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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.)

Note: (DT), which appears throughout the Journal, signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliament

No. 1, Thursday 12 May 2016

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Oaths and Affirmations: The following members took the oath of allegiance or made their solemn affirmation before the Clerk—

Oath

Ruth Elizabeth Davidson
William Cowan Rennie
George Adam
Clare Adamson
Alasdair James Allan
Jacqueline Marie Baillie
Jeremy Ross Balfour
Colin Beattie
Miles Edward Frank Briggs
Alexander James Amherst Burnett of
Leys
Donald Andrew John Cameron
Aileen Elizabeth Campbell
David Jackson Carlaw
Finlay Hamilton Carson
Peter John Chapman
William Lynch Coffey
Angela Constance
Maurice Charles Steuart Corry
Ashten Regan-Denham
Annabelle Ewing
Fergus Ewing
Kate Elizabeth Forbes
Murdo MacKenzie Fraser
Jeane Tennent Freeman
Maurice Charles Golden
Rhoda Grant
Iain Cumming Gray
Jamie Gilan Greene
Ross John Greer
Mark Griffin
Rachael Georgina Hamilton
Alison Ada Harris
Clare Haughey
Alexander Johnstone
James Kelly
John Robert Lamont
Monica Lennon
Dean Lockhart
Richard Macdonald Lyle

Affirmation

Nicola Ferguson Sturgeon
Kezia Alexandra Ross Dugdale
Patrick Harvie
Thomas Compton Arthur
Claire Baker
Claudia Beamish
Neil James Bibby
Keith James Brown
Alex Geoffrey Cole-Hamilton
Robert Hardie Bruce Crawford

Roseanna Cunningham
Graeme James Dey
Bob Doris
James Joseph Dornan
Mairi Evans
Linda Fabiani
Mary Christina Fee

Neil Findlay
John Finnie
Joseph Martin FitzPatrick
Kenneth James Gibson
Jenny Gilruth
Christine Grahame
Emma Mary Harper
James Douglas Hepburn
Fiona Jane Hyslop
Daniel Guy Johnson
Alison Johnstone
Liam Kerr
Bill Kidd
Johann MacDougall Lamont
Richard Leonard
Gordon John Lindhurst
Richard Neilson Lochhead
Gordon MacDonald
Derek John Mackay
Rona Mackay
Ben Macpherson

Angus MacDonald	Gillian Anne Martin
Fulton James MacGregor	John Fingland Mason
Lewis Macdonald	Mark McDonald
Kenneth Donald Macintosh	Ivan McKee
Ruth Bernadette Maguire	Christina McKelvie
Jenny Margaret Marra	Stuart McMillan
Michael Matheson	Gil Paterson
Joan McAlpine	Shona Robison
Liam Scott McArthur	Gail Ross
Pauline Mary McNeill	Mark Christopher Ruskell
Margaret Mitchell	Graham Simpson
Edward Brian Stanford Mountain	Shirley-Anne Somerville
Oliver Gordon Watson Mundell	Ross Thomson
Alexander Neil	Sandra White
Douglas Gordon Ross	Andrew Dearg Wightman
Alexander Andrew Penman Rowley	
Mike Rumbles	
Michael William Russell	
Anas Sarwar	
John Scott	
Tavish Hamilton Scott	
Elaine Agnes Smith	
Elizabeth Jane Smith	
Colin Smyth	
Stewart Stevenson	
Alexander James Stewart	
David John Stewart	
Kevin Morrice Stewart	
John Ramsay Swinney	
Maree Todd	
Adam Tomkins	
David Torrance	
Maureen Elizabeth Watt	
Carol Ann Wells	
Paul Richard William Wheelhouse	
Brian Ian Whittle	
Humza Haroon Yousaf	

2. Election of Presiding Officer: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as Presiding Officer—

Murdo Fraser
Johann Lamont
Ken Macintosh
John Scott
Elaine Smith

The result of the first round of voting was—

Murdo Fraser 23
Johann Lamont 23

Ken Macintosh 58
John Scott 17

Elaine Smith 7
Abstentions 0
Spoilt Papers 0

Accordingly, Elaine Smith was eliminated at that round and a second round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Murdo Fraser 26
Johann Lamont 26
Ken Macintosh 60
John Scott 15
Abstentions 0
Spoilt Papers 1

Accordingly, John Scott was eliminated at that round and a third round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Murdo Fraser 31
Johann Lamont 26
Ken Macintosh 71
Abstentions 0
Spoilt Papers 0

Ken Macintosh was duly elected as Presiding Officer.

