s strategy to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls; welcomes the introduction of what it sees as this world-leading and innovative programme, which recognises that gender inequality is the root cause of violence against women and that addressing labour market inequality is a key step in ending this; considers that both the pilot accreditation programme and strategy are essential to achieving these aims; believes that the latest evidence suggests that over 70% of women in Scotland have reported experiencing or witnessing sexual harassment in the workplace and that one-in-five will experience domestic abuse at some point in their life; understands that throughout the 2019 pilot, Close the Gap will work closely with The Highland, Aberdeen City, Midlothian, North Lanarkshire, Perth and Kinross, Shetland and South Lanarkshire councils, supporting them to work toward accreditation by taking the necessary steps to address the causes of their gender pay gaps and to better support employees who have experienced gender-based violence; believes that it will help and encourage employers to advance gender equality in the workplace and in wider society, challenge violence against women and create genuinely inclusive

cultures that play a crucial role in preventing such violence, and wishes Close the Gap every success as it takes forward what it sees as this invaluable accreditation programme.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

## No. 75, Thursday 31 January 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. The Royal Society of Edinburgh's Tapping all our Talents 2018 Progress Report of Women in STEM:** The Parliament debated S5M-14877 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of The Royal Society of Edinburgh's (RSE) report, *Tapping all our Talents 2018: A progress review of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics in Scotland*; notes that this is a follow-up to the RSE's 2012 report into gender equality in STEM; considers that STEM education is vital for the future of workforces, the economy and society in East Lothian and across Scotland; notes with concern the significant gender gap within STEM school education that is outlined in the report; further notes with concern that the proportion of women studying most STEM subjects across colleges and universities has seen, according to the report, "at best, incremental improvement, and, at worst, further decline"; welcomes the key recommendations of the report, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to give these issues serious consideration.

**4. Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-15625—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-15625.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15625 in the name of Derek Mackay (Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill), insert at end " , but, in so doing, regrets that the income tax gap between Scotland and the rest of the UK will widen as a result."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 58, Abstentions 1).

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

## No. 76, Tuesday 5 February 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Father Liam McMahon, Parish Priest, St Michael's RC Church, Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Publication of Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029.
- 4. Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-15669—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill.

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

- 5. Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-15277—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 6. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15724—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Wednesday 6 February 2019—

delete

5.15 pm Decision Time

insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 7 February 2019—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Glasgow City Region Deal – Glasgow Airport Access Project

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

**8. World Cancer Day 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-15410 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes that 4 February 2019 marks World Cancer Day; understands that one-in-two people will get cancer in their lifetime but that, over the last, 40 years survival rates have doubled, with half of people now surviving cancer thanks to the great progress that research has made; acknowledges the importance of early detection; understands the need for continued action to help prevent cancers; believes that 40% of cases could be prevented by positive action, including by not smoking and keeping a healthy bodyweight, and notes that Members can show their support for World Cancer Day through the wearing of its unity band.

**9. Motion Without Notice:** Emma Harper 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 6.11 pm.

**No. 77, Wednesday 6 February 2019**

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Brexit - Preparations In the light of recent developments

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**3. Report on Salmon Farming in Scotland:** Edward Mountain moved S5M-15677— That the Parliament notes the conclusions in the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's 9th Report, 2018 (Session 5), *Report on Salmon Farming in Scotland* (SP Paper 432).

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

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15728— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 February 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Response to the latest EU Exit vote in Westminster

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 February 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Preliminary Stage Debate: Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 February 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 February 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 February 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 February 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 20 February 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer"

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 21 February 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15723— That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

Remit: To consider and report on the actions of the First Minister, Scottish Government officials and special advisers in dealing with complaints about Alex Salmond, former First Minister, considered under the Scottish Government's "*Handling of harassment complaints involving current or former ministers*" procedure and actions in relation to the Scottish Ministerial Code.

Duration: Until the Committee concludes its inquiry.

Number of members: 9.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

Membership: Alasdair Allan, Jackie Baillie, Donald Cameron, Alex Cole-Hamilton, Angela Constance, Linda Fabiani, Alison Johnstone, Margaret Mitchell, Maureen Watt.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 19, Abstentions 0).

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15729—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Incidental Provisions) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-15730**—That the Parliament agrees that the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Supplemental Provision) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-15731**—That the Parliament agrees that the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Modification of the Repairing Standard) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-15732**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Social Security Charter [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**8. The Scottish Powerchair Football Association:** The Parliament debated S5M-15106 in the name of Jeremy Balfour— That the Parliament recognises the work of

the Scottish Powerchair Football Association (SPFA), which was formed with support from the SFA in 2015; notes that it was established in recognition of the growth in the sport's popularity in Lothian and across the country, with the Peak Sports Centre in Stirling considered to be the sport's home; believes that it is run by volunteers who have made a genuine difference to the lives of powerchair users in Scotland; understands that, in March 2018, the SPFA applied for charitable status; hopes that the SCIO process will enable it to access greater funding opportunities; commends it on organising a national league and two knockout competitions, the League and Scottish cups; understands that, in May 2018, the SPFA organised a para-football event at which a number of players were selected for the Scotland international squad; believes that the organisation's commitment to the sport has enabled it to almost double the number of teams in the country, and wishes all involved with the SPFA continued success.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

## No. 78, Thursday 7 February 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (John Swinney).

**3. Congratulations to Kilmarnock FC on its 150th Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S5M-15230 in the name of Willie Coffey—That the Parliament congratulates Kilmarnock FC, the oldest professional football club in Scotland, on its 150th anniversary; notes that the first recorded general meeting of the club took place on 5 January 1869 in the Temperance Hotel in Kilmarnock, notified by secretary, John Wallace; recognises the many achievements of the club, which include becoming one of the first clubs to contest an official Scottish Cup match along with Renton in 1873, winning the Championship under the manager Willie Waddell in 1965 by defeating Hearts 2-0 on the last day of the season to win the league on goal average by 0.042 goals, winning the Scottish Cup in 1920 by defeating Albion Rovers 3-2 and again in 1929 by beating Rangers 2-0 and in 1997 defeating Falkirk 1-0, winning the League Cup in 2012 by beating Celtic 1-0, winning the Ayrshire Cup 42 times, recording 189 victories out of 256 meetings with local rivals, Ayr United, regularly representing Scotland in the New York International Tournament in the 1960s, qualifying for European competitions on nine occasions, notably defeating Eintracht Frankfurt 5-4 on aggregate in the club's first European tie in 1964 after being four goals down, welcoming Real Madrid to Rugby Park as league champions in 1965, drawing 2-2, and reaching the semi-final of the Inter Cities Fairs Cup in 1966-67 against Leeds United; recognises that the club is enjoying its 26th season in a row in the top flight in Scotland; notes that the club recorded the highest points tally of 74 points in the calendar year 2018, and sends the club, staff and supporters its best wishes for the year ahead and for many years to come.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Willie Coffey moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on the Glasgow City Region Deal – Glasgow Airport Access Project.

**6. Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-15733—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill.

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

**7. Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-11941—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any

expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

## No. 79, Tuesday 19 February 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Ms Vanessa Smith, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, Aberdeen, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Response to the latest EU Exit vote in Westminster.

**4. Scottish Rate Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-15879—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of section 11A of the Income Tax Act 2007 (which provides for income tax to be charged at Scottish rates on certain non-savings and non-dividend income of a Scottish taxpayer), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2019-20 are as follows—

(a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,049,

(b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,049 and up to a limit of £12,444,

(c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £12,444 and up to a limit of £30,930,

(d) a higher rate of 41%, charged on income above £30,930 and up to a limit of £150,000, and

(e) a top rate of 46%, charged on income above £150,000.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 61, Against 52, Abstentions 6).

**5. Committee Announcement:** Bob Doris, on behalf of the Social Security Committee, made an announcement on Social Security Support for Housing.

**6. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time.

**7. Threatened Closure of the St Rollox Railway Works:** The Parliament debated S5M-15536 in the name of James Kelly—That the Parliament regrets the threatened closure of the St Rollox Railway Works, which is known as the Caley, by its new owners, Gemini Rail Services; believes that this places 200 highly-skilled jobs in Springburn at risk; understands that the workers have been served with a statutory notice and that a 45-day consultation period has been initiated; notes that a debate was held on the proposed closure in the UK Parliament, which was led by the MP for Glasgow North East, Paul Sweeney, on 14 January 2019; acknowledges the Unite campaign, Rally Roon the Caley, which is calling for onsite electrification to connect the depot to the Glasgow-Edinburgh rail line; notes the expressions of solidarity that have been sent to the workers at the Caley, and acknowledges the calls for the

Scottish Government to do all that it can to secure this site, which has served Scotland's railways since 1856.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

**No. 80, Wednesday 20 February 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**2. Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill:** Kezia Dugdale, on behalf of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill, moved S5M-15617—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill and that the bill should proceed as a private bill.

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

**3. Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-15892—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15899—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 February 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Patient Safety within the NHS in Scotland

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 February 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 February 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: UK Immigration Policy after Leaving the EU: Impacts on Scotland's Economy, Population and Society

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Delivery of Devolved Benefits

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Appointment of a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 March 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 27 February 2019, the second sentence of rule

8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”;

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 28 February 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-15901 Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 5 April 2019.

**S5M-15902 Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transport (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 5 April 2019.

The motions were agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15900—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Efforts to Save St Rollox Railway Works:** The Parliament debated S5M-15541 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament expresses its dismay and disappointment at the reported proposal by Gemini Rail Services to close the St Rollox Railway Works, which threatens the employment of up to 200 highly-skilled workers in Springburn; considers that the St Rollox site has had a proud history within the world locomotive industry since 1856 and is still affectionately known as “the Caley”; understands, however, that its future is now under threat as a result of Gemini serving a statutory **notice** regarding redundancies, and that a 45-day consultation period has now commenced; regrets that the company has taken this course of action, which it believes is likely to reduce the time period within which to identify and implement solutions to save both jobs and operations at the site; acknowledges the formation of a stakeholder group in December 2018 by the Scottish Government, chaired by the transport secretary, which aims to save St Rollox Railway Works; notes that this stakeholder group was established following representations made to the First Minister on 13 December 2018 at First Minister’s Questions, and understands that there have been proactive efforts to save St Rollox Railway Works, including the Unite campaign, Rally Roon the Caley, which has made a number of suggestions such as the electrification of the track into the site to

reduce business costs and the identification of contract work for the order book to allow the lifespan of St Rollox in its current form to be extended, and allow time for further work to restructure or diversify activities at the works.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

## No. 81, Thursday 21 February 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Delivering Sustainable and Renewable Transportation for Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-15696 in the name of Jamie Greene—That the Parliament notes its responsibility in improving access to and facilitating the delivery of sustainable and renewable transportation in Scotland; acknowledges the important role that low-emitting transportation methods such as low and ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs) have toward meeting the Scottish Government's climate change target to reduce carbon emissions by 90% before 2050; notes the view that, while low-emission cars have the additional benefit of reducing air pollution and improving public health, tangible increases in the take-up of such vehicles will require significant increases in, and wide geographical spread of, suitable charge point networks; recognises that emerging hydrogen technology will play an additional role in delivering a sustainable and renewable transportation network in Scotland; acknowledges calls for new rail technology to also be explored and developed, such as hydrail, which, it understands, has been introduced in Germany and is used as a viable alternative to electrification of tracks; believes that hydrogen technology can also play its part in sustainable marine transportation, and notes the calls to explore all available technologies that have the potential to ambitiously alter infrastructure to help deliver an affordable and truly sustainable transport network in the West Scotland region and across the country for future generations.

**4. Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-15907—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

## No. 82, Tuesday 26 February 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend Susan Brown, Moderator, General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Patient Safety within the NHS in Scotland.

**4. Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-16001—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 1, Abstentions 2).

**5. Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-15594—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. LGBT History Month:** The Parliament debated S5M-15694 in the name of Jenny Gilruth—That the Parliament welcomes the 13th LGBT History Month; notes that this is marked every February across Scotland with events that celebrate LGBT culture and history and that consider the future of activism; acknowledges that the theme for 2019, Catalyst: 50 Years of Activism, recognises the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York City; understands that the events at Stonewall spread to several other cities in the United States and sparked the modern equal rights movement for LGBT people around the world; welcomes the efforts and achievements by the Fife-based LGBT charity, Pink Saltire, and wishes all of the groups celebrating and marking the month every success with their events and ongoing endeavours.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Jenny Gilruth 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 5.57 pm.

**No. 83, Wednesday 27 February 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities and Local Government and then on Social Security and Older People were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Carer's Allowance Supplement:** Mark Griffin moved S5M-16012—That the Parliament rejects the use of the Consumer Price Index to uprate Carer's Allowance and the earnings threshold; agrees that social security is an investment in the people of Scotland and that, therefore, the Retail Price Index (RPI) should be used, and believes that ministers should use their powers under the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 to uprate the full sum of Carer's Allowance and the supplement in line with RPI to underline the commitment to deliver a Scottish social security system based on dignity and respect.

Shirley-Anne Somerville moved amendment S5M-16012.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16012 in the name of Mark Griffin (Carer's Allowance Supplement), leave out from "rejects" to end and insert "welcomes the immense contribution that carers make to society, caring for family, friends and neighbours; recognises that the introduction of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (CAS) has increased financial support to carers by 13% and put an extra £442 a year in people's pockets in 2018-19, which is an investment in carers of over £33 million; further recognises the Scottish Government's use of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as an uprating mechanism, which, in 2019-20, will increase CAS to £452.40, which is an investment of around £37 million in carers; notes that CPI is used as the Bank of England's inflation target; further notes that the Office for National Statistics deems the Retail Price Index (RPI) a very poor measure of inflation; acknowledges that RPI lost its status as a National Statistic in 2013; further acknowledges that there is a consensus among economists and statisticians that RPI does not meet international standards, and agrees that the Scottish Government should not use RPI as a measure to uprate benefits for these reasons."

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-16012.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16012 in the name of Mark Griffin (Carer's Allowance Supplement), leave out from "rejects" to end and insert "agrees that social security is an investment in the people of Scotland; believes that, in the context of delivering better support to unpaid carers, Ministers should investigate the use of alternative methods of uprating the full sum of Carer's Allowance, as well as the Carer's Allowance Supplement, to underline the commitment to deliver a Scottish social security system based on dignity and respect, and recognises the immense value that carers bring to Scottish society."

After debate, amendment S5M-16012.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-16012.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the immense contribution that carers make to society, caring for family, friends and neighbours; recognises that the introduction of the Carer’s Allowance Supplement (CAS) has increased financial support to carers by 13% and put an extra £442 a year in people’s pockets in 2018-19, which is an investment in carers of over £33 million; further recognises the Scottish Government’s use of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as an uprating mechanism, which, in 2019-20, will increase CAS to £452.40, which is an investment of around £37 million in carers; notes that CPI is used as the Bank of England’s inflation target; further notes that the Office for National Statistics deems the Retail Price Index (RPI) a very poor measure of inflation; acknowledges that RPI lost its status as a National Statistic in 2013; further acknowledges that there is a consensus among economists and statisticians that RPI does not meet international standards, and agrees that the Scottish Government should not use RPI as a measure to uprate benefits for these reasons.

**3. Justice:** Daniel Johnson moved S5M-16013—That the Parliament believes that transparency and consistency are fundamental to ensuring that victims’ and wider society’s interests are served by the justice system; notes recent cases raising questions about how individual circumstances inform sentencing; is concerned that it has taken three and a half years for the Scottish Sentencing Council to produce one set of sentencing guidelines; notes that guidelines on sexual assaults will not be available until after 2021, and considers this unacceptable.

Humza Yousaf moved amendment S5M-16013.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16013 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Justice), leave out from “is concerned” to end and insert “further notes that it has taken three and a half years for the Scottish Sentencing Council to produce one set of sentencing guidelines; notes that guidelines on sexual assaults will not be available until after 2021; is pleased however that the council will soon announce the initial focus of its work on sexual offences; draws to the attention of the council its views as to the importance of work on sexual offences, and calls on all those with an interest in sentencing for sexual offences to become involved to build consensus as guidelines are developed.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 54, Abstentions 6).

Liam Kerr moved amendment S5M-16013.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16013 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Justice), insert at end “, and notes that the Crown’s ability to appeal sentences may be hampered by an overly restrictive test of undue leniency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 21, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament believes that transparency and consistency are fundamental to ensuring that victims' and wider society's interests are served by the justice system; notes recent cases raising questions about how individual circumstances inform sentencing; further notes that it has taken three and a half years for the Scottish Sentencing Council to produce one set of sentencing guidelines; notes that guidelines on sexual assaults will not be available until after 2021; is pleased however that the council will soon announce the initial focus of its work on sexual offences; draws to the attention of the council its views as to the importance of work on sexual offences, and calls on all those with an interest in sentencing for sexual offences to become involved to build consensus as guidelines are developed.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16025—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: EU Withdrawal Negotiations

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 March 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2019

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day 2019: Balance for Better

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 13 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 14 March 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 6 March 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 7 March 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister";

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 4 March 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-16026**—That the Parliament agrees that the Drug Driving (Specified Limits) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16027**— That the Parliament agrees that the Sheriff Court Simple Procedure (Limits on Award of Expenses) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16028**—That the Parliament agrees that the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16029**—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16037**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints can meet at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 3.00 pm to conclude before Decision Time on Thursday 14 March 2019 for the purposes of receiving a background briefing on issues relating to the legal context and other matters regarding the inquiry.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Eating Disorders Awareness Week:** The Parliament debated S5M-15889 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes that Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2019 takes place from 25 February to 3 March; understands that approximately 1.25 million people in the UK have an eating disorder; acknowledges the importance of organisations such as the Scottish Eating Disorders Interest Group and Beat in providing vital support to professionals and families; notes the work that Diabetes Scotland and UK carry out to help young people with, or at risk of developing, diabulimia; commends the Children and Young People’s Mental Health Taskforce for its delivery plan, which sets out an ambitious programme of work that aims to inform the whole public sector about how to ensure that young people get the right care at the right time in the right place; thanks CAMHS staff, who will be instrumental in supporting new services and the continued expansion of services in the community, and welcomes the commitment by the Scottish Government, local authorities and interest groups to bring the real and decisive change in CAMHS that it considers people in Scotland want to see.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Emma Harper 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 5.58 pm.

## No. 84, Thursday 28 February 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. World Hearing Day and Hearing Awareness Week 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-15226 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament acknowledges World Hearing Day on 3 March 2019 and Hearing Awareness Week, which runs from 2 to 9 March 2019; notes the view that hearing access needs to be a priority if there is to be greater public involvement and participation in many varied events; accepts that noise and poor acoustics can often be a significant cause of discomfort, distress and exclusion when it comes to group activities for older age groups and people with conditions such as hearing loss, dementia and autism; considers that there are opportunities for employability schemes to emerge from initiatives that manufacture affordable noise-absorption panels, which could be installed into community venues to help tackle noise and acoustic issues, in addition to others that design and manufacture hearing enhancement devices, and commends all groups, companies and charities that work to benefit the lives of people who live with hearing loss and the stigma that can be associated with the condition.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development (Ben Macpherson) made a statement and answered questions on UK Immigration Policy after Leaving the EU: Impacts on Scotland's Economy, Population and Society.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on the Delivery of Devolved Benefits.

**6. Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-16038—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**7. Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland:** Andy Wightman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-16009—That the Parliament agrees, under section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to appoint Ashleigh Dunn as a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

## No. 85, Tuesday 5 March 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Ms Lynne Paterson, Director, Tearfund Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. EU Withdrawal Negotiations:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-16107—That the Parliament reiterates its opposition to the damaging EU exit deal agreed by the UK Government; agrees that a no deal outcome to the current negotiations on EU withdrawal would be completely unacceptable on 29 March 2019 or at any time; calls on the UK Government to take immediate steps to prevent the UK leaving the EU without a deal, and agrees that the Article 50 process should be extended so that agreement can be reached on the best way forward to protect the interests of Scotland, Wales and the UK as a whole.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S5M-16107.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16107 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (EU Withdrawal Negotiations), leave out from “reiterates” to end and insert “respects the results of constitutional referendums; supports leaving the EU with a deal; notes that a no deal outcome will happen by the automatic operation of the law unless an agreement is reached; further notes that this would still be the case after an extension to Article 50, and believes that the Scottish Government is no longer acting in good faith for the people of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 29, Abstentions 1).

**4. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

**5. Scottish Government Declines Help of Mesh Expert:** The Parliament debated S5M-15475 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament notes with much disappointment reports that the Scottish Government has declined an invitation from the St Louis-based obstetrician-gynaecologist, Dr Dionysios Veronikis, to travel to Scotland to help safely remove transvaginal and other mesh implants from people in Lothian and across the country who are experiencing life-changing pain and disability and to train other surgeons how to do this safely; understands that Dr Veronikis has developed specialist skills and instruments that allow entire mesh implants to be removed with positive results; believes that full mesh removal is currently unavailable in Scotland, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to reconsider this invitation and to do all that it can to help facilitate the offer that Dr Veronikis has made.

**6. Motion Without Notice:** Neil Findlay 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 7.05 pm.

**No. 86, Wednesday 6 March 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Economy and Fair Work and then on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on why the Scottish Government did not inform the Parliament that Severe Disablement Allowance will remain reserved to the DWP was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville).

**3. Early Years:** Alison Harris moved S5M-16122—That the Parliament is committed to the delivery of 1,140 hours of funded childcare for all three- and four-year-olds and eligible two-year-olds by August 2020; recognises the growing concerns that are being expressed by private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers with regard to the implementation of this policy; believes, in light of the most recent evidence from PVI sector providers, some of whom have chosen to end their partnerships with local authorities altogether, that the problems have not yet been addressed, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to take urgent action to address these flaws in implementation.

Maree Todd moved amendment S5M-16122.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16122 in the name of Alison Harris (Early Years), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “agrees that a child’s early learning and childcare entitlement should be free at the point of access; notes the important contribution of private, voluntary and independent providers and childminders to the expansion of funded early learning and childcare and the implementation of Funding Follows the Child, which will ensure more choice for parents, and calls on the Scottish Government, COSLA and all parties to continue to work tirelessly to promote meaningful partnership working across the country in the interests of children and their families.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Mary Fee moved amendment S5M-16122.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16122 in the name of Alison Harris (Early Years), after “addressed” insert “; acknowledges the financial pressures faced by councils in delivering local services”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is committed to the delivery of 1,140 hours of funded childcare for all three- and four-year-olds and eligible two-year-olds by August 2020; recognises the growing concerns that are being expressed by private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers with regard to the implementation of this policy; believes, in light of the most recent evidence from PVI sector providers, some of whom have chosen to end their partnerships with local authorities altogether, that the problems have not yet been addressed; acknowledges the financial pressures faced by councils in delivering local services, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to take urgent action to address these flaws in implementation.

**4. Supporting Scottish Agriculture:** Donald Cameron moved S5M-16123—That the Parliament believes that future agricultural policy should have at its heart the following principles: productivity, regional differentiation, environmental protection, simplification, and research and education that secures the future of farming careers; believes that the Scottish Government’s failure to develop an agricultural policy for Scotland is having a detrimental effect on the country’s farmers and crofters, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out its position regarding the main elements of a future support system for farming in Scotland.

Mairi Gougeon moved amendment S5M-16123.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16123 in the name of Donald Cameron (Supporting Scottish Agriculture), leave out from “future agricultural policy” to end and insert “the principles that it agreed following the debate on motion S5M-15279 on 10 January 2019 should be at the heart of future rural policy, namely sustainability, simplicity, innovation, inclusion, productivity and profitability; recognises the significant role that research and education should play to secure future careers in rural industries; reaffirms its view that a no deal outcome to the current negotiations on EU withdrawal would be completely unacceptable, not least because of its potential disastrous impact on Scotland’s rural economy, and agrees that, as well as supporting Scotland’s farming and crofting sector, a future funding system should also support rural, coastal and island community activity and promote environmental stewardship.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-16123.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16123 in the name of Donald Cameron (Supporting Scottish Agriculture), insert at end “, and notes that any future system of rural payments should have inclusion as a principle, prioritise payments for those most in need, tackle rural and food poverty, and support repopulation in rural areas.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the principles that it agreed following the debate on motion S5M-15279 on 10 January 2019 should be at the heart of future rural policy, namely sustainability, simplicity, innovation, inclusion, productivity and profitability; recognises the significant role that research and education should play to secure future careers in rural industries; reaffirms its view that a no deal outcome to the current negotiations on EU withdrawal would be completely unacceptable, not least because of its potential disastrous impact on Scotland's rural economy, and agrees that, as well as supporting Scotland's farming and crofting sector, a future funding system should also support rural, coastal and island community activity and promote environmental stewardship, and notes that any future system of rural payments should have inclusion as a principle, prioritise payments for those most in need, tackle rural and food poverty, and support repopulation in rural areas.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16150—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Fair Work Action Plan

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 13 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Year of Young People 2018: A Celebration, a Chance and a Change

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 14 March 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on the Impact of Brexit on the Scottish Further and Higher Education Sectors

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 March 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 13 March 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 14 March 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister"; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 11 March 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the

Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16151—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 3 May 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16152—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 22 March 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-16153**—That the Parliament agrees that the Asset Transfer Request (Designation of Relevant Authority) (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16154**—That the Parliament agrees that the Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16155**—That the Parliament agrees that the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 1) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16156**—That the Parliament agrees that the Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16157**—That the Parliament agrees that the Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16158**—That the Parliament agrees that the Insolvency (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16159**—That the Parliament agrees that the INSPIRE (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16160**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Equalities and Human Rights Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 1.00pm to 1.45pm on Thursday 21 March 2019 for the purpose of taking evidence from Robert E Larzelere PhD, Professor of Parenting Research, Oklahoma State University, on the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal:** The Parliament debated S5M-15292 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal, which runs throughout each March; notes that 2019 marks the appeal's 33rd year; commends the care and support that Marie Curie provides to over 8,600 people and their families every year in Scotland in their own homes, across 31 local authorities and in the charity's hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow; praises its information and support services, which are available for everyone affected by a terminal illness, and its volunteer helper services, which provide emotional support, companionship and information to people, carers and families; recognises the dedication, hard work and contribution of the charity's volunteers across Scotland, including the 421 volunteers across the Lothians, who raise funds and awareness during the appeal and throughout the year to support its vital services; believes that there is a story behind every daffodil pin, with people donating and wearing them to remember someone who has died or to show support for Marie Curie's services; understands that some people who need palliative care toward the end of life are still missing out, especially people with terminal conditions other than cancer; notes that the charity is highlighting that, every five minutes, someone in Scotland dies without getting the care and support they need at the end of their life; recognises that Marie Curie is working to change this and to improve the lives of all people living with a terminal illness, their carers and families; notes the view that wearing the daffodil pin unites millions of people together who believe dying people should get the care and support they deserve, and looks forward to as many people as possible supporting the annual appeal.

**11. Motion Without Notice:** Emma Harper 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 6.16 pm.

## No. 87, Thursday 7 March 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Settled Status Scheme for EU Citizens in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-15513 in the name of Annabelle Ewing—That the Parliament notes the UK Government's decision to abandon its plans to charge EU citizens a fee when applying for their right to remain in Scotland through the EU Settlement Scheme; believes that it was wrong for the UK Government to oblige EU citizens who have built their lives in Scotland, and who contribute to the economy and communities, to pay for the status and rights they already have; acknowledges the persistence of the Scottish National Party, Scottish Labour, Scottish Green Party and the Scottish Liberal Democrats in their respective campaigns to abolish the settled status fee; considers that it remains unfair to oblige EU citizens in Scotland to apply to retain the rights that they already hold, regardless of the fee; recognises what it considers the significant economic, social and cultural contributions made by EU citizens in communities across Scotland, including in the Cowdenbeath constituency, and notes the calls on the UK Government to scrap the settlement scheme for EU citizens.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Economy were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**5. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft]:** The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-16170—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 21, Abstentions 27).

**6. International Women's Day 2019: Balance for Better:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-16171—That the Parliament unites behind International Women's Day on 8 March 2019 to reaffirm its commitment to upholding and protecting the rights of women and girls, which are fundamental human rights; celebrates women's and girls' achievements and their social, economic and cultural contribution to society; notes that this year's campaign, #BalanceforBetter, is a call to action to drive progress towards equal representation and gender equality throughout society, whether in the boardroom, government, media or in terms of wealth and pay; agrees with the campaign that gender balance is essential for economies and communities to thrive, and unites in its shared commitment to advance gender equality in Scotland and to bring about balance for better.

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

**6. Committee Announcement:** Jenny Marra, on behalf of the Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee, made an announcement on Post-legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

**No. 88, Tuesday 12 March 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Joe Livingston, Parishioner, St Columbkille's Catholic Church, Rutherglen, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Managing Scotland's Fisheries in the Future.
- 4. Working to Make Scotland a Fair Work Nation by 2025:** The Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-16257—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Fair Work Action Plan and endorses the actions that it commits the Scottish Government to; shares the vision for Scotland to be a fair work nation by 2025; continues to recognise the vital role that employers and trade unions have in creating fairer workplaces, and acknowledges the crucial role of fair work in delivering sustainable and inclusive growth.

Jamie Halcro Johnston moved amendment S5M-16257.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16257 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Working to Make Scotland a Fair Work Nation by 2025), insert at end “; welcomes the publication of the UK Government's Good Work Plan and the steps that it outlines to extend employment rights; believes that the principles of fair work should be reflected in changing employment practices, and recognises the need for effective monitoring of progress towards fair work objectives and related programmes such as Fair Start Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-16257.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16257 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Working to Make Scotland a Fair Work Nation by 2025), leave out from “welcomes” to “2025” and insert “notes the publication of the Fair Work Action Plan; believes that this plan is not bold enough in its ambitions, particularly on targets for reducing the number of people in Scotland paid less than the living wage; calls on the Scottish Government to use its procurement processes to ensure that all contractors pay at least the real living wage and adhere to collective bargaining, and that all contracts issued by the Scottish Futures Trust comply with Unite the Union's construction charter”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-16257.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16257 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Working to Make Scotland a Fair Work Nation by 2025), leave out from “sustainable” to end and insert “a sustainable and inclusive economy; welcomes in particular the commitment to extend fair work criteria to every type of grant, funding stream and business support budget, and the commitment to add environmental impact as an element of the Business Pledge; recognises that the case for these actions has been made for several years by political parties and others, and believes that the Scottish Government should publish detailed proposals on the implementation of these actions before summer 2019.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 21, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Fair Work Action Plan and endorses the actions that it commits the Scottish Government to; shares the vision for Scotland to be a fair work nation by 2025; continues to recognise the vital role that employers and trade unions have in creating fairer workplaces; acknowledges the crucial role of fair work in delivering a sustainable and inclusive economy; welcomes in particular the commitment to extend fair work criteria to every type of grant, funding stream and business support budget, and the commitment to add environmental impact as an element of the Business Pledge; recognises that the case for these actions has been made for several years by political parties and others, and believes that the Scottish Government should publish detailed proposals on the implementation of these actions before summer 2019.

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

**6. Who Owns Scotland?:** The Parliament debated S5M-16015 in the name of Andy Wightman—That the Parliament believes that a modern, democratic society requires open and transparent information on the ownership, use and value of land; commends the report published by Community Land Scotland (Towards Land Ownership Transparency); notes the ambition to create a Scottish Land Information System (SCOTLIS) to provide comprehensive information about land and property; understands that the target to register all land owned by Scotland’s public bodies by 2019 is unlikely to be achieved; regrets that it remains difficult, time-consuming and expensive for citizens in Lothian and across Scotland to obtain land information, and notes the view that information about the ownership, use and value of land should be made freely available to the people of Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

**No. 89, Wednesday 13 March 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity and then on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. Year of Young People 2018: A Celebration, a Chance and a Change:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) moved S5M-16267—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland’s Year of Young People 2018 inspired the whole country to look at its young people in an open and positive way, celebrate their achievements, value their contribution and give them a platform to have their voices heard and acted upon; welcomes the ambition that the year has set in continuing to engage young people in matters that affect their lives, ensuring that they are a core part of decision making, policy development and democracy in Scotland, and agrees that the Parliament and the Scottish Government will continue to ensure that young people are seen, heard and viewed as valuable members and key contributors to Scotland’s society, culture and economy.

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-16267.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16267 in the name of Maree Todd (Year of Young People 2018: A Celebration, a Chance and a Change), insert at end “; but, despite the goodwill generated by the Year of Young People, regrets that children and young people in Scotland still have to wait months and even years for access to first-line child and adolescent mental health services, and recognises that the Scottish Government still draws criticism from the international community and stakeholders on some aspects of children’s rights that it appears to disregard.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to.

**3. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16290—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 March 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Land Reform in Scotland – Delivering for Now and the Future

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: South of Scotland Enterprise Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: South of Scotland Enterprise Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 March 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 20 March 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”;

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 21 March 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 March 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16291—

That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 10 May 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-16292**—That the Parliament agrees that the Carer’s Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-16293**—That the Parliament agrees that the Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16294**—That the Parliament agrees that the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16295**—That the Parliament agrees that the Jurisdiction and Judgments (Family, Civil Partnership and Marriage (Same Sex Couples)) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16296**—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Procurement etc. (Scotland) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16297**—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Procurement etc. (Scotland) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16298**—That the Parliament agrees that Bill Kidd be appointed to replace George Adam as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Justice Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Centenary of the Death of Sir Hugh Munro:** The Parliament debated S5M-15678 in the name of Liz Smith—That the Parliament recognises that March 2019 marks the centenary of the death of Sir Hugh Munro; acknowledges that he was a founder member of the Scottish Mountaineering Club, eventually becoming the club's president; understands that Sir Hugh was the first person to publish a list of all of the mountains in Scotland with a height exceeding 3,000 feet in the club's journal in 1891, which are now known as Munros; notes that it remains a popular hobby among hillwalkers to aim to climb every Munro in Scotland, and recognises that over 6,000 individuals have achieved this feat to date.

The meeting closed at 5:46 pm.