3. Election of Deputy Presiding Officers: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as Deputy Presiding Officer—

Linda Fabiani
Kenneth Gibson
Christine Grahame
Margaret Mitchell

The result of the first round of voting was—

Linda Fabiani 52
Kenneth Gibson 14
Christine Grahame 19
Margaret Mitchell 36
Abstentions 1
Spoilt Papers 1

Accordingly, Kenneth Gibson was eliminated at that round and a second round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Linda Fabiani 59
Christine Grahame 19
Margaret Mitchell 46

Abstentions 0
Spoilt Papers 0

Accordingly, Christine Grahame was eliminated at that round and a third round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Linda Fabiani 72
Margaret Mitchell 52
Abstentions 0
Spoilt Papers 0

Linda Fabiani was duly elected as Deputy Presiding Officer.

The candidates in the election for the second Deputy Presiding Officer were—

Kenneth Gibson
Christine Grahame
Margaret Mitchell

The result of the first round of voting in that election was—

Kenneth Gibson 24
Christine Grahame 43
Margaret Mitchell 57
Abstentions 0
Spoilt Papers 0

Accordingly, Kenneth Gibson was eliminated at that round and a second round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Christine Grahame 65
Margaret Mitchell 58
Abstentions 1
Spoilt Papers 0

Christine Grahame was duly elected as a Deputy Presiding Officer.

The meeting closed at 6.48 pm.

No. 2, Tuesday 17 May 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. First Minister: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as First Minister—

Willie Rennie
Nicola Sturgeon

The result of voting was—

Willie Rennie 5
Nicola Sturgeon 63
Abstentions 59

Nicola Sturgeon was duly selected as the Parliament's nominee for appointment as First Minister.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00061—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Thursday 19 May 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm First Minister's Motion to appoint Scottish Ministers
followed by First Minister's Motion to appoint Junior Scottish Ministers
followed by Election of Members to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

Wednesday 25 May 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 26 May 2016

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

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00063—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 3.6.2, the number of appointed Members of the Parliamentary Corporation for this session shall be five.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 2.54 pm.

No. 3, Thursday 19 May 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. First Minister's Appointment of Scottish Ministers: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-00091—That the Parliament agrees that Derek Mackay and Fergus Ewing be appointed as Scottish Ministers.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

2. First Minister's Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-00092—That the Parliament agrees that Mark McDonald, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Kevin Stewart and Jeane Freeman be appointed as Junior Scottish Ministers.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

3. Election of Members to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body—

Alex Johnstone
Gordon MacDonald
Liam McArthur
David Stewart
Andy Wightman

The Parliament voted to elect the five Members for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 123, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

The meeting closed at 2.40 pm.

No. 4, Wednesday 25 May 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00182—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

(a) Wednesday 25 May 2016

delete

2.00 pm Scottish Government Business

and insert

2.00 pm First Minister's Statement: Taking Scotland Forward

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward

(b) Thursday 26 May 2016

delete

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 insert

10.00 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 am Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Future in the European Union

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

2. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement on Taking Scotland Forward.