**No. 90, Thursday 14 March 2019**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. 50th Anniversary of the Longhope Lifeboat Disaster:** The Parliament debated S5M-15935 in the name of Liam McArthur—That the Parliament commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Longhope lifeboat tragedy, which took place on 17 March 1969; recalls with great sadness that all eight crew members on board the lifeboat, TGB, perished as it capsized in heavy seas after responding to a call from the Wick Coastguard to assist the Liberian-registered vessel, Irene, which was in difficulty and drifting 21 miles east of Duncansby Head; understands that, while the Irene was finally driven onto rocks at Grimness in South Ronaldsay, and the crew brought safely ashore, TGB and her crew were not so fortunate, with the vessel being discovered capsized four miles south west of Tor Ness on 18 March; recognises the shock felt by the whole Orkney community at such a tragic loss of life, but in particular acknowledges the devastating impact on the small community of Brims in Longhope on the island of Hoy, which suffered the loss of a quarter of its population that night; believes that the tragedy was compounded by the fact that fathers and their sons were among those who perished; pays tribute to the ultimate sacrifice made by Coxswain Dan Kirkpatrick, Second Coxswain Jimmy Johnston, Bowman Ray Kirkpatrick, Mechanic Robert B Johnston, Assistant Mechanic Jimmy Swanson, and lifeboat men Jack Kirkpatrick, Robert Johnston and Eric McFadyen; agrees wholeheartedly with the sentiment on the memorial to all eight crew members “that greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his fellow men”; notes that the current crew includes relatives of the crew from 1969, and that they, along with others, help run the Longhope Lifeboat Museum, which provides a fitting reminder of the disaster, as well as the life-saving work carried out by the crew of the TGB; wishes those from the local community involved in organising events to mark this difficult anniversary all the best, and extends its heartfelt thanks to lifeboat crews across the country for the selfless work that they do on behalf of the island and coastal communities they serve with such bravery and distinction.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on Update on the Impact of Brexit on the Scottish Further and Higher Education Sectors.

**6. Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-16312—That the Parliament welcomes the rapid growth of the Scottish space sector; notes that it now accounts for 18% of all

jobs in the UK space industry; encourages investment in support of the ambition to deliver a full end-to-end space sector capability in Scotland, to build, launch and operate satellites; agrees that now is the time to take advantage of the strengths that Scotland has in technology, engineering and data science to realise this ambition; further agrees that Scotland's clear strengths in small satellite manufacturing and space data are starting points for success, laying the foundations for Scotland to become Europe's leading space nation, and considers that this success will be enhanced by Scotland's plan to become the site of the first spaceport in Europe.

Edward Mountain moved amendment S5M-16312.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16312 in the name of Ivan McKee (Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation), insert at end “, and welcomes both the Space Industry Act 2018 and the UK Government's Industrial Strategy, which includes support for a £50 million programme to support small satellite launches and sub-orbital flight from UK spaceports.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 21, Abstentions 0).

David Stewart moved amendment S5M-16312.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16312 in the name of Ivan McKee (Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation), insert at end “; notes the crucial diversification to the Scottish economy that the space sector provides; considers that future commercial viability will be dependent on the European small satellite launch on demand service, and notes the comparative advantage that Scotland enjoys for spaceport location by providing access to sun-synchronous and polar orbits.”

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

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-16312.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16312 in the name of Ivan McKee (Building on Scotland's Strengths in Technology and Engineering to Become Europe's Leading Space Nation), insert at end “, and supports the creation of enterprise zones in those areas of Scotland where space activity is being developed.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 21, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the rapid growth of the Scottish space sector; notes that it now accounts for 18% of all jobs in the UK space industry; encourages investment in support of the ambition to deliver a

full end-to-end space sector capability in Scotland, to build, launch and operate satellites; agrees that now is the time to take advantage of the strengths that Scotland has in technology, engineering and data science to realise this ambition; further agrees that Scotland's clear strengths in small satellite manufacturing and space data are starting points for success, laying the foundations for Scotland to become Europe's leading space nation, and considers that this success will be enhanced by Scotland's plan to become the site of the first spaceport in Europe; welcomes both the Space Industry Act 2018 and the UK Government's Industrial Strategy, which includes support for a £50 million programme to support small satellite launches and sub-orbital flight from UK spaceports; notes the crucial diversification to the Scottish economy that the space sector provides; considers that future commercial viability will be dependent on the European small satellite launch on demand service, and notes the comparative advantage that Scotland enjoys for spaceport location by providing access to sun-synchronous and polar orbits.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-16365**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2019 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

**No. 91, Tuesday 19 March 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Jim McNeil, Minister, Alva Parish Church, Alva, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16432—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 19 March 2019—

after

2.00 pm Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: UK Spring Statement – implications for our economy and public spending

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Review of Mental Health and Incapacity Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on UK Spring Statement – Implications for our Economy and Public Spending.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) made a statement and answered questions on Review of Mental Health and Incapacity Legislation.

**6. Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Amendment 9 was agreed to by division (For 84, Against 0, Abstentions 26).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-16394—That the Parliament agrees that the Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

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

**9. Scottish Tourism Month 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-16004 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament recognises that March is Scottish Tourism Month, which is coordinated by the Scottish Tourism Alliance (STA); understands that the aim of this is to engage, connect and inspire all of Scotland’s tourism businesses and organisations, as well as celebrate the enormous contribution that tourism makes to the economy; believes that the industry will come together to host a variety of sectoral, destination and business events under the mantra, Tourism is Everyone’s Business; understands that the month offers an opportunity for anyone and everyone to get involved in the networking events and tourism conversations all over the country, including Scotland’s Marine Tourism Conference, which takes place at the Beacon Arts Centre in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency on 6 March; considers Inverclyde to be the country’s marine tourism capital; notes the calls for everyone to engage with the month, and hopes that the annual conference of the STA on 13-14 March is a success in bringing stakeholders together and proves to be impactful and inspiring.

**10. Motion Without Notice:** Stuart McMillan 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 6.01 pm.

## No. 92, Wednesday 20 March 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs and then on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. Student Support:** Iain Gray moved S5M-16407—That the Parliament recognises that financial support is vital to enabling students to complete their courses; acknowledges that there needs to be more parity in the support that is available to students in colleges and universities; believes therefore that students in both further and higher education should be entitled to a Minimum Student Income, tied to the Scottish Government’s living wage, as recommended by the independent review of student support, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently bring forward its timetabled plan to implement this.

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S5M-16407.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16407 in the name of Iain Gray (Student Support), insert at end “, and further believes that access to higher education should be based on the ability to learn, not the ability to pay, and will not introduce upfront or backdoor tuition fees.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 0, Abstentions 29).

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-16407.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16407 in the name of Iain Gray (Student Support), leave out from “believes therefore” to end and insert “welcomes the independent review on student support, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with stakeholders and the Parliament to fully explore all the options, including those recommendations made in other jurisdictions.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that financial support is vital to enabling students to complete their courses; acknowledges that there needs to be more parity in the support that is available to students in colleges and universities; believes therefore that students in both further and higher education should be entitled to a Minimum Student Income, tied to the Scottish Government’s living wage, as recommended by the independent review of student support; calls on the Scottish Government to urgently bring forward its timetabled plan to implement this, and further believes that access to higher education should be based on the ability to learn, not the ability to pay, and will not introduce upfront or backdoor tuition fees.

**3. Free Bus Travel for Under-25s:** Colin Smyth moved S5M-16408— That the Parliament is concerned by the reduction in number of journeys, fleet size and staff employed in Scotland’s bus sector; believes that significant action must be taken to reverse this trend; considers that the principles of the Concessionary Travel Scheme for Older and Disabled People have been a success; welcomes proposals to extend the scheme to modern apprenticeships and companions of disabled children under the age of five, and further believes that these principles should be used to deliver a scheme that extends free bus travel to people under the age of 25.

Michael Matheson moved amendment S5M-16408.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16408 in the name of Colin Smyth (Free Bus Travel for Under-25s) leave out from “, and further believes” to end and insert “applauds the work of the Scottish Youth Parliament in its ‘All Aboard’ campaign, which recommends reviewing an extension of discounts on public transport that are available to 16- to 18-year-olds to everyone under the age of 26, and believes that an appraisal, which considers the costs and benefits of extending free bus travel to people under the age of 26, should be taken forward alongside that review.”

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-16408.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16408 in the name of Colin Smyth (Free Bus Travel for Under-25s), leave out from “, and further believes” to end and insert “; agrees that concessionary and subsidised bus travel, where appropriately targeted, provides a number of social, financial and employability benefits to users, but considers that any alterations to the eligibility criteria should take into account the financial implications of such change and be considered subject to adequate consultation with both users of the scheme and the bus industry.”

After debate, amendment S5M-16408.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 29, Abstentions 29). As a result, amendment S5M-167408.2 was pre-empted.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is concerned by the reduction in number of journeys, fleet size and staff employed in Scotland’s bus sector; believes that significant action must be taken to reverse this trend; considers that the principles of the Concessionary Travel Scheme for Older and Disabled People have been a success; welcomes proposals to extend the scheme to modern apprenticeships and companions of disabled children under the age of five; applauds the work of the Scottish Youth Parliament in its ‘All Aboard’ campaign, which recommends reviewing an extension of discounts on public transport that are available to 16- to 18-year-olds to everyone under the age of 26, and believes that an appraisal, which considers the costs and benefits of extending free bus travel to people under the age of 26, should be taken forward alongside that review.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16433—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 March 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: South of Scotland Enterprise Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: South of Scotland Enterprise Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

*followed by* Scottish Green Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 March 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Progressing Towards a Fairer Scotland for Disabled People

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 April 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Standards Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes to Code of Conduct rule

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 3 April 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 4 April 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Transport (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 27 March 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 28 March 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister", and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 March 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-16434**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 24 May 2019.

**S5M-16435**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 3 May 2019.

The motions were agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-16436**—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2018 Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16437**—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Prevalence of Crohn's and Colitis in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-15431 in the name of Pauline McNeill— That the Parliament is concerned about the reported high incidence of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in Scotland, including in Glasgow, particularly the rise in incidence among children and young people; understands that, despite being viewed as an invisible disease, it can be severely debilitating and life-threatening; applauds the work of specialist IBD nurses, doctors and consultants who treat patients with the condition; commends the ongoing research into the root cause of the disease; congratulates Crohn's and Colitis UK on developing the National Blueprint for IBD in Scotland to improve the quality of IBD services; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work towards the plan by improving access to age appropriate paediatric and transition services, as well as dedicated psychological support for IBD patients; supports the work of the Cross Party Group on IBD, which raises awareness of the issues faced by people with the disease and the impact that it has on their lives; notes the importance to people with IBD of public toilets, including on all public transport; is concerned at the rate of public toilet closures; notes the calls for there to be recognition, as a public health issue and in line with equalities legislation, that more public toilets are needed, and for this to be reflected in the planning system, and further notes the calls for more work to improve awareness of the radar key scheme, which allows people with IBD to use accessible toilets.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

**No. 93, Thursday 21 March 2019**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Men's Sheds:** The Parliament debated S5M-15855 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution that the Men's Sheds movement makes to people's wellbeing; notes that there are now sheds running or in development across the length and breadth of the country, including in Lauder, Galashiels, Peebles, Mayfield and Roslin; understands that the activities and groups vary from community to community but that, by and large, the sheds provide a meeting place for men to undertake activities in a friendly, supportive and social environment; believes that such groups can have a positive impact on men's mental health and wellbeing by providing supportive groups that offer an opportunity for them to feel more able to open up about anything bothering them as well as helping them build positive ties in their community, and hopes that more sheds can continue to be established.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Christine Grahame moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

**6. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**7. Land Reform in Scotland, Delivering for Now and the Future:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-16445—That the Parliament agrees that land is one of Scotland's most important assets; recognises the value of the Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement in providing a framework for land decisions and land management in Scotland; recognises the close relationship between land ownership and land use; agrees that community ownership of land should be the norm and not simply a response to market failure or disputes with landowners; recognises the importance of the Scottish Land Fund in supporting community land and asset buyouts; recognises that the work of the Scottish Land Commission is making a positive contribution to delivering the Scottish Government's land reform agenda, and agrees the importance of ensuring that land reform continues to be a key policy priority to change the entrenched and inequitable pattern of land ownership in Scotland so that everyone can benefit from land.

Edward Mountain moved amendment S5M-16445.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16445 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Land Reform in Scotland, Delivering for Now and the Future), leave out from “the value” to end and insert “and welcomes the increasing diversity of land ownership, which includes charities as well as communities; acknowledges the close relationship between land ownership and land use; recognises the importance of the Scottish Land Fund in supporting community ownership, and believes that both communities and landowners work better together where both sides respect the needs of each other.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-16445.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16445 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Land Reform in Scotland, Delivering for Now and the Future), insert at end “and assets, both rural and urban, across the country, and urges the Scottish Government to support the recommendations of the Scottish Land Commission on how to deliver interventions in the operation of Scotland’s land markets and ownerships that will provide disincentives to the future accrual of large privately owned land holdings and help deliver a more equitable distribution in the ownership of Scotland’s land assets in the public interest.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-16445.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16445 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Land Reform in Scotland, Delivering for Now and the Future), leave out from “community ownership” to end and insert “common ownership of land should be the norm and not simply a response to market failure or disputes with landowners; recognises the importance of the Scottish Land Fund in supporting community land and asset buyouts; recognises that the work of the Scottish Land Commission is making a positive contribution to delivering the Scottish Government’s land reform agenda; agrees the importance of ensuring that land reform continues to be a key policy priority to change the entrenched and inequitable pattern of land ownership in Scotland so that everyone can benefit from land, and endorses the findings of the Scottish Land Commission’s investigation into the issues associated with large-scale and concentrated ownership in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that land is one of Scotland's most important assets; recognises the value of the Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement in providing a framework for land decisions and land management in Scotland; recognises the close relationship between land ownership and land use; agrees that community ownership of land should be the norm and not simply a response to market failure or disputes with landowners; recognises the importance of the Scottish Land Fund in supporting community land and asset buyouts; recognises that the work of the Scottish Land Commission is making a positive contribution to delivering the Scottish Government's land reform agenda; agrees the importance of ensuring that land reform continues to be a key policy priority to change the entrenched and inequitable pattern of land ownership in Scotland so that everyone can benefit from land and assets, both rural and urban, across the country, and urges the Scottish Government to support the recommendations of the Scottish Land Commission on how to deliver interventions in the operation of Scotland's land markets and ownerships that will provide disincentives to the future accrual of large privately owned land holdings and help deliver a more equitable distribution in the ownership of Scotland's land assets in the public interest.

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

**No. 94, Tuesday 26 March 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Sally Foster-Fulton, Director, Christian Aid Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. South of Scotland Enterprise Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-16542—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill.

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

- 4. South of Scotland Enterprise Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-15863—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16577—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 27 March 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Infection incident at Royal Infirmary Edinburgh

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

The motion was agreed to.

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

**7. Financial Scam Prevention:** The Parliament debated S5M-15906 in the name of Maurice Corry—That the Parliament expresses concern that financial scammers are estimated to cost UK consumers over £9 billion each year and that, sadly, dementia, social isolation and other factors leave citizens vulnerable to predatory scammers and rogue traders, even resulting in the loss of their entire life savings; considers this issue a matter of public safety and believes that there are simple preventative solutions that empower citizens to avoid fraud and protect them from financial and personal harm; highlights that the recent scamming of pensioners in Clydebank and Dumbarton in February 2019 is not unique to these areas and that one in eight people in Scotland are victims of fraud; commends the efforts of the local councils and communities that are already trying to tackle this issue, and notes the hope that the Scottish Government will take further action to protect its citizens from scams.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

**No. 95, Wednesday 27 March 2019**

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Infection incident at Royal Infirmary Edinburgh.

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities and Local Government and then on Social Security and Older People were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**3. Revoking Article 50:** Patrick Harvie moved S5M-16554—That the Parliament commends the more than five million signatories to the UK Parliament petition to revoke Article 50, and believes that, unless the UK secures a sufficient extension to the Brexit process to organise and conduct a People’s Vote with an option to remain in the EU, the UK’s notification under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union should be revoked immediately.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S5M-16554.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16544 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Revoking Article 50), insert at end “, and calls on the UK Government to stop ignoring the views of this Parliament and the overwhelming majority of people in Scotland who wish to remain in the EU.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 28, Abstentions 1).

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-16554.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16554 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Revoking Article 50), leave out from “commends” to end and insert “considers that the result of the referendum held across the UK in June 2016 should be respected and delivered, and that the best way of achieving this is to leave the EU with a withdrawal agreement.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 89, Abstentions 1).

Neil Findlay moved amendment S5M-16554.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16554 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Revoking Article 50), leave out from “People’s” to “EU” and insert “public vote with an option to remain in the EU, and the UK be faced with a choice of no deal or revoke, then”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 33, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 28, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends the more than five million signatories to the UK Parliament petition to revoke Article 50; believes that, unless the UK secures a sufficient extension to the Brexit process to organise and conduct a public vote with an option to remain in the EU, and the UK be faced with a choice of no deal or revoke, then, the UK’s notification under Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union should be revoked immediately, and calls on the UK Government to stop ignoring the views of this Parliament and the overwhelming majority of people in Scotland who wish to remain in the EU.