3. Taking Scotland Forward: The Parliament debated Taking Scotland Forward.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00183—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 May 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Ministerial Statement: Common Agricultural Payments
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Scotland's Economy,
Short Term Resilience and Long Term Opportunities
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 1 June 2016

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Environment, Climate
Change and Land Reform
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 2 June 2016

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Creating a Fairer
Scotland
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 June 2016

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 8 June 2016

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 9 June 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

5. First Minister's Questions, Portfolio and General Questions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00184—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Thursday 2 June should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 31 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 June should end at 4.30pm on Thursday 26 May.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Variation of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00185—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 2 and 9 June—

(i) in the first sentence of Rule 13.7.A1 "30 minutes" be replaced with "45 minutes";

and

(ii) in Rule 13.6.2 "6" be replaced with "8".

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Office of the Clerk: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00186—That the Parliament agrees that, between 31 May 2016 and 3 January 2017, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 2 December 2016, 23 December (pm), 26 and 27 December 2016, 2 and 3 January 2017.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Parliamentary Recess Dates: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00187—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 2 July to 4 September 2016 (inclusive), 8 to 23 October 2016 (inclusive) and 24 December 2016 to 8 January 2017 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 5, Thursday 26 May 2016

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. Scotland's Future in the European Union: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-00190—That the Parliament supports Scotland and the rest of the UK remaining part of the EU.

After debate, the motion was agreed ((DT) by division: For 106, Against 8, Abstentions 3).

2. Taking Scotland Forward: The Parliament continued to debate Taking Scotland Forward.

3. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 1 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 6, Tuesday 31 May 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Neil Gardner, Minister, Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh led Time for Reflection.

2. Taking Scotland Forward – Scotland’s Economy, Short Term Resilience and Long Term Opportunities: The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved S5M-00212—That the Parliament recognises the importance of a strong economy to underpin strong public services; recognises recent successes, such as Scotland securing more foreign development investment projects in 2015 than any other part of the UK outside London, but also acknowledges key challenges, including those facing the oil and gas industry and the renewables sector; supports a focus on improving productivity through innovation, investment, internationalisation and tackling inequality, and commits to take action in support of Scotland’s economy, including extending broadband, investing in infrastructure and building the skills and talents of Scotland’s people.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-00212.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00212 in the name of Keith Brown (Taking Scotland Forward – Scotland’s Economy, Short Term Resilience and Long Term Opportunities), leave out from second “recognises” to end and insert “notes however that across a range of indicators, including GDP growth, unemployment rates and business confidence, the Scottish economy is underperforming the UK as a whole and the gap is widening; notes calls from the business community for urgent action to improve the situation; regrets the Scottish Government’s decision to increase the business rate burden by 42% over the past nine years, double the large business supplement and levy rates on empty industrial properties, and calls on the Scottish Government to support economic growth by investing in infrastructure and broadband, reversing its cuts to college budgets and ensuring a competitive tax regime for Scotland within the UK.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-00212.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00212 in the name of Keith Brown (Taking Scotland Forward – Scotland’s Economy, Short Term Resilience and Long Term Opportunities), leave out from second “recognises” to end and insert “further recognises however that the Scottish economy faces a number of significant challenges in the coming years; notes that the Scottish economy is growing at a slower rate than the UK as a whole and that the unemployment rate in Scotland has increased, and is higher than the average UK rate; notes the particular challenges facing the oil and gas industry and the renewables sector and that productivity is also behind the UK as a whole; believes that there is no future for Scotland as a low wage, low skill economy and that the