**4. Climate Emergency:** Alison Johnstone moved S5M-16555—That the Parliament recognises that the world is entering a climate emergency and supports the goal to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius; further supports the actions of the 1.4 million young people around the world, including in Scotland, who absented themselves from school to demand urgent and radical action; recognises the moral duty on the Parliament to act in the interests of young people and future generations, as well as communities on the front line of climate breakdown around the world, and calls on the Scottish Government to recognise that the policy of maximum economic recovery of oil and gas is incompatible with addressing the climate emergency, and to introduce a legislative ban on the extraction of unconventional oil and gas reserves.

Mairi Gougeon moved amendment S5M-16555.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16555 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Climate Emergency), leave out from “further supports” to end and insert “recognises the concerns expressed by the 1.4 million young people around the world, including in Scotland, who chose to strike in order to seek urgent and radical action to prevent the damaging effects of climate change; acknowledges the moral duty on the Parliament to act in the interests of young people and future generations, as well as communities on the front line of climate breakdown around the world; understands that the Just Transition Commission is presently exploring how to maximise the social and economic opportunities offered by moving to a carbon-neutral economy while ensuring no one is left behind; welcomes the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee’s stage 1 report on the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill, and notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to act on the advice of its statutory advisers, the Committee on Climate Change, should it conclude that an even higher target ambition is now credible.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-16555.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16555 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Climate Emergency), leave out from “further supports” to end and insert “recognises the moral duty on the Parliament to act in the interests of young people and future

generations, as well as communities suffering most from climate change around the world, and welcomes the support given to them to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change from both the UK and Scottish governments.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-16555.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16555 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Climate Emergency), leave out from “, and calls on” to end and insert “; calls on the Scottish Government to consider putting the Just Transition Commission on a statutory and fully funded footing to support workers in all sectors, including the oil and gas industry, and their communities; recognises the mandate from the public and the Parliament for a legislative ban on unconventional onshore oil and gas extraction; calls on the Scottish Government to help drive forward a green jobs revolution that will support the development of public and co-operative ownership models with the focus of delivering the energy that communities need, and understands the crucial need to address the climate change challenges impacting the natural world and ecosystems on which people depend.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 111, Abstentions 0).

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16579— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 April 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Standards Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate – Changes to Code of Conduct Rule

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 3 April 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 4 April 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 April 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Social Security Committee Debate: In Work Poverty

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 April 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 April 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Final stage: Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill

*followed by Scottish Government Debate*

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 3 April 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”;

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 4 April 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 1 April 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-16580**—That the Parliament agrees that the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16581**—That the Parliament agrees that the Services of Lawyers and Lawyer’s Practice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16582**—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16583**—That the Parliament agrees that the Forestry (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16584**—That the Parliament agrees that the Forestry (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16585**—That the Parliament agrees that the Cross-border Health Care (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**8. The Impact from Celebrity Endorsements of Diet Products:** The Parliament debated S5M-16069 in the name of Shona Robison—That the Parliament

recognises the petition, “LET’S STOP influencers and celebrities working with products promoting speedy weight loss”, which has been organised by the founder of the Empowered Women Project, Mandy Jones, and can be found on [change.org](https://change.org); understands that Mandy has launched the petition to highlight the dangers of advertising products that encourage rapid weight loss; believes that many celebrities have stated that weight loss companies require a before and after photo when promoting their products, often taken on the same day, which can construct an inaccurate portrayal of healthy weight loss as a result of using a product; acknowledges the potentially significant damaging effects that portrayals of unrealistic body expectations, which are often perpetuated by, and shared widely across, social media, can have on the mental health of young people and adults; notes that Wellbeing Works, Dundee supports the petition stating that the inaccurate portrayal of healthy weight loss as a result of using a product is just one of many messages that young people might be vulnerable to, and that will impact negatively on their confidence and self-esteem and on the relationship that they have with their bodies, and considers that, in some cases, these negative perceptions and poor self-image could potentially go on to affect young women in their life choices, relationships and career opportunities, and ultimately impact on their mental health and wellbeing as they move into adulthood.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

**No. 96, Thursday 28 March 2019**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Condemnation of Misogyny, Racism, Harassment and Sexism:** The Parliament debated S5M-16231 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament condemns misogyny, racism, harassment and sexism against women, especially in the working environment; considers that decades of policies to eradicate this have failed in some quarters, and notes calls for more to be done in public agencies to tackle the problem and to eradicate such damaging mistreatment once and for all across Scotland, in the Highlands and Islands, and beyond.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Rhoda Grant moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Portfolio Questions on Finance, Economy and Fair Work were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**6. Progressing Towards a Fairer Scotland for Disabled People:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-16593—That the Parliament recognises the valuable contribution that disabled people make to Scottish society; believes that progress has been made to realise equality for disabled people, but acknowledges that inequality persists and must continue to be challenged by all in society; agrees that transformational change is needed in order for disabled people to realise their full potential and agrees that this can only be achieved by working with disabled people's organisations; reiterates its support for the co-production approach and actions set out in *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021*; notes that, since the plan was launched, progress has been made toward the goal of at least halving the disability employment gap, with further actions set out in the publication of *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Employment Action Plan*, and recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities so that disabled people in Scotland can exercise all of their human rights.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S5M-16593.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16593 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Progressing Towards a Fairer Scotland for Disabled People), after "*Employment Action Plan*" insert "and further notes that the UK Government's Disability Confident scheme encourages employers to recruit more disabled people; believes that the Scottish and UK governments should work together to develop a one-stop-shop portal, bringing together all of the key support offers

into one cohesive package to ensure joined-up services and a clearer picture for disabled people and employers”.

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

Mark Griffin moved amendment S5M-16593.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16593 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Progressing Towards a Fairer Scotland for Disabled People), after “disabled people’s organisations” insert “; notes that people with physical health problems, long-term conditions or a disability are twice as likely to report severe loneliness than the general population; agrees that this can only be reduced with adequate funding for good social security support, education strategies, employment opportunities and more accessible public spaces and housing”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the valuable contribution that disabled people make to Scottish society; believes that progress has been made to realise equality for disabled people, but acknowledges that inequality persists and must continue to be challenged by all in society; agrees that transformational change is needed in order for disabled people to realise their full potential and agrees that this can only be achieved by working with disabled people’s organisations; notes that people with physical health problems, long-term conditions or a disability are twice as likely to report severe loneliness than the general population; agrees that this can only be reduced with adequate funding for good social security support, education strategies, employment opportunities and more accessible public spaces and housing; reiterates its support for the co-production approach and actions set out in *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021*; notes that, since the plan was launched, progress has been made toward the goal of at least halving the disability employment gap, with further actions set out in the publication of *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Employment Action Plan*; further notes that the UK Government’s Disability Confident scheme encourages employers to recruit more disabled people; believes that the Scottish and UK governments should work together to develop a one-stop-shop portal, bringing together all of the key support offers into one cohesive package to ensure joined-up services and a clearer picture for disabled people and employers, and recognises the Scottish Government’s commitment to implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities so that disabled people in Scotland can exercise all of their human rights.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16611—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 23 April should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 23 April;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 1 May and Thursday 2 May should end at 12 noon on Tuesday 23 April;

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Thursday 25 April should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 23 April.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**No. 97, Tuesday 2 April 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Dr W John Carswell, Minister, Cadzow Parish Church, Hamilton, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-16697—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**4. Code of Conduct for Members:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-16697—That the Parliament agrees to amend the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament by making the revisions set out in Annexe A of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 1st Report 2019 (Session 5), *Code of Conduct for MSPs – proposed revisions to Rules on Confidentiality of the Complaints Process* (SP Paper 493) with effect from 24 April 2019.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**6. Stalking Awareness Week 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-16208 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament welcomes Stalking Awareness Week, which takes place on 8 to 12 April 2019; recognises that the Suzy Lamplugh Trust has released a report, *Out Of Sight, Out Of Mind – Two Years On*, which looks at the progress that statutory agencies have made to better protect victims of the crime of stalking and highlights best practice; understands that recorded offences of stalking have more than doubled since 2012 in Scotland, with young women being the most prevalent victims; notes the particular impact that stalking has on the mental health of victims, and commends Action Against Stalking for the support and advice it provides to victims.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

**No. 98, Wednesday 3 April 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and then on Rural Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. Looking After Those Who Look After Us:** Miles Briggs moved S5M-16702— That the Parliament pays tribute to all those who work in the NHS and social care services for the care and treatment that they help to deliver for patients and families across Scotland; notes the ongoing NHS workforce crisis, which sees high vacancy rates in nursing, consulting and mental health posts, as well as high absence rates across the health service; understands the pressures that NHS and social care staff face and believes that there is a need to improve the holistic care and support provided to them in their workplaces, and calls on ministers to review NHS and social care staff workplace support services in order to improve and promote wellbeing and look after those who look after people in Scotland.

Jeanne Freeman moved amendment S5M-16702.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16702 in the name of Miles Briggs (Looking After Those Who Look After Us), leave out from “notes” to “health service” and insert “believes that this support for staff should include support in their initial training, and welcomes that in Scotland free tuition has been retained for nursing and midwifery students, and that their bursaries are increasing by £10,000 in 2020; notes the observations of the BMA that Brexit will have a ‘potentially devastating impact’ on the health and social care workforce, and agrees with the BMA that, for staff from the EU, ‘It is simply wrong that they should feel they no longer belong here or should be planning to leave as a result of Brexit’.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 52, Abstentions 6).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-16702.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16702 in the name of Miles Briggs (Looking After Those Who Look After Us), insert at end “, and considers that such a review must address the underlying issues that contribute to burnout, stress, long-term sickness and to staff leaving health and social care, such as staff shortages, workplace culture, bullying and harassment and poor work-life balance.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament pays tribute to all those who work in the NHS and social care services for the care and treatment that they help to deliver for patients and families across Scotland; believes that this support for staff should include support in their initial training, and welcomes that in Scotland free tuition has been retained for nursing and midwifery students, and that their bursaries are increasing by £10,000 in 2020; notes the observations of the BMA that Brexit will have a ‘potentially devastating impact’ on the health and social care workforce, and agrees with the BMA that, for staff from the EU, ‘It is simply wrong that they should feel they no longer belong here or should be planning to leave as a result of Brexit’; understands the pressures that NHS and social care staff face and believes that there is a need to improve the holistic care and support provided to them in their workplaces; calls on ministers to review NHS and social care staff workplace support services in order to improve and promote wellbeing and look after those who look after people in Scotland, and considers that such a review must address the underlying issues that contribute to burnout, stress, long-term sickness and to staff leaving health and social care, such as staff shortages, workplace culture, bullying and harassment and poor work-life balance.

**3. Health Education:** Brian Whittle moved S5M-16710—That the Parliament recognises the importance of nutrition as part of an active healthy lifestyle; further recognises that nutrition plays a crucial role in tackling the rising cost of the preventable health agenda such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, many types for cancer, cardiovascular disease, many muscular skeletal conditions, chest, heart and stroke issues, poor mental health, poor oral hygiene and many more; considers that a key battleground will be in ensuring access to the highest quality local produce in early years settings, specifically in pre-school and primary and secondary schools, and that this is a significant way to tackle the stubborn attainment gap; believes that part of this approach should include teaching and learning about active health lifestyles, including the opportunity to apply that learning, and considers that this connected approach will give much-needed support to the rural economy.

Joe FitzPatrick moved amendment S5M-16710.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16710 in the name of Brian Whittle (Health Education), insert at end “; shares the aim to halve childhood obesity rates by 2030, including through action to transform the food environment to support healthier choices and reduce the excessive consumption of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt, and notes the valuable contribution that schools make to educate children and young people about all of these vital issues.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 115, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

David Stewart moved amendment S5M-16710.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-16710 in the name of Brian Whittle (Health Education), insert at end “; contends that unhealthy diets are often the result of families’ inability to afford fresh healthy foods; acknowledges the saturation of fast food, alcohol and tobacco outlets in Scotland’s poorest communities and supports the promotion of healthy environments through the restriction of

advertising of alcohol products around schools; believes that austerity and the severe welfare policies imposed by the UK Government have driven children and families across Scotland into poverty, exacerbating health inequalities, and calls on the Scottish Government to tackle food insecurity by enshrining in law an enforceable right to food.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of nutrition as part of an active healthy lifestyle; further recognises that nutrition plays a crucial role in tackling the rising cost of the preventable health agenda such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, many types for cancer, cardiovascular disease, many muscular skeletal conditions, chest, heart and stroke issues, poor mental health, poor oral hygiene and many more; considers that a key battleground will be in ensuring access to the highest quality local produce in early years settings, specifically in pre-school and primary and secondary schools, and that this is a significant way to tackle the stubborn attainment gap; believes that part of this approach should include teaching and learning about active health lifestyles, including the opportunity to apply that learning; considers that this connected approach will give much-needed support to the rural economy; shares the aim to halve childhood obesity rates by 2030, including through action to transform the food environment to support healthier choices and reduce the excessive consumption of food and drink high in fat, sugar or salt, and notes the valuable contribution that schools make to educate children and young people about all of these vital issues.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-16733—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 April 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Social Security Committee debate: In work poverty

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 April 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

*followed by* Scottish Green Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 April 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

*followed by* Final stage: Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Changing Lives Through Sport and Physical Activity

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 April 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Education and Skills Committee Debate: Instrumental music tuition

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 2 May 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 24 April 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 25 April 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 April 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-16734 First Minister’s Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions**—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 7 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May;

lodge a First Minister’s Question for answer on Thursday 9 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 7 May.

**S5M-16735 First Minister’s Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions**—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 28 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 28 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 5 June and Thursday 6 June should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 28 May;

lodge a First Minister’s Question for answer on Thursday 30 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 28 May.

**S5M-16736 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Communities Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-16737 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Designation of Persons as Scottish Public Authorities) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16738 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-16739 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Motor Sport on Public Roads (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 5 as noted above.

**7. WASPI Campaign:** The Parliament debated S5M-15784 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament regrets what it sees as the UK Government’s inaction to end the injustice experienced by women affected by the changes to state pension laws; welcomes the campaign by the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) group to achieve fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born in the 1950s affected by changes to state pension laws, including those in Glasgow Kelvin, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to urge the UK Government to provide a bridging pension that supplies an income until state pension age, which is not means tested, as well as compensation for the absence of a bridging pension to those who have already reached their state pension age, compensation to all those who have not started to receive a bridging pension by an appropriate date, which would be sufficient to recover lost monetary interest, and compensation to the beneficiaries of the estates of those who are deceased and failed to receive a bridging pension.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Sandra White 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 6.20 pm.

## No. 99, Thursday 4 April 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Long-term Decline in Salmon Stocks:** The Parliament debated S5M-15657 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament notes the reported long-term decline in salmon stocks across Scotland's major rivers, including the Tweed, the Spey, the Dee and the Tay; understands that catches have decreased over the last decade; notes that, on the Tweed, rod catches have fallen from 23,219 in 2012 to 6,577 in 2017; believes that this is marginally above the previous worst years, 1977 and 1980; understands that angling in Scotland supports around 2,800 jobs and contributes £100 million to the economy; acknowledges that fishing generates significant employment opportunities in rural areas; recognises that there are significant challenges ahead if salmon stocks are to return to previous levels, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to take urgent action to devise effective conservation and management plans in conjunction with relevant bodies to help address what it sees as the persistent decline in salmon stocks.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Rachael Hamilton moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**6. Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-16747—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Transport (Scotland) Bill.

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

**7. Transport (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-16393—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Transport (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

**No. 100, Tuesday 23 April 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Neil Gardner MA BD, Minister, Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Social Security and In-Work Poverty:** Bob Doris, on behalf of the Social Security Committee, moved S5M-16957—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Social Security Committee's 2nd Report, 2019 (Session 5), Social Security and In-Work Poverty (SP Paper 466).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Committee Announcement:** Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Education and Skills Committee, made an announcement on Scottish National Standardised Assessments.
- 5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17023—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Wednesday 24 April 2019—

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2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Brexit and Scotland's Future

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 25 April 2019—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Advance Redress Payments

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 83, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17024—That the Parliament agrees that Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Neil Bibby as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 6 as noted above.

**8. The Open University at 50:** The Parliament debated S5M-16671 in the name of Claire Baker—That the Parliament recognises that 23 April 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of The Open University (OU); notes that the Royal Charter that it received in 1969 required it to “promote the educational wellbeing of the community generally”; acknowledges the OU’s mission to be “open to people, places, methods and ideas”; considers that its open access policy, which requires no entrance qualifications for most courses, is as radical today as it was 50 years ago; notes what it sees as its contribution to social justice and accessible higher education across Scotland and the transformational impact that it has had on lives and communities, with more than 200,000 Scots from all backgrounds having studied with the institution, and wishes it well for the next 50 years and beyond.

**9. Motion Without Notice:** Claire Baker 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 6.02 pm.

**No. 101, Wednesday 24 April 2019**

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Brexit and Scotland's Future.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Government Business and Constitutional Relations were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 3. Addressing Scotland's GP Recruitment and Retention Challenges:** Alison Johnstone moved S5M-17011—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland is facing considerable challenges in recruiting and retaining GPs, with almost a quarter of GP practices reporting vacancies, leading to temporary and permanent surgery closures; notes that the number of whole time equivalent (WTE) GPs has been declining, from 3,735 in 2013 to 3,575 in 2017; agrees that WTE is a more appropriate measure than headcount in fully appreciating the recruitment and retention challenge; is concerned by warnings from the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) that there will be a predicted shortfall of 856 WTE GPs in Scotland by 2021 at the same time as demand on Scotland's healthcare system is growing; agrees that health and social care integration cannot be delivered without adequate resources and capacity in community services; welcomes Scottish Government action to improve recruitment and retention of GPs but agrees that more urgent progress is required; notes that general practice carries out the majority of patient contact in Scotland yet has received a declining share of the total NHS Scotland budget since 2005-06; notes RCGP's call, supported by the BMA, for general practice to receive 11% of the total health budget, and calls on the Scottish Government, given the importance of general practice to tackling health inequalities and improving the health of people in Scotland, to undertake an urgent review of GP recruitment, resources and funding.

Jeanne Freeman moved amendment S5M-17011.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17011 in the name of Alison Johnstone (Addressing Scotland's GP Recruitment and Retention Challenges), leave out from "is concerned by" to "total health budget" and insert "notes the aim of the Scottish Government to recruit 800 additional GPs; welcomes that funding for primary care and general practice will be increased to 11% of NHS Scotland frontline funding by the end of this parliamentary session; believes in the multidisciplinary approach that recognises the GP role as that of an expert medical generalist supported by expanded multidisciplinary teams that include practice and district nurses, health visitors, pharmacists, allied health professions, mental health professionals and link workers; understands that the GP contract, designed in partnership with the BMA, gives flexibility on aspects of delivery to reflect the needs of rural Scotland; notes that all aspects of GP support and re-imbursement will be considered in partnership with the BMA and GPs as phase 2 of the new GP contract is developed".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-17011.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17011 in the name of Alison Johnstone (Addressing Scotland's GP Recruitment and Retention Challenges), insert at end "and to take consideration of the concerns of rural GPs with the GP contract as well as allowing them flexibility to provide vaccination services."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-17011.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17011 in the name of Alison Johnstone (Addressing Scotland's GP Recruitment and Retention Challenges), insert at end "; is concerned about the increasing gaps in out-of-hours GP service provision across Scotland, given the value of this service to local communities and its importance for relieving pressures on A&E departments; acknowledges the significant challenges faced by rural GPs and their critiques of the new GP contract, as stated by Dr David Hogg when he resigned from the Scottish Government's Remote and Rural General Practice Working Group, and believes that any review of GP resources should include a specific focus on out-of-hours coverage and rural service provision."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland is facing considerable challenges in recruiting and retaining GPs, with almost a quarter of GP practices reporting vacancies, leading to temporary and permanent surgery closures; notes that the number of whole time equivalent (WTE) GPs has been declining, from 3,735 in 2013 to 3,575 in 2017; agrees that WTE is a more appropriate measure than headcount in fully appreciating the recruitment and retention challenge; is concerned by warnings from the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) that there will be a predicted shortfall of 856 WTE GPs in Scotland by 2021 at the same time as demand on Scotland's healthcare system is growing; agrees that health and social care integration cannot be delivered without adequate resources and capacity in community services; welcomes Scottish Government action to improve recruitment and retention of GPs but agrees that more urgent progress is required; notes that general practice carries out the majority of patient contact in Scotland yet has received a declining share of the total NHS Scotland budget since 2005-06; notes RCGP's call, supported by the BMA, for general practice to receive 11% of the total health budget, calls on the Scottish Government, given the importance of general practice to tackling health inequalities and improving the health of people in Scotland, to undertake an urgent review of GP recruitment, resources and funding, and to take consideration of the concerns of rural GPs with the GP contract as well as allowing them flexibility to provide vaccination services; is concerned about the increasing gaps in out-of-hours GP

service provision across Scotland, given the value of this service to local communities and its importance for relieving pressures on A&E departments; acknowledges the significant challenges faced by rural GPs and their critiques of the new GP contract, as stated by Dr David Hogg when he resigned from the Scottish Government's Remote and Rural General Practice Working Group, and believes that any review of GP resources should include a specific focus on out-of-hours coverage and rural service provision.

**4. A Green New Deal for Scotland:** Patrick Harvie moved S5M-17000—That the Parliament notes the growing interest in Scotland and across the world in a Green New Deal, which is an agenda that requires the mobilisation of regulatory, fiscal and monetary powers to achieve a rapid and just transition to a zero carbon economy; welcomes the reduction in Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions to date and believes that a Green New Deal policy would offer a delivery vehicle for more ambitious climate targets in the next decade while creating quality jobs, achieving a sustainable economy and addressing the severe inequalities in the economy; further welcomes the work of the Just Transition Commission and the First Minister's comments that "a Scottish Green Deal" will be a key mission of the Scottish National Investment Bank, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop a Green New Deal policy for Scotland that establishes a 10-year economic and public investment strategy that priorities decarbonisation, community and employee-led transition away from high- to low- and zero-carbon industry, the eradication of inequality and the restoration of Scotland's environment, and for it to publish amendments to the Scottish National Investment Bank Bill to make this agenda a central part of the bank's core objects.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S5M-17000.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17000 in the name of Patrick Harvie (A Green New Deal for Scotland), leave out from "zero carbon economy" to end and insert "carbon-neutral economy, recognising that the main fiscal and monetary policy levers are reserved to the UK Government; calls on the UK Government to increase its ambition to tackle climate change and to work with Scotland towards net-zero emissions as soon as possible; welcomes the reduction in Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions to date and believes that a Green New Deal policy would offer a delivery vehicle for more ambitious climate targets in the next decades while creating quality jobs, achieving a sustainable economy and addressing the severe inequalities in the Scottish economy; calls on the Scottish Government to develop a Green New Deal policy for Scotland that establishes a 10-year economic and public investment strategy to promote an inclusive and sustainable economy that prioritises decarbonisation, the eradication of inequality and the restoration of Scotland's environment in a way that supports community and employee-led actions; welcomes the work of the Just Transition Commission and the First Minister's comments that the transition to a carbon-neutral society will be a key mission of the Scottish National Investment Bank, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with other parties to ensure that this agenda is a central part of the Scottish National Investment Bank's core activities."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-17000.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17000 in the name of Patrick Harvie (A Green New Deal for Scotland), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “recognises that prosperity and economic growth should be positively aligned with tackling climate change and environmental protection; welcomes the reduction in Scotland’s greenhouse gas emissions to date; notes that a forward-thinking industrial strategy and sustainable public procurement practices can aid a just transition, and believes that implementing a circular economy strategy for Scotland is an effective way to bring about this transition.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-17000.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17000 in the name of Patrick Harvie (A Green New Deal for Scotland), insert at end “; believes that it is vital that these ambitions are met with actions, and notes the concerns raised in the report, Broken Promises and Offshored Jobs, published by the STUC, which exposes the consistent failure to deliver jobs in the low-carbon and renewable energy economy; further notes the need to actively support community, cooperative, municipal and public ownership models; agrees with the calls of young people for urgent action to deliver both jobs and skills opportunities in this climate emergency, and calls on the Scottish Government to consider establishing the Just Transition Commission on a basis that is statutory, long-term, well funded and independent of government.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the growing interest in Scotland and across the world in a Green New Deal, which is an agenda that requires the mobilisation of regulatory, fiscal and monetary powers to achieve a rapid and just transition to a carbon-neutral economy, recognising that the main fiscal and monetary policy levers are reserved to the UK Government; calls on the UK Government to increase its ambition to tackle climate change and to work with Scotland towards net-zero emissions as soon as possible; welcomes the reduction in Scotland’s greenhouse gas emissions to date and believes that a Green New Deal policy would offer a delivery vehicle for more ambitious climate targets in the next decades while creating quality jobs, achieving a sustainable economy and addressing the severe inequalities in the Scottish economy; calls on the Scottish Government to develop a Green New Deal policy for Scotland that establishes a 10-year economic and public investment strategy to promote an inclusive and

sustainable economy that prioritises decarbonisation, the eradication of inequality and the restoration of Scotland's environment in a way that supports community and employee-led actions; welcomes the work of the Just Transition Commission and the First Minister's comments that the transition to a carbon-neutral society will be a key mission of the Scottish National Investment Bank, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with other parties to ensure that this agenda is a central part of the Scottish National Investment Bank's core activities.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17027—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 April 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Education and Skills Committee Debate: Instrumental Music Tuition

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 2 May 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Response to the Sturrock Review

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 9 May 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 1 May 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 2 May 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister"; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 29 April 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motions:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-17028**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish National Investment Bank Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 September 2019.

**S5M-17029**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 11 October 2019.

**S5M-17030**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill at stage 2 be completed by 17 May 2019.

The motions were agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

**8. MS Awareness Week, 22 to 29 April 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-16088 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament welcomes MS Awareness Week taking place from 22 to 29 April 2019; understands that more than 11,000 people in Scotland live with multiple sclerosis, which is a neurological condition that can affect the way people walk, move, see, think and feel; welcomes the MS Society's commitment to funding research into new treatments and a greater understanding of the causes of MS; understands that the MS Society has invested over £218 million in real terms into research since its inception in 1956, including into the MS Society Edinburgh Centre for MS Research and numerous research projects across Scotland; notes the progress that has been made in research in recent years and the role that Scottish-based scientists have made in this, and celebrates the work being carried out by researchers and charities, such as the MS Society, to ultimately stop MS.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

## No. 102, Thursday 25 April 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. International Workers' Memorial Day 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-16795 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament recognises International Workers' Memorial Day 2019, which will be marked on 28 April to remember the estimated 50,000 people who are killed each year through work-related incidents or illnesses; notes that the day also aims to encourage steps towards ensuring that such tragedies do not happen again, and recognises that this year's theme is "Dangerous substances, get them out of the workplace", which focuses on workers' exposure to carcinogens.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Bill Kidd moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Advance Redress Payments.

**7. Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill – Final Stage:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9A.10.5A that, in his view, no provision of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

Kezia Dugdale on behalf of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee moved S5M-16708—That the Parliament agrees that the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Changing Lives Through Sport and Physical Activity:** The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-17034—That the Parliament recognises that sport and physical activity can bring about positive change beyond participation that benefits the health and wellbeing of individuals and improve their skills and learning; acknowledges that it makes communities better connected and more socially cohesive, ensuring a more inclusive and healthier nation, and recognises that this can be achieved by sporting and non-sporting organisations working together to use sport and physical activity to intentionally bring about both increased participation and wider social outcomes.

Brian Whittle moved amendment S5M-17034.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17034 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Changing Lives Through Sport and Physical Activity), insert at end “; recognises that sport should be available to all, irrespective of background or personal circumstances; considers that sport in school and in extracurricular activities is the best way to ensure access for all; believes that physical education should reflect the sporting opportunities in local communities and local clubs, and considers that investment in sport should reflect the positive impact that it can have in the health of the nation and attainment in Scotland’s schools.”

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

David Stewart moved amendment S5M-17034.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17034 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Changing Lives Through Sport and Physical Activity), insert at end “; notes with concern the deprivation gap in levels of physical activity and considers that, regardless of background or ability to pay, physical activities should be accessible for all; appreciates the importance of appropriate physical activity for recovery following illness or injury, and believes that the Scottish Government should work to address the gap in provision of community-based exercise initiatives such as pulmonary rehabilitation.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that sport and physical activity can bring about positive change beyond participation that benefits the health and wellbeing of individuals and improve their skills and learning; acknowledges that it makes communities better connected and more socially cohesive, ensuring a more inclusive and healthier nation; recognises that this can be achieved by sporting and non-sporting organisations working together to use sport and physical activity to intentionally bring about both increased participation and wider social outcomes; recognises that sport should be available to all, irrespective of background or personal circumstances; considers that sport in school and in extracurricular activities is the best way to ensure access for all; believes that physical education should reflect the sporting opportunities in local communities and local clubs; considers that investment in sport should reflect the positive impact that it can have in the health of the nation and attainment in Scotland’s schools; notes with concern the deprivation gap in levels of physical activity and considers that, regardless of background or ability to pay, physical activities should be accessible for all; appreciates the importance of appropriate physical activity for recovery following illness or injury, and believes that the Scottish Government should work to address the gap in provision of community-based exercise initiatives such as pulmonary rehabilitation.

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**No. 103, Tuesday 30 April 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rabbi Eli Grunewald, Jewish Student Chaplain Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. A Note of Concern: The Future of Instrumental Music Tuition in Schools:** Clare Adamson moved S5M-17059—That the Parliament notes the conclusions in the Education and Skills Committee's 1st Report, 2019 (Session 5), *A note of concern: The future of instrumental music tuition in schools* (SP Paper 450).

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

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17113— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 2 May 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Response to the Sturrock Review

insert

2.00 pm Portfolio Question Time: Communities and Local Government

and delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**6. Parkinson's in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-15746 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament understands that Parkinson's is the second most common neuroprogressive condition after Alzheimer's; recognises that it has a profound impact on people with the condition, and their close friends and family; welcomes what it sees as a comprehensive new report from Parkinson's UK, *People. Parkinson's. Scotland. What do we know about services and support for people with Parkinson's in Scotland?*; notes with concern that it suggests that there are about 12,400 people in the country with the condition and that this is expected to increase by 40% within 20 years; acknowledges the view that the Scottish Government, NHS

boards and health and social care partnerships must plan now to meet the care needs of the growing number of people with Parkinson's; accepts that it is a very complex condition with over 40 recognised symptoms, which can affect every aspect of daily living and can require ongoing support from a multidisciplinary team of health professionals; understands with concern that 10% of neurologist and medicine for older people consultant posts in Scotland is currently vacant and that waiting times are growing; believes that Scotland has fewer Parkinson's nurses than it needs and that, in NHS Lothian, NHS Lanarkshire, NHS Highland and NHS Forth Valley, there are reportedly about half the number of required nurses; understands that around one in every five people with the condition has extremely high levels of care need; believes that it can be challenging for people with Parkinson's to access the information, care and support that they need to maintain their independence and prevent emergency hospital and care home admissions; celebrates what it sees as the excellent work that is carried out by NHS and social care professionals across the country to provide better support for people with Parkinson's and their carers, including as members of the UK Parkinson's Excellence Network, and applauds the efforts of Parkinson's UK's small team of staff and over 300 volunteers to support everyone in Scotland who is living with the condition.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

## No. 104, Wednesday 1 May 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills and then on Health and Sport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Subject Choice:** Liz Smith moved S5M-17091—That the Parliament believes that Scottish education should be based on the principles of excellence and equity and that all young people, whatever their background, should be afforded the best possible educational experience at all levels of the curriculum; further believes that, while these principles are enshrined in the policy aims of the curriculum for excellence, the delivery of the new curriculum structure has exposed some fundamental failings with regard to subject choice, including the inequity that exists between schools in more affluent areas and those in more deprived communities, and calls on the Scottish Government to recognise the serious concerns, which have been expressed by teachers, parents, young people and academics, and take urgent action to address these failings in the delivery of the curriculum for excellence.

John Swinney moved amendment S5M-17091.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17091 in the name of Liz Smith (Subject Choice), leave out from “the delivery of the new curriculum” to end and insert “it is necessary to be assured that this is the case, particularly in relation to subject choice and how this is applied, especially in areas of deprivation; notes the Education and Skills Committee inquiry is underway on this subject but it has not yet heard from a range of witnesses, including representatives of the professional associations, Directors of Education, local government and the Scottish Government, and believes that the Parliament should return to consider this matter when the committee has had the opportunity to review the full range of evidence and its report is available.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-17091.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17091 in the name of Liz Smith (Subject Choice), insert at end “; believes that such action should include an evaluation of how the curriculum for excellence is actually being implemented in schools, as recommended by the OECD in its 2015 report, *Improving Schools in Scotland*, and considers that, although the senior phase was outwith the remit of this report, how the senior phase operates within the curriculum for excellence should be a priority for review.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 0, Abstentions 61).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that Scottish education should be based on the principles of excellence and equity and that all young people, whatever their background, should be afforded the best possible educational experience at all levels of the curriculum; further believes that, while these principles are enshrined in the policy aims of the curriculum for excellence, the delivery of the new curriculum structure has exposed some fundamental failings with regard to subject choice, including the inequity that exists between schools in more affluent areas and those in more deprived communities; calls on the Scottish Government to recognise the serious concerns, which have been expressed by teachers, parents, young people and academics and take urgent action to address these failings in the delivery of the curriculum for excellence; believes that such action should include an evaluation of how the curriculum for excellence is actually being implemented in schools, as recommended by the OECD in its 2015 report, *Improving Schools in Scotland*, and considers that, although the senior phase was outwith the remit of this report, how the senior phase operates within the curriculum for excellence should be a priority for review.