Scottish Government must ensure that the benefits of economic growth improve the lives of working people and reduce inequalities; further believes that democracy in the workplace should be encouraged, including trade union recognition, and commits to developing a comprehensive manufacturing strategy with industry and trade unions, extending broadband, improving infrastructure and using the powers of the Parliament, to improve Scotland's economy by investing in growth, increased productivity, jobs and skills."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-00212.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00212 in the name of Keith Brown (Taking Scotland Forward – Scotland's Economy, Short Term Resilience and Long Term Opportunities), leave out from “; supports” to end and insert “, that the unemployment rate is 6.2% compared to the UK rate of 5.1%, the widest gap since 2004, and the fact that 19% of Scottish businesses cannot get the skills that they need; believes that such challenges and the slipping Scottish economy necessitate urgent new action to improve productivity through innovation, investment, internationalisation and tackling inequality, and further believes that this must include investment in education to give businesses the skills that they need and make Scottish education the best again, a step change in mental health services to help people get back to work and ensure a fit and healthy workforce, broadband and modern mobile phone coverage everywhere in Scotland, improved transport infrastructure, a competitive business tax system and the decentralisation of power so that communities have greater opportunities to secure economic progress in their area.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 25, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 25, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of a strong economy to underpin strong public services; recognises recent successes, such as Scotland securing more foreign development investment projects in 2015 than any other part of the UK outside London, but also acknowledges key challenges, including those facing the oil and gas industry and the renewables sector, that the unemployment rate is 6.2% compared to the UK rate of 5.1%, the widest gap since 2004, and the fact that 19% of Scottish businesses cannot get the skills that they need; believes that such challenges and the slipping Scottish economy necessitate urgent new action to improve productivity through innovation, investment, internationalisation and tackling inequality, and further believes that this must include investment in education to give businesses the skills that they need and make Scottish education the best again, a step change in mental health services to help people get back to work and ensure a fit and healthy workforce, broadband and modern mobile phone coverage everywhere in Scotland, improved transport infrastructure, a competitive business tax system and the

decentralisation of power so that communities have greater opportunities to secure economic progress in their area.”

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00260—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 1 June 2016—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

and insert

2.30 pm First Minister’s Motion to appoint Scottish Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

The motion was agreed to.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

No. 7, Wednesday 1 June 2016

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. First Minister's Appointment of Law Officers: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-00255—That the Parliament agrees that it be recommended to Her Majesty that James Wolffe be appointed as the Lord Advocate and that Alison Di Rollo be appointed as Solicitor General for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Taking Scotland Forward – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-00226—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland's stunning natural environment is one of its most precious assets; recognises that wise and productive use of the country's natural capital is at the heart of a strong, sustainable, low-carbon economy; believes that both its ambition and its record make Scotland a world leader on climate change, and notes that empowering communities by reforming the way that land is owned and managed is vital to creating a fairer Scotland.

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-00226.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-000226 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Taking Scotland Forward - Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform), leave out from "low-carbon" to end and insert "circular economy; considers that progress needs to be made for Scotland to meet its climate change targets, and believes that good and sustainable land use, rather than the way in which land is owned, is critical to ensuring a vibrant rural economy in Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-00226.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00226 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Taking Scotland Forward – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform), after "Parliament" insert "recognises that, to meet Scotland's climate change goals and protect the environment, there must be an outright ban on fracking in Scotland;"

After debate, the amendment was agreed ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 29, Abstentions 62).

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-00226.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00226 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham, (Taking Scotland Forward – Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform), leave out from "; recognises" to end and insert "and reaffirms its

commitment to protecting these natural assets for today and the future; believes that securing Scotland's long-term prosperity requires the Scottish Government to have ambition, policy coherence and a focus on realising the benefits of a low-carbon economy for people in Scotland; supports ambitious action to end fuel poverty, safeguard biodiversity, deliver a step change in community-owned renewable energy; believes that fracking and other forms of unconventional gas extraction are incompatible with Scotland's low-carbon ambitions; notes that land reform is a process of changing the legal, political, economic and fiscal relationship between society and land across urban, rural and marine Scotland, and believes that this relationship requires radical and ongoing reform to democratise land and ensure that it is owned and used in the public interest and for the common good."

After debate, the amendment was agreed ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 30, Abstentions 61).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 30, Abstentions 61).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that, to meet Scotland's climate change goals and protect the environment, there must be an outright ban on fracking in Scotland; agrees that Scotland's stunning natural environment is one of its most precious assets and reaffirms its commitment to protecting these natural assets for today and the future; believes that securing Scotland's long-term prosperity requires the Scottish Government to have ambition, policy coherence and a focus on realising the benefits of a low-carbon economy for people in Scotland; supports ambitious action to end fuel poverty, safeguard biodiversity, deliver a step change in community-owned renewable energy; believes that fracking and other forms of unconventional gas extraction are incompatible with Scotland's low-carbon ambitions; notes that land reform is a process of changing the legal, political, economic and fiscal relationship between society and land across urban, rural and marine Scotland, and believes that this relationship requires radical and ongoing reform to democratise land and ensure that it is owned and used in the public interest and for the common good.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00277—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 June 2016