**3. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17114—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 9 May 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Response to the Sturrock Review

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 May 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 8 May 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer",

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 9 May 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister", and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 May 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding

Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17115—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transport (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 28 June 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17116—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway) etc. Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Give Them Time:** The Parliament debated S5M-15976 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament notes the aims of the campaign, Give Them Time, which has been set up by parents in Coatbridge and Chryston and across Scotland to share their experiences of applying for a further year of nursery funding for their child to defer starting P1; understands that the campaign’s national survey found that only 19% of parents knew about the legal right to defer children born between September and December, compared with 80% knowing that children born in January and February can be; notes the view that this demonstrates a need for further awareness raising; acknowledges the reported inconsistencies experienced by parents who wish to defer their children in terms of local authority responses and provision of nursery funding; notes that deferment should be the decision of the parent or legal guardian, and notes the call for local authorities to implement the law in Scotland as it stands and for them to support all parents who choose to defer their four-year-olds.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

**No. 105, Thursday 2 May 2019**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. 25th Anniversary Commemoration of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda:** The Parliament debated S5M-16380 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament notes the 25th anniversary commemoration of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, in which the lives of approximately one million people were lost in 100 days; notes the links that have developed between Rwanda and East Lothian, as well as other parts of Scotland, since then; remembers with the Rwandan people as they reflect on those dark days; commends Rwanda on its remarkable progress to reconciliation within the nation; notes its considerable development in social and economic terms since 1994; acknowledges the privilege of walking with Rwanda along its path of recovery as one of Scotland's key partners in international development, and trusts that the nation will continue to flourish in peace and hope in the decades ahead.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Patrick Harvie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17146—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 5: 55 minutes

Groups 6 to 10: 1 hour 45 minutes

Groups 11 to 13: 2 hours 25 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 42, 2, 3, 4, 5, 45, 46, 7, 8, 9, 47, 10, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 11, 12, 60, 61, 62, 63, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18A, 18B, 18, 19, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 70, 37, 38, 39A, 39B, 39C, 39D, 39, 79, 80, 81 and 82.

The following amendments were not moved: 43, 44, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 40 and 41.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 6, 71.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-17127—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17152—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 8 May 2019—

delete

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill

6.00 pm Decision Time

insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Motion Without Notice:** Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.32 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.34 pm.

**No. 106, Tuesday 7 May 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Madinah Javed of Andalus Glasgow, Law Graduate, Peace Activist and Campaigner for Women's Rights to perform public Qur'an Recitations, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17199—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 7 May 2019—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.20 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 8 May 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

and insert

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 9 May 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Response to the Sturrock Review

and insert

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Response to the Sturrock Review

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17170—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 40 minutes

Groups 3 and 4: 1 hour 20 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 2 hours.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Stage 3: Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 98, 99, 100, 101, 103, 149, 157, 106, 107, 108, 109A, 109B, 109, 153, 110, 111, 112, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 154, 145, 155, 146, 147 and 156.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

102 (For 90, Against 32, Abstentions 0)  
149A (For 100, Against 22, Abstentions 0)  
104 (For 87, Against 35, Abstentions 0)  
105 (For 117, Against 5, Abstentions 0)  
151 (For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 0)  
152 (For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 0)  
113 (For 113, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1	(For 11, Against 108, Abstentions 0)
2	(For 10, Against 110, Abstentions 0)
3	(For 11, Against 109, Abstentions 0)
9	(For 11, Against 109, Abstentions 0)
10	(For 10, Against 111, Abstentions 0)
148	(For 34, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
90	(For 27, Against 95, Abstentions 0)
91	(For 27, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
92	(For 27, Against 93, Abstentions 0)
93	(For 27, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
94	(For 27, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
150	(For 27, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
85	(For 6, Against 114, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 143 was pre-empted.

The following amendments were not moved: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 95, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 96, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 97, 86, 87, 88 and 89.

The Presiding Officer extended the first time-limit under Rules 9.8.4A(c) and 9.8.4A(a). The Presiding Officer also extended the second time-limit under Rules 9.8.4A(c) and 9.8.4A(a).

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second time limit by 20 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer altered the time of Decision Time by 20 minutes in consequence of the motion under Rule 9.8.5A being agreed to and notified members accordingly.

The Minister for Children and Young People moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the third time limit by 5 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer altered the time of Decision Time by a further 5 minutes in consequence of the motion under Rule 9.8.5A being agreed to and notified members accordingly.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**6. Stage 3: Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) moved S5M-17169—That the Parliament agrees that the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 123, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**7. Committee Announcement:** Gillian Martin, on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, made an announcement on the report on its new inquiry into the report of the Committee on Climate Change: Net Zero, The UK's Contribution to Stopping Global Warming.

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

**9. Scottish Gigabit Cities:** The Parliament debated S5M-16039 in the name of Bruce Crawford—That the Parliament welcomes the £200 million of investment from CityFibre to roll-out a new, modern and future-proof 1 Gbps Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) broadband network in Scotland as part of the Scottish Gigabit City Programme; notes that FTTH areas have been announced in Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Stirling as well as a £60 million investment in expanding the core fibre network in Glasgow; understands that construction is under way in Stirling, with 180 km of new network set to pass nearly every home in the city; understands that this infrastructure development in the Gigabit cities will support future 5G connectivity, help households unlock the benefits of smart technology, spark economic growth by opening up business opportunities and make them among the best-connected places in Europe, and commends everyone involved with this.

The meeting closed at 6.37 pm.

## No. 107, Wednesday 8 May 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Security and Older People and then on Finance, Economy and Fair Work were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 3. Scotland's Future, Scrap the Cut to the Air Departure Tax:** Colin Smyth moved S5M-17190—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to abandon its policy to cut, then abolish, the Air Departure Tax.

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S5M-17190.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17190 in the name of Colin Smyth (Scotland's Future, Scrap the Cut to the Air Departure Tax), leave out from "abandon" to end and insert "review its policies and commitments in response to the global climate emergency and the Committee on Climate Change Report; believes that the Scottish Government should maintain its commitment to increasing the share of capital expenditure spent on low-carbon projects year on year; agrees that local authorities must be more empowered to tackle climate change and pursue policies and investments that are designed to encourage modal shift, such as the workplace parking levy and low emission zones, and further agrees that cutting and then abolishing Air Departure Tax is not now compatible with the more ambitious targets that Scotland wishes to pursue."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-17190.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17190 in the name of Colin Smyth (Scotland's Future, Scrap the Cut to the Air Departure Tax), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "notes the benefits of a competitive Air Departure Tax (ADT) regime; recognises that a reduction in this taxation for long-haul flights is essential for the retention and development of new intercontinental routes and economic ties across the world with a view to boost trade, tourism and inward investment into Scotland; understands that the devolution of ADT is a critical economic lever to achieve this, and calls on the Scottish Government to honour the commitment made in the manifesto it stood on in 2016 and introduce a reduction in Scotland's current ADT regime."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to review its policies and commitments in response to the global climate emergency and the Committee on Climate Change Report; believes that the Scottish Government should maintain its commitment to increasing the share of capital expenditure spent on low-carbon projects year on year; agrees that local authorities must be more empowered to tackle climate change and pursue policies and investments that are designed to encourage modal shift, such as the workplace parking levy and low emission zones, and further agrees that cutting and then abolishing Air Departure Tax is not now compatible with the more ambitious targets that Scotland wishes to pursue.

**4. Urgent Support for Scotland’s Midwives:** Monica Lennon moved S5M-17191—That the Parliament acknowledges that the International Day of the Midwife took place on 5 May 2019 and commends the commitment and skills of Scotland’s midwives and their crucial role in caring for women and babies; recognises that a continuity of carer throughout the maternity journey is valued by women and that, if adequately resourced, can improve outcomes in maternity and neonatal care; is concerned that many midwives are experiencing significant workforce pressures; believes that action must be taken to address low morale, bullying and work-related stress; further believes that the concerns raised by midwives in NHS Lothian in an open letter, which claims that they do not have enough computers, equipment and pool cars, needs urgent investigation; understands that only £12 million has been allocated towards the implementation of the Best Start recommendations and believes that this funding falls short of what is needed to safely deliver the new transformative models of care that are required by the Scottish Government, and urges the Scottish Government to ensure that all midwives have adequate time, training and resources and to provide an additional £10 million towards the implementation of the Best Start recommendations.

Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) moved amendment S5M-17191.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17191 in the name of Monica Lennon (Urgent Support for Scotland’s Midwives), leave out from “understands that only” to end and insert: “agrees that the contribution of 600 NHS staff, 600 maternity and neonatal service users, the NHS, the Royal College of Midwives, the National Childbirth Trust and Bliss, along with others, was instrumental in shaping the five-year plan for maternity and neonatal care; recognises that this expert input led to the plan taking a phased approach; further recognises that the initial budget of £12 million is only intended to support the initial phase, including implementation of the new model of continuity of carer at five early implementer sites across Scotland, and believes that the plan is the right way forward and, if fully and appropriately resourced, will result in mothers and babies being offered a truly family-centred, safe and compassionate approach to their care, with real continuity of care and carer.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-17191.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17191 in the name of Monica Lennon (Urgent Support for Scotland's Midwives), after "work-related stress" insert "and applauds the work undertaken by the Royal College of Midwives to help midwives deal with these issues, address bullying in the workplace and encourage a more supportive workplace culture".

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

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 26, Abstentions 5).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges that the International Day of the Midwife took place on 5 May 2019 and commends the commitment and skills of Scotland's midwives and their crucial role in caring for women and babies; recognises that a continuity of carer throughout the maternity journey is valued by women and that, if adequately resourced, can improve outcomes in maternity and neonatal care; is concerned that many midwives are experiencing significant workforce pressures; believes that action must be taken to address low morale, bullying and work-related stress and applauds the work undertaken by the Royal College of Midwives to help midwives deal with these issues, address bullying in the workplace and encourage a more supportive workplace culture; further believes that the concerns raised by midwives in NHS Lothian in an open letter, which claims that they do not have enough computers, equipment and pool cars, needs urgent investigation; agrees that the contribution of 600 NHS staff, 600 maternity and neonatal service users, the NHS, the Royal College of Midwives, the National Childbirth Trust and Bliss, along with others, was instrumental in shaping the five-year plan for maternity and neonatal care; recognises that this expert input led to the plan taking a phased approach; further recognises that the initial budget of £12 million is only intended to support the initial phase, including implementation of the new model of continuity of carer at five early implementer sites across Scotland, and believes that the plan is the right way forward and, if fully and appropriately resourced, will result in mothers and babies being offered a truly family-centred, safe and compassionate approach to their care, with real continuity of care and carer.

**5. Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17207—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Global Climate Emergency: Scotland's Response

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supporting Sheep Farming in Scotland

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Place Principle

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

*followed by* Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 May 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Food and Drink

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 May 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* General Questions

*followed by* First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 15 May 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”;

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 16 May 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 May 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Approval of SSI:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17208—That the Parliament agrees that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Scotland, a Nation of Lifesavers:** The Parliament debated S5M-16822 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament welcomes reports that every local authority in Scotland has now committed to training all secondary school pupils in CPR skills; believes that this will see the country sit alongside international CPR leaders, including Denmark and Norway, where cardiac arrest survival rates greatly increased after they took similar decisions to train young people; understands that the councils’ commitment is in response to poor cardiac arrest survival rates, with only one in 12 people surviving a heart attack out of hospital; believes that the use of effective CPR is critical and can potentially double the likelihood of survival, and applauds each of Scotland’s local authorities, including those in the Lothian region, on this plan to create a nation of lifesavers among the country’s young people, which it believes will help more people survive out-of-hospital cardiac arrests.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

**No. 108, Thursday 9 May 2019**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Changes to Pension Credit Could Cost Mixed-age Couples £7,320 Annually:** The Parliament debated S5M-15570 in the name of Kenneth Gibson— That the Parliament condemns the UK Government's decision that, from 15 May 2019, newly-retired people whose partners are younger than the state retirement age of 65 will no longer be able to claim pension credit (PC) and must instead claim universal credit (UC) along with their partners; understands that the couple rate of UC is £114.81 a week, compared with £255.25 for a couple receiving PC, which amounts to a potential loss of £7,320 a year; believes that this change could have a devastating impact on couple's finances, health and wellbeing and increase the number of older people in poverty; considers that, if the change comes into force, couples might find themselves in the position of being financially better off if they split up and live apart; is disappointed that the changes were set out in a written statement by Parliamentary Secretary for Pensions and Financial Inclusion, Guy Opperman MP, which was published online on the evening of 14 January 2019; believes that this allowed the announcement to go through largely unnoticed due to the Brexit vote, and notes the calls for the UK Government to reconsider this decision, which, it believes, could drive many older people and their partners in Cunninghame North, Scotland and across the UK into poverty.

**4. Motion without Notice:** Kenneth Gibson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government's Response to the Sturrock Review.

**6. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**7. Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17219—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 40 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 1.

Amendment 7 was disagreed to (by division: For 29, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**9. Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-17210—That the Parliament agrees that the Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

## Annex A: Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

23 May 2018

**Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 to make provision setting targets for the reduction of greenhouse gases emissions and to make provision about advice, plans and reports in relation to those targets. (SP Bill 30) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Roseanna Cunningham

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 30-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 30-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 30-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 30-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about staffing by the National Health Service and by providers of care services. (SP Bill 31) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 31-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 31-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 31-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 31-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

8 June 2018

**Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about authorisation of the removal and use of part of the body of a deceased person for transplantation and other purposes; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 32) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 32-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 32-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 32-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 32-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Transport (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for low emission zones; to make provision for and in connection with the powers of local transport authorities in connection with the operation of local bus services in their areas; to make provision about arrangements under which persons may be entitled to travel on local bus and other transport services; to prohibit the parking of vehicles on pavements and prohibit double parking; to make provision in connection with the status of the office of the Scottish Road Works Commissioner, the Commissioner's functions and the regulation of road works; to make provision in connection with regional Transport Partnerships and to adjust the number of members on the British Waterways Board; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 33) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Derek Mackay

Supported by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 33-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 33-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 33-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 33-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

12 June 2018

**Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the use of special measures for the purpose of taking the evidence of child witnesses and other vulnerable witnesses in criminal proceedings; to make provision about the procedure relating to taking evidence by commissioner; to make provision about the procedure for authorisation of standard special measures; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 34) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 34-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 34-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 34-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 34-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

14 June 2018

**Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in relation to the assumed rate of return on investment of particular damages awarded in personal injury cases; and to make provision in relation to periodical payments of various damages awarded in personal injury cases. (SP Bill 35) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 35-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 35-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 35-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 35-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

25 June 2018

**Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in relation to the assumed rate of return on investment of particular damages awarded in personal injury cases; and to make provision in relation to periodical payments of various damages awarded in personal injury cases. (SP Bill 36) (Private Bill)

Introduced by: The Patrons of The Royal Incorporation of Hutchesons' Hospital in the City of Glasgow

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 36-EN), a Promoter's Memorandum (SP Bill 36-PM), a Promoter's Statement (SP Bill 36-PS), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 36-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

26 June 2018

**Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to set a target relating to the eradication of fuel poverty; to define fuel poverty; to require the production of a fuel poverty strategy; and to make provision about reporting on fuel poverty. (SP Bill 37) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Supported by: Kevin Stewart

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 37-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 37-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 37-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 37-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

6 September 2018

**Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to abolish the defence of reasonable chastisement; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 38) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: John Finnie

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 38-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 38-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 38-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 38-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

21 September 2018

**Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to reduce the general speed limit on restricted roads to 20 miles per hour; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 39) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Mark Ruskell

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 39-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 39-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 39-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 39-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

2 October 2018

**Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Census Act 1920 to enable particulars about gender identity and sexual orientation to be gathered voluntarily. (SP Bill 40) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Fiona Hyslop

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 40-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 40-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 40-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 40-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

24 October 2018

**South of Scotland Enterprise Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish South of Scotland Enterprise and to provide for its functions. (SP Bill 41) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Fergus Ewing

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 41-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 41-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 41-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 41-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

19 December 2018

**Budget (Scotland) (No.3) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2019/20, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies and for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund; to make provision, for financial

year 2020/21, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 42) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: Derek Mackay

Supported by: Graeme Dey

Statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 42-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

27 February 2019

**Scottish National Investment Bank Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to require the establishment of the Scottish National Investment Bank and to make further provision in connection with that body. (SP Bill 43) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Derek Mackay

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 43-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 43-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 43-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 43-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

25 March 2019

**Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about non-domestic rates. (SP Bill 44) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Derek Mackay

Supported by: Kate Forbes

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 44-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 44-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 44-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 44-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

23 April 2019

**Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to secure the provision throughout Scotland of free period products. (SP Bill 45) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Monica Lennon

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 45-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 45-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 45-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 45-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

## **Annex B: Subordinate Legislation**

### **Affirmative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

10 September 2018

Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 32L(3) of the Electricity Act 1989

11 September 2018

Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 96 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

19 September 2018

Common Financial Tool (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 225(4)(a) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016, section 62(4) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002, and section 72(2) and (3)(a)(iib),(iic) and (b) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

26 September 2018

Assigned Colleges (University of the Highlands and Islands) Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 34(4)(bd) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

3 October 2018

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft]

*The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn on 3 October 2018*

23 October 2018

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 (Variation of schedule 5) Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 73(4) of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991

*The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn on 31 October 2018*

5 November 2018

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991 (Variation of schedule 5) Order 2019 [draft]  
laid under section 73(4) of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991

9 November 2018

Common Financial Tool (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]

*The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn on 9 November 2018*

23 November 2018

Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (Tolerable Standard) (Extension of Criteria) Order 2019 [draft]

laid under section 86(2A) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

12 December 2018

Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Modification of the Repairing Standard) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under section 191(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Supplemental Provision) Order 2019 [draft]

laid under section 191(4)(b) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

13 December 2018

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

20 December 2018

Cremation (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under section 106(2) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

15 January 2019

Drug Driving (Specified Limits) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under section 195(4A) of the Road Traffic Act 1988

16 January 2019

Sheriff Court Simple Procedure (Limits on Award of Expenses) Amendment Order 2019 [draft]

laid under section 133(2)(a) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Modification of the Repairing Standard) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under section 191(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

*The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 16 January 2019*

18 January 2019

Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 1) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Early Years Assistance (Best Start Grants) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

21 January 2019

Public Procurement etc. (Scotland) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 1(6) of Part 1 of schedule 7 of the European Union  
(Withdrawal) Act 2018

22 January 2019

INSPIRE (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act  
1972 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018

Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release etc.) (Miscellaneous  
Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act  
1972

*The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the  
Parliament on 22 January 2019*

23 January 2019

INSPIRE (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act  
1972 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018

*The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the  
Parliament on 23 January 2019*

24 January 2019

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment  
Regulations 2019 [draft]  
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act  
2002

29 January 2019

Public Procurement etc. (Scotland) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 1(6) of Part 1 of schedule 7 of the European Union  
(Withdrawal) Act 2018

*The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the  
Parliament on 29 January 2019*

31 January 2019

Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft]  
laid under section 150(2) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992

6 February 2019

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance  
Act 1992

20 February 2019

Services of Lawyers and Lawyer's Practice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Forestry (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(2) and (6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/58)

laid under section 41(3) and (4)(c) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Order was made

*The instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2019 and is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure*

28 February 2019

Motor Sport on Public Roads (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under section 121(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1988

4 March 2019

Forestry (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(2) and (6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

*The draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 4 March 2019*

12 March 2019

Cross-border Health Care (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

15 March 2019

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2019 [draft]

laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006

19 March 2019

Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway) etc. Amendment Order 2019 [draft]  
laid under section 81(3)(a) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

29 March 2019

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of South of Scotland Enterprise as Specified Authority) Order 2019 [draft]  
laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

1 May 2019

Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (2019/draft)  
laid under Section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

Code for the Welfare of Meat Chickens and Breeding Chickens (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2019 (SG/2019/65)  
laid under Section 37(7)(a) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

3 May 2019

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) (No. 1) Order 2019  
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2019  
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

7 May 2019

Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modification of Schedule 1) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/draft  
laid under section 77(3) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

Head Teachers Education and Training Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/draft  
laid under section 133(2BA)(a) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.

### **Negative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the negative procedure—

28 June 2018

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/211)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/212)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1 October 2018

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/295)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

25 October 2018

Education (Student Loans) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/307)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2018 (SSI 2018/308)

laid under section 17(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

5 November 2018

Licensed Legal Services (Complaints About Approved Regulators) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/341)

laid under section 146(3)(b) of the Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010

8 November 2018

Environmental Noise (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/342)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

12 November 2018

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/344)

laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Diligence against Earnings (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/345)

laid under section 104 of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Ancillary Provision) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/346)

laid under section 254(1) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

14 November 2018

Insolvency (Scotland) (Receivership and Winding up) Rules 2018 (SSI 2018/347)

laid under section 411(4) of the Insolvency Act 1986

13 December 2018

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

14 December 2018

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

20 December 2018

Burial and Cremation (Pregnancy Loss Prescribed Information and Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/384)

laid under section 106(4) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

Foods for Specific Groups (Medical Foods) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/392)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

17 January 2019

Zootechnical Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/5)

laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Licensing (Amendment) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/6)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

18 January 2019

Electronic Invoicing (Public Contracts etc.) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/7)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

21 January 2019

Aquatic Animal Health and Alien Species in Aquaculture (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/9)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

24 January 2019

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/12)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/13)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

31 January 2019

Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/21)  
laid under section 176(3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

1 February 2019

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/23)  
laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/26)  
laid under paragraph 1 of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

4 February 2019

Fisheries (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/24)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Fertilisers and Pesticides (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments etc.) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/25)  
laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

5 February 2019

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/27)  
laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

19 February 2019

Food and Feed Safety and Hygiene (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/52)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Food Composition, Labelling and Standards (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/53)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Nutrition (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/54)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

20 February 2019

Marine Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/55)

laid under paragraph 1(1) of schedule 2 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/56)  
laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

Genetically Modified Organisms (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/57)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Functions and Transfer of Property etc.) Order 2019 (SI 2019/183)  
laid under sections 90 and 93 of the Scotland Act 1998

1 March 2019

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/77)  
laid under section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/78)  
laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and Ordinary Cause Rules Amendment) (Taxation of Judicial Expenses) 2019 (SSI 2019/74)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules) 2019 (SSI 2019/75)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

*The instruments were laid before the Parliament on 1 March 2019 and noted in the Business Bulletin of 4 March 2019 as laid only instruments, not subject to any parliamentary procedure. Please note that both instruments are instead subject to the negative procedure.*

7 March 2019

Town and Country Planning and Electricity Works (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/80)  
laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

8 March 2019

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/84)

laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

12 March 2019

Sea Fish Licensing (Foreign Vessels) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/87)  
laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

Sea Fishing (Licences and Notices) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/88)

laid under section 4B(4) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

13 March 2019

Agriculture Market Measures (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/89)

laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

18 March 2019

Teachers' Superannuation and Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/95)

laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/96)

laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

20 March 2019

Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/98)

laid under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972

29 March 2019

The Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/121)

laid under section 96(5) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

1 April 2019

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/128)

laid under section 21(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

25 April 2019

St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/144

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/145

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

26 April 2019

The International Joint Investigation Teams (International Agreements) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Order 2019 SSI 2019/149

laid under Section 125(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

2 May 2019

Road Works (Qualifications of Operatives and Supervisors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/159)

laid under Section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Private Landlord Registration (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/160)

laid under Section 141(3) of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. Act 2004.

Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/161)

laid under Section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

### **Laid only instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

20 September 2018

Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/282 (C.19))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 November 2018

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/340 (C.21))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 November 2018

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Protective Expenses Orders) 2018 (SSI 2018/348)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 November 2018

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/357 (C.22))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 December 2018

Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 3, Transitional, Saving and Transitory Provisions) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/380 (C.24))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

1 February 2019

Act of Sederunt (Computer Evidence in the Sheriff Court) (Revocation) 2019 (SSI  
2019/22)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

28 February 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Sanctions and  
Anti-Money Laundering) 2019 (SSI 2019/72)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

1 March 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and  
Ordinary Cause Rules Amendment) (Taxation of Judicial Expenses) 2019 (SSI  
2019/74)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules) 2019 (SSI 2019/75)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

8 March 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules  
Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2019 (SSI 2019/81)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

13 March 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Regulation (EC)  
No. 44/2001) (Transitional Provisions) 2019 (SSI 2019/85)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

15 March 2019

Chief Forester (Qualifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/92)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Social Security (Ireland) (Further provision in respect of Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI  
2019/93)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)  
Act 2010

20 March 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Sanctions and  
Money-Laundering) (No.2) 2019 (SSI 2019/97)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 March 2019

Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 9 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/99 (C.2))

laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 March 2019

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Civil Online) 2019 (SSI 2019/122)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Views of the Child) 2019 (SSI 2019/123)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 April 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 Amendment) (Proceeds of Crime) 2019 (SSI 2019/146)

laid under Section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Child Care and Maintenance Rules 1997 Amendment) (Parental Orders) 2019 SSI 2019/147

laid under Section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

## **Annex C: Legislative Consent Memorandums**

The following memorandums were lodged on the dates indicated—

6 June 2018

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Ivory Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-16)

3 September 2018

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Offensive Weapons Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-17)

7 September 2018

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Crime (Overseas Production Orders) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-18)

29 October 2018

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Agriculture Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-19)

6 December 2018

Jeanne Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-21)

7 December 2018

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Fisheries Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-22)

8 March 2019

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-23)

## **Annex D: Other Documents**

### **Documents subject to approval**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to approval—

10 January 2019

OUR CHARTER – What you can expect from the Scottish Government and Social Security Scotland (SG/2019/4)  
laid under Section 16(6) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

### **Other documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

22 May 2018

HMICS Independent Assurance Review- Police Scotland Call Handling Update Report HMICS/2018/03  
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

23 May 2018

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2018 SPSO/2018/05  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

24 May 2018

When To Set A Net-Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions Target Year: Information and Analysis to support discussion of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets)(Scotland) Bill - May 2018 SG/2018/82  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

30 May 2018

The Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 – Reporting Requirement SG/2018/84  
laid under Section 29(2)(a) of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

31 May 2018

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service An update: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland AGS/2018/3  
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Climate Ready Scotland: Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme Fourth Annual Progress Report 2018 - May 2018 SG/2018/74

laid under Section 54 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts May 2018  
SG/2018/83

laid under Section 5(2)(a) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

13 June 2018

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme - Valuation Report at 31 March 2017  
SPCPF/2018/01

laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Fund Trustees of the Scottish  
Parliamentary Pension Scheme under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 103(4) of the  
Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

14 June 2018

Audit Scotland Annual report and accounts 2017/18 year ended 31 March 2018 and  
independent auditor's report (SP Paper 357)

laid before the Parliament under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and  
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 June 2018

Scotland's colleges 2018 AGS/2018/4

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued  
Investigations: Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports  
for June 2018 SPSO/2018/06

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board Report of the trustees and  
accounts for the year-ended 31 December 2017 SG/2018/92

laid by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 88 of the  
Scotland Act 1998

General Dental Council Annual Report and Accounts 2017 SG/2018/24

laid by a member of the Scottish Government under Sections 2B and 2C of  
the Dentists Act 1984

26 June 2018

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18  
SG/2018/91

laid by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 88 of the  
Scotland Act 1998

General Pharmaceutical Council: Annual report: annual fitness to practise report and  
annual accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/109

laid by a member of the Scottish Government under Paragraphs 7 and 8 of  
Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

Scottish Water Annual Report & Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/105

laid by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Explanatory Document - The Public Services Reform (Poverty and Inequality Commission) (Scotland) Order 2018 SG/2018/116  
laid under section 25(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 June 2018

Transport Focus Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 (SG/2018/77)  
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 19 and schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care: Professional Standards Authority Business Plan 2018/19 (SG/2018/85)  
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care: Health Professional Regulation: a long view with Annual Report and Accounts 2017/2018 (SG/2018/86)  
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Reducing UK emissions 2018 Progress Report to Parliament Committee on Climate Change June 2018 (SG/2018/106)  
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 36(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008

Turning legislation into practice together: First Report on Corporate Parenting Activity in Scotland: April 2015 – March 2018 (SG/2018/97)  
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 65 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts (for the year ended 31st March 2018) (SG/2018/102)  
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 5(5A) of the Utilities Act 2000

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the First Minister of Scotland, and the Welsh Ministers For the year ended 31 March 2018 (SG/2018/100)  
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

2 July 2018

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Reports and Accounts 2017/2018: SG/2018/80  
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

4 July 2018

Committee on Climate Change Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18: SG/2018/96  
laid under Schedule 1 to the Climate Change Act 2008

9 July 2018

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18  
laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

Education Scotland Annual Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/112  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

10 July 2018

The United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Fund  
Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/87  
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

11 July 2018

Big Lottery Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/115  
laid under Section 34 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 4A of the National  
Lottery etc. Act 1993

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31  
March 2018 SG/2018/94  
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Heritage Lottery Fund National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution Annual  
Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/93  
laid under Section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

British Wool Marketing Board Report on the BWMB Agricultural Marketing Scheme  
2016 – 17 SG/2018/124  
laid under section 121 of the Scotland Act 1998

BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 BBC/2018/01  
laid under the Memorandum of Understanding

12 July 2018

The Office of Communications Annual Report & Accounts For the period 1 April 2017  
to 31 March 2018 SG/2018/126  
laid under Paragraph 12(4) of the Schedule to the Office of Communications  
Act 2002

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/99  
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18  
SG/2018/125  
laid under Section 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts  
2017/18 SG/2018/79

laid under Article 13 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board  
Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/576)

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report & Accounts 2017-2018 SG/2018/119

laid under the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989, Sections 5 & 6

18 July 2018

Health and Care Professions Council annual report and accounts 2017-18:  
SG/2018/118

laid under articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions  
Order 2001

MG ALBA Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 17 18: SG/2018/127

laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

Scottish Civil Justice Council - fifth annual report and programme: SCJC/2018/01

laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal  
Assistance Act 2013

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2018:  
SPSO/2018/07

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

19 July 2018

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2017 18:  
SG/2018/70

laid under Section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

The Electoral Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18: ELC/2018/01

laid under paragraph 20A(1) of schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections  
and Referendums Act 2000

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year  
ended 31 March 2018: SG/2018/108

laid under Sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of  
the Press

UK Anti-Doping Ltd Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18: SG/2018/98

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

23 July 2018

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2017–18: SG/2018/129

laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government  
under Paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 2 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013

Civil Service Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18: SG/2018/121

laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Paragraph 17(5) of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

25 July 2018

British Transport Police Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018: SG/2018/89

laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 46 of the Scotland Act 2016

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2018: SG/2018/130

laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 July 2018

Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council Framework Document: SG/2018/128

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

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Scottish Welfare Fund Independent Review Service Annual Report 2017-18 (SWF/2018/01)

laid in pursuance of section 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

14 August 2018

Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Annual Report 2017-2018 SG/2018/143

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

17 August 2018

Scottish Canals Annual Report & Accounts 2017-2018 SG/2018/131

laid under sections 24(3) and 27(8c) of the Transport Act 1962

22 August 2018

Forestry Commission Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/147

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forest Enterprise Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/148

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2018 SPSO/2018/08

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

29 August 2018

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2018  
SG/2018/141

laid under Section 30 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990  
and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act  
2000

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18  
SG/2018/142

laid under section 30(1) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

30 August 2018

Scottish Housing Regulator - National Report on the Social Housing Charter:  
Headline Findings 2017/18 SG/2018/134

laid under section 41 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

5 September 2018

Scottish Fiscal Commission - Forecast Evaluation Report September 2018  
SG/2018/155

laid under section 5 of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

7 September 2018

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Report and Financial Statements Year Ended  
31 March 2018 SG/2018/144

laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

10 September 2018

Registers of Scotland Annual Report 2017-18 SG/2018/150

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Food Standards Scotland Annual Report & Accounts For the year ended 31 March  
2018 SG/2018/20

laid under Section 15(5) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

11 September 2018

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/154

laid under Section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

Scotland: The Hydro Nation Annual Report 2018 SG/2018/151

laid under Section 4 of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

12 September 2018

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2017-18  
SG/2018/138

laid under section 14(3) of schedule 1 of the Historic Environment Scotland  
Act 2014

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report & Accounts 2017/18  
SG/2018/164

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

13 September 2018

Children and Young People's Mental Health A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission for Scotland AGS/2018/6  
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Government Chemist Review 2017 SG/2018/165

laid under Section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

HMICS Assurance Review of Police Scotland's Counter Corruption Unit (2016)  
Progress Review HMICS/2018/04

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

18 September 2018

Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18  
SG/2018/136

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

Transport Scotland Annual Report & Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2018  
SG/2018/133

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

National Records of Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/40

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

19 September 2018

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report 2017-18 SPSO/2018/AR

laid under section 17 (1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Fiscal Commission Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/153

laid under section 5 of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland - HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2017-18 SG/2018/146

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

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/75

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

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Discontinued Investigations: September 2018 SPSO/2018/09

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1) A of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Crofting Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/122  
laid under section 2B and schedule 1, paragraph 19 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 as amended by the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2007 and the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 and the Crofting (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2013

20 September 2018

Superfast broadband for Scotland – Further progress update: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland AGS/2018/7  
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Fiscal Framework Outturn Report – September 2018 SG/2018/156  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

21 September 2018

Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/72  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 September 2018

Reducing emissions in Scotland 2018 Progress Report to Parliament Committee on Climate Change SG/2018/169  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2017/18 SG/2018/167  
laid under section 13 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SCTS/2018/01  
laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 September 2018

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/132  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Housing Regulator Annual Performance Report & Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/135  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 September 2018

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18  
SG/2018/149

laid under section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002  
and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act  
2000

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2018-19 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget  
(Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2019 SG/2018/157

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

The Scottish Government Non-Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31  
March 2018 SG/2018/162

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

The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018  
SG/2018/161

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

The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts SG/2018/163

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

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Budget for the year ended 31 March 2018  
SG/2018/166

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

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018  
SG/2018/160

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

28 September 2018

The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local  
Authorities' Functions: 2017-2018 SG/2018/171

laid under Section 12 of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act  
2009

Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/170

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

1 October 2018

Grampian Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2017/2018 SG/2018/182

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

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/191  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Education for Scotland – Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/197  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2018 SG/2018/187  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2017-2018 SG/2018/110  
laid under section 18(2) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

2 October 2018

The 2017/18 audit of NHS Ayrshire and Arran SG/2018/177  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/176  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/178  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2017/18 audit of NHS Highland SG/2018/185  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Highland Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/184  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/193  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/196  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 Resource Accounts RS/2018/02  
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 Devolved Taxes Account RS/2018/03  
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

3 October 2018

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/183  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/179  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/199  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Waiting Times Centre Board (also known as the Golden Jubilee Foundation) Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/198  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife Health Board Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/180  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 October 2018

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/181  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/186  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Western Isles Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 SG/2018/190  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/195  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/173  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Public Pensions Agency SG/2018/204  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/172  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/174  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

5 October 2018

NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/188  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Health Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/192  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Shetland NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/189  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Annual Accounts Financial year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/194  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 October 2018

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2017/2018 SG/2018/207  
laid under Paragraph 14(3) of schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

16 October 2018

Security Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/203  
laid under paragraph 17(3) of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act  
2001

17 October 2018

Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report & Financial Statements  
2017-18 SG/2018/139  
laid under section 5(4) of Part 1 of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

19 October 2018

HMICS Inspection of custody centres across Scotland HMICS/2018/05  
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

23 October 2018

Children's Hearings Scotland Annual Impact Report 2017/18 SG/2018/217  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under  
any laying power

Children's Hearings Scotland Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31 March  
2018 SG/2018/216  
laid under Paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland)  
Act 2011 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

24 October 2018

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Accounts Year ended 31 March  
2018 SG/2018/215  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2017/18 SG/2018/214  
laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland)  
Act 2011

GTC Scotland Annual Report & Accounts-Year to 31 March 2018 GTCS/2018/12  
laid under Section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 1995

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued  
Investigations Compendium of Case Reports for October 2018 SPSO/2018/10  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

NHS in Scotland 2018: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and  
Accounts Commission for Scotland AGS/2018/8  
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

25 October 2018

Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Annual Report 2017-18 SHRC/2018/01

laid under Section 15 of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

Scottish Government response to the UK Committee on Climate Change 2018  
annual report on progress towards targets SG/2018/228

laid under Section 9(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year  
ended 31st March 2018 SG/2018/220

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

National Galleries of Scotland Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for  
the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/219

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31  
March 2018 SG/2018/218

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Administrative Boundary  
Review: Glasgow City council area and North Lanarkshire council area at Cardowan  
by Steps SG/2018/227

laid under section 17(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Strategic review – an independent  
assessment of Police Scotland's response to a breach of Home Detention Curfew  
(HDC) - October 2018 SG/2018/158

laid under section 78(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland Report on the Review of the Arrangements  
for Home Detention Curfew Within the Scottish Prison Service - October 2018  
SG/2018/159

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

29 October 2018

Scottish Sentencing Council Business Plan 2018-21 SG/2018/168

laid under section 12 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act  
2010

The Scottish Civil Estate 2017/18: The eighth report on the performance and  
Environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate SG/2018/211

laid under Section 76(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

National Records of Scotland: Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011: Report by The  
Keeper of the Records of Scotland, 2018 SG/2018/232

laid under Section 12 of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

31 October 2018

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report 2017-18  
CCYP/2018/2

laid under section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People  
(Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2017/18  
SPCPF/2018/02

laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary  
Pensions Act 2009

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2017-  
18 CES/2018/01

laid in pursuance of section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions  
and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended.

The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2016  
SG/2018/208

laid under Sections 33 and 38 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

2 November 2018

National Confidential Forum Annual Report 2017-2018 SG/2018/175

laid under paragraph 12(5) of schedule 1A of the Mental Health (Care and  
Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the 12 Months to 31 March  
2018 SG/2018/221

laid under section 12(5) of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008 and Section  
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

6 November 2018

Scottish Road Works Commissioner 2017/18 Annual Report and Accounts  
SG/2018/237

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

9 November 2018

VisitScotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March  
2018 SG/2018/239

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

12 November 2018

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the  
year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/213

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

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co Annual Report and  
Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2018 SG/2018/240

laid under Paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 4 to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and Article 6(2)(b) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Non-profit-making Companies) Order 2009

Scottish Environmental Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2017-2018 SG/2018/120

laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Land Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2017 to 2018 SG/2018/241

laid under Section 20(2)(c) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/242

laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Accounts and Report 2017/18 SG/2018/243

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

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Report 2017/18 SG/2018/245

laid under Section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/244

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

13 November 2018

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/246

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

14 November 2018

The Strategy for Our Veterans: Valued. Contributing. Supported. SG/2018/236

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

Ethical Standards Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/248

laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd Annual Report & Accounts 2018 SG/2018/152

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

Health and Social Care integration: update on progress: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission for Scotland AGS/2018/9  
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 November 2018

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts  
For the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/140  
laid under Section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and Section 22(5)  
of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2018  
SG/2018/235  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

19 November 2018

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2017-18 SG/2018/205  
laid under section 16(4) of Schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid  
(Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts Year ended 30 June 2018  
SG/2018/206  
laid under paragraph 15(2) of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal  
Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and  
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 November 2018

Scottish Police Authority Annual Review of Policing 2017-18 SPA/2018/01  
laid under Section 39 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Police Authority SG/2018/230  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/229  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

21 November 2018

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman - Compendium of Discontinued Reports- Case  
Reports for November 2018 SPSO/2018/11  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

23 November 2018

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended  
31 March 2018 SG/2018/247  
laid under Section 42A (1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner – Commissioner’s Annual Report  
2017-18 SG/2018/200

laid under Section 43(5) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice  
(Scotland) Act 2006

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner – Annual Report and Accounts 2017-  
18 SG/2018/201

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

27 November 2018

Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/145

laid under Section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

The 2017/18 audit of Community Justice Scotland SG/2018/238

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

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2017-18 SG/2018/209

laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment)  
(Scotland) Act 2003

28 November 2018

Information Sharing Code of Practice - Code of Practice for public authorities  
disclosing information under Chapters 1, 3 and 4 (Public Service Delivery, Debt and  
Fraud) of Part 5 of the Digital Economy Act 2017 SG/2018/253

laid under Sections 43 (12)(a), 52(12)(a) and 60(12)(a) of the Digital Economy  
Act 2017

UK Statistics Authority Research Code of Practice and Accreditation Criteria

UKSA/2018/02

laid under the Digital Economy Act 2017 (Section 70)

UK Statistics Authority Statistics Statement of Principles and Code of Practice on  
Changes to Data Systems UKSA/2018/03

laid under the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 (Section 45E)

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/257

laid under Section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

29 November 2018

HM Revenue & Customs: Administration of Scottish Income Tax 2017-18: Report by  
the Comptroller and Auditor General SG/2018/222

laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the Finance  
Act 2014

3 December 2018

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

4 December 2018

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

6 December 2018

The 2017/18 audit of NHS Tayside SG/2018/260  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Tayside Health Board Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2018  
SG/2018/259

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

7 December 2018

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 SG/2018/88  
laid under Paragraph 15(2)(b) of Schedule 11 to the Public Services Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

10 December 2018

Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Annual Report and Accounts to 31  
March 2018 SG/2018/266

laid under section 2 of the Crown Estate Act 1961

11 December 2018

SG/2018/111: Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts 2017-2018 For  
the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/111

laid under section 5(7)(a) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and section  
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

12 December 2018

Young Start Annual Report 2017-2018 SG/2018/262

laid under Schedule 3, Part 3, Paragraph 9 of the Dormant Bank and Building  
Society Accounts Act 2008

Bord na Gaidhlig Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31 March 2018  
SG/2018/270

laid under paragraph 9 of schedule 1 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act  
2005 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Scottish Budget: 2019-20 SG/2018/251

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

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts December  
2018 SG/2018/249

laid under section 5(2)(a) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

13 December 2018

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

14 December 2018

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

17 December 2018

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

18 December 2018

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

19 December 2018

Electoral observation at United Kingdom elections and referendums: code of practice for electoral observers ELC/2018/02  
laid in pursuance of Section 6G(5) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations December 2018 SPSO/2018/12  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/212  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Queen's Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 SG/2018/271  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

20 December 2018

Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards 2017 Annual Report SG/2018/101  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

British Film Institute Group and Lottery Annual Report and Financial Statements  
2016-17 SG/2018/107

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements For Year  
Ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/252

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

The 2017/18 audit of Scottish Social Services Council SG/2018/274

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

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2017 to 31  
March 2018 SG/2018/273

laid under Section 10(1) of Schedule 2 of the Regulation of Care (Scotland)  
Act 2001 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Group Financial Statements for  
the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/263

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

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/265

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

Progressing the Human Rights of Children in Scotland: An Action Plan 2018-2021  
SG/2018/ 267

laid under section 1(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Progressing the Human Rights of Children in Scotland: A Report 2015-2018 - Report  
to the Scottish Parliament under Part 1 of the Children and Young People (Scotland)  
Act 2014 SG/2018/268

laid under section 1(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

21 December 2018

Wildlife Crime in Scotland – 2017 Annual Report SG/2018/250

laid under section 26B of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Scottish Water Interim Accounts For the six months to 30 September 2018  
SG/2018/272

laid under Section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and  
section 22(5) Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2017-18 SG/2018/202

laid under section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

3 January 2019

Scottish MPA Network – Parliamentary Report SG/2018/269  
laid under Section 103 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and Section 124 of  
the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

23 January 2019

SPSO/2019/01 Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of  
Discontinued Investigations Compendium of Case Reports for January 2019  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

24 January 2019

SG/2019/2 21st Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board Report for the  
period April 2017 to March 2018  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under  
any laying power

31 January 2019

Scottish Parliament Statistics Volume 2017-2018 (SP Paper 465)

SG/2019/8: Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office Annual Report 2017  
laid under Section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

SG/2019/9: Laying of the Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner  
2017 – Statement by the Prime Minister on 31 January 2019  
laid under Section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

5 February 2019

Implementation of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009: Report to the  
Scottish Parliament SG/2019/10  
laid under section 52 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009

6 February 2019

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2019 – Report by the Scottish  
Ministers SG/2019/12  
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance  
Act 1992

7 February 2019

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2018-19 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget  
(Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2019 SG/2019/7  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under  
any laying power

20 February 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued  
Investigations Compendium of Case Reports for February 2019 SPSO/2019/02  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

26 February 2019

Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics, 2017-18 SG/2019/1  
laid under section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

27 February 2019

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2018 SG/2019/14  
laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

11 March 2019

Ninth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change  
(Scotland) Act 2009 SG/2019/23  
laid under Section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

15 March 2019

A report setting out the administrative arrangements that the Scottish Ministers  
intend to make for the carrying out of their functions under the Forestry and Land  
Management (Scotland) Act 2018 SG/2019/19  
laid under section 85 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act  
2018

19 March 2019

Committee on Climate Change - Final Assessment: The first Scottish Climate  
Change Adaptation Programme, March 2019 (SG/2019/16)  
laid under section 55(4) of Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

20 March 2019

MIPIM 2019 (Le marché international des professionnels de l'immobilier)  
(SG/2019/47)  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under  
any laying power

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March  
2019 (SPSO/2019/03)  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

21 March 2019

HMICS Local Policing+ Inspection Programme Inspection of Greater Glasgow  
Division report (HMICS/2019/01)  
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office Annual Report 2017 (SG/2019/28)  
laid under Section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office Annual Report 2017 (SG/2019/08)  
which was

laid before the Scottish Parliament on 31 January 2019 has been withdrawn

29 March 2019

The Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2017-2018 SG/2019/3

laid under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

Return of expenditure Incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and Incidences of Notifiable Disease in imported animals for the year 2018  
SG/2019/27

laid under section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland Annual Report 2017-2018,  
Community Justice Scotland SG/2019/24

laid under section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Community Payback Order Community Justice Scotland Summary of Local Authority  
Annual Reports 2016-17 SG/2019/25

laid under section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Community Payback Order Community Justice Scotland Summary of Local Authority  
Annual Reports 2017-18 SG/2019/26

laid under section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022  
SG/2019/48

laid under paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland  
Report on Children and Young People as Human Rights Defenders in Scotland –  
“Promote, Protect, Defend” CCYP/2019/1

laid under section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People  
(Scotland) Act 2003

Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2019/20 PSOS/2019/01

laid in pursuance of Section 35(4) (b) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland)  
Act 2012

1 April 2019

Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029 SG/2019/21

laid under Section 5 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act  
2018

Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029: Report on the consultation process  
undertaken SG/2019/22

laid under Section 5 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act  
2018

Borders College Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 July 2018  
SG/2019/29

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

Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2018 SG/2019/31  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

City of Glasgow College Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2019/30  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dundee and Angus College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 SG/2019/32  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Edinburgh College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 SG/2019/33  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife College Annual Accounts 2017-18 SG/2019/34  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

2 April 2019

Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 SG/2019/35  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements 2017-18 SG/2019/36  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Clyde College Report and Financial Statements - for financial period 2017/18 SG/2019/37  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Kelvin College Annual Report & Financial Statements August 2017 - July 2018 SG/2019/38  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Inverness College Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2018 SG/2019/39  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Lews Castle College Annual Accounts Year to 31 July 2018 SG/2019/40

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

3 April 2019

University of the Highlands and Islands: Moray College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 SG/2019/41

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

North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the year to 31 July 2018 SG/2019/42

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

University of the Highlands and Islands: Perth College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 SG/2019/43

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

South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride - Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2018 SG/2019/44

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

West College Scotland Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 SG/2019/45

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

West Lothian College Annual Report and Accounts 2017-2018 SG/2019/46

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

4 April 2019

Scottish Government: Annual report on procurement activity in Scotland 2019 SG/2019/18

laid under Section 21(4)(b) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

16 April 2019

Scottish Law Commission Report on Section 53 of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 SG/2019/54

laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

17 April 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations Compendium of Case Reports for April 2019 SPSO/2019/04

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002.

Scottish Canals: Fees of Chair and Board Members SG/2019/62  
laid under paragraph 8 of schedule 1 of the Transport Act 1962

18 April 2019

Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 SG/2019/50  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

The North Highland College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2018 SG/2019/51  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

New College Lanarkshire Regional Financial Statements Year Ended 31st July 2018 SG/2019/52  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

23 April 2019

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2019- 30 June 2020 SLCC/2019/01  
laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

24 April 2019

Scottish Government Report: Third Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016: Seventh Annual Report on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 SG/2019/55  
laid under Section 33(2)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

UK Government Report: Third Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016: Seventh Annual Report on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 SG/2019/56  
laid under Section 33(1)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

26 April 2019

Statement – Scottish Canals: Fees of Chair and Board Members SG/2019/64  
laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Transport Act 1962

2 May 2019

Social Security' A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland AGS/2019/1  
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 May 2019

HMICS Local Policing+ Inspection of the resourcing of events (HMICS/2019/02)  
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

## **Annex E: Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on the dates indicated—

15 May 2018

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 22nd Report 2018 (Session 5)  
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform  
Committee on 15 May 2018 (SP Paper 320)

16 May 2018

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 23rd Report 2018 (Session 5)  
Islands (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 321)

17 May 2018

Local Government and Communities Committee, 8th Report 2018 (Session 5), Stage  
1 Report on the Planning (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 318)

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 5th Report 2018 (Session 5)  
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Parking (Code of Practice) Bill  
(LCM(S5)13) (SP Paper 311)

18 May 2018

Local Government and Communities Committee, 9th Report 2018 (Session 5),  
Report on the Revised Code of Conduct for Councillors (SP Paper 322)

22 May 2018

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 24th Report 2018 (Session 5)  
Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform  
Committee on 22 May 2018 (SP Paper 325)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 25th Report 2018 (Session 5)  
Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 326)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 26th Report 2018 (Session 5)  
Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2 (SP Paper 327)

23 May 2018

Health and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2018 (Session 5): Annual Report of the  
Health and Sport Committee for 2017/18 (SP Paper 329)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 7th report (session 5), Annual Report 2017-18  
(SP Paper 331)

24 May 2018

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee, 1st Report 2018  
(Session 5): Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill - Consideration  
Stage Report (SP Paper 328)

29 May 2018

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 3rd Report 2018 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Crown Estate Bill (SP Paper 332).

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 6th Report 2018 (Session 5) Annual Report (SP Paper 333)

30 May 2018

Education and Skills Committee, 3rd Report 2018 (Session 5) Annual Report 2017-2018 (SP Paper 337)

31 May 2018

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 25th Report 2018 (Session 5) Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 May 2018 (SP Paper 335)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 3rd Report, 2018 (Session 5): Complaint against Liz Smith MSP (SP Paper 339)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 27th Report 2018 (Session 5) Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2 (SP Paper 334)

1 June 2018

Social Security Committee, 1st Report, 2018 (Session 5): Annual Report 2017-18 (SP Paper 336)

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2018 (Session 5): Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SP Paper 342)

5 June 2018

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 30th Report 2018 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 May 2018 (SP Paper 345)

6 June 2018

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