2.00 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Topical Questions (if selected)
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Delivering a Healthier Scotland
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Wednesday 8 June 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
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 9 June 2016

11.40 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 pm General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Dignity, Fairness and Respect in Disability Benefits
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 June 2016

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 15 June 2016

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 16 June 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

4. Establishment of Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00278—That the Parliament shall establish committees of the Parliament as follows—

Name of Committee: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.4

Number of members: 7

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

Name of Committee: Finance

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.6

Number of members: 11

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.

Name of Committee: Public Audit

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.7

Number of members: 7

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

Name of Committee: European and External Relations

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.8

Number of members: 7

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

Name of Committee: Equal Opportunities

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.9

Number of members: 7

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

Name of Committee: Public Petitions

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.10

Number of members: 5

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.

Name of Committee: Delegated Powers and Law Reform

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.11

Number of members: 5

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

Name of Committee: Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

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

Number of members: 11

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Education and Skills

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

Number of members: 11

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Health and Sport

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

Number of members: 11

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.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Rural Economy and Connectivity

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

Number of members: 11

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Justice

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

Number of members: 11

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Local Government and Communities

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

Number of members: 7

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform.

Number of members: 11

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.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Social Security

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.

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 Labour Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

No. 8, Thursday 2 June 2016

The meeting opened at 12.00 pm.

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

2. Taking Scotland Forward – Creating a Fairer Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-00280—That the Parliament agrees to work together to create a fair and prosperous Scotland where people flourish and have equality in opportunities; recognises the cross-party ambition to tackle deep-seated socioeconomic inequalities and to use new devolved powers to do so, and supports proposals to have fairness, respect and dignity at the heart of Scotland's social security system, to build 50,000 affordable homes, empower communities and people, and reduce poverty and inequalities in Scotland and to build towards a stronger country.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-00280.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00280 in the name of Angela Constance (Taking Scotland Forward - Creating a Fairer Scotland), leave out from “to do so” to end and insert “; supports proposals to have fairness, respect and dignity at the heart of Scotland's social security system; emphasises that such a system should help those who want to work find employment through ongoing support, and further supports proposals to build 50,000 affordable homes as part of a broader all-tenure 100,000 housebuilding target, empower communities and people, reduce poverty and inequalities in Scotland and to build towards a stronger country.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-00280.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00280 in the name of Angela Constance (Taking Scotland Forward - Creating a Fairer Scotland), leave out from “, to build” to end and insert “; notes the importance of affordable housing in tackling inequality; supports building 60,000 affordable homes with 45,000 for social rent, and further recognises the need for a higher top rate of tax for the richest earners so that this can be redistributed to tackle wider inequalities.”

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

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 20, Abstentions 0.

3. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

No. 9, Tuesday 7 June 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Dr Stewart Gillan, Minister, St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Taking Scotland Forward – Delivering a Healthier Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S5M-00346—That the Parliament agrees that the NHS is the country's most cherished public service and must remain free at the point of need and be publicly owned, funded and operated; further agrees that health and care services must continually evolve, including delivering the benefits of integration; recognises that meeting these challenges necessitates working in partnership across the health sector and the Parliament; believes that primary, community and social care and mental health should all receive an increasing share of the NHS budget each year to ensure that as many people as possible can lead fulfilling, independent lives; considers that health resource funding should increase above inflation every year, with the aim of being £500 million higher than real terms only increases by the end of this parliamentary session; supports a robust consultation process to help develop a new 10-year mental health strategy that cements the parity of status between mental and physical health; notes that the changes to the welfare system being put in place by the UK Government are exacerbating inequalities and putting more pressure on the NHS; considers that health inequalities will require an approach that looks beyond the NHS and that roots activity to address inequalities across government; agrees that the real living wage can help in addressing these inequalities; believes that it would be totally unacceptable if the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, or any other trade agreement, were to go ahead without explicit protection for the NHS and public services on the face of the agreement, and calls on the UK Government to demand that this be included.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-00346.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00346 in the name of Shona Robison (Taking Scotland Forward - Delivering a Healthier Scotland), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "believes that the time has come for a review of targets in the NHS to assess whether they are having a positive effect on patient care; aims to put patients at the centre of a flexible decision-making process across health and care services; approves of the UK Government's decision to include protection for the NHS in the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, and calls for a programme of government that will secure the sustainability of the health service for the next generation and beyond".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-00346.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00346 in the name of Shona Robison (Taking Scotland Forward - Delivering a Healthier Scotland), insert at end “; further recognises the link between early diagnosis, treatment time and positive outcomes when dealing with cancer, Scotland’s biggest killer, and therefore believes that the Scottish Government must also prioritise achieving the 62-day cancer waiting time standard, which has not been achieved for over three years, and further ensure that, if a GP suspects that a patient has cancer, they should be entitled to see a specialist and get results within a fortnight”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. Celebrating Glasgow’s Third Sector: The Parliament debated S5M-00218 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament recognises the important work carried out by the third sector in Glasgow, including organisations such as Glasgow the Caring City, which is based in Cathcart; believes that, without their input and support, many people would find themselves in much greater difficulty, and congratulates everyone involved with the third sector for the crucial role that they play in supporting the wellbeing of the citizens of Glasgow and people throughout Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 10, Wednesday 8 June 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00382—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 8 June 2016—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Health and Sport

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Queensferry Crossing

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on the Queensferry Crossing.

4. Education: Liz Smith moved S5M-00345—That the Parliament, irrespective of whether or not individual MSPs support the principle of the Named Person policy, recognises the extent of concerns being expressed by many professionals who believe that there are practical difficulties ahead in relation to the delivery of a universal provision of Named Persons in August 2016; notes that there is confusion among parents about whether engagement with their child’s Named Person is compulsory, and believes that, in light of these significant concerns, there is an urgent need to pause the implementation of the policy and debate whether or not the policy in its current form is workable in the best interests of Scotland’s young people.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-00345.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00345 in the name of Liz Smith (Education), leave out from “, irrespective” to end and insert “believes that most children and young people get all the help and support that they need from their parents or guardians, wider family and community but that sometimes some of them may need extra support; supports the creation of the Named Person role to provide a central point of contact if a child, young person or their parents or guardians

want information or advice and, where appropriate, reach out to different services that can help; recognises that the Named Person provisions of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 are backed by leading child welfare organisations, including Barnardo's, Save the Children, Children 1st, Children in Scotland, Aberlour and the NSPCC, and by Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Federation; acknowledges, however, the concerns that some people have expressed about the implementation of the policy, and agrees that more must be done to ensure that implementation is successful and that the Scottish Government should, therefore, refresh the guidance provided to professionals and the communication of the policy to the public."

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-00345.1.1—

As an amendment to amendment S5M-00345.1 in the name of John Swinney (Education), insert at end “; notes the concerns of health visitors, social workers and school staff concerning the resources needed to implement the Named Person policy, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that resources can support the effective implementation of measures for children and young people who are at risk of significant harm”

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-00345.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00345 in the name of Liz Smith (Education), leave out from “, irrespective” to end and insert “recognises that the Named Person policy contained in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is supported by the majority of organisations working in the interests of child welfare, including backing from experts from Children 1st, Barnardo's, Save the Children, Children Scotland and the NSPCC; considers, however, that the rollout of the policy by the Scottish Government has been poorly carried out, from communication of the policy to the public to guidance produced by government officials to the way that the legislation has been presented in the Parliament, causing anxiety for parents and resulting in many losing confidence in the Named Person provision, and proposes a pause to the process in order that the Children and Young People's Commissioner can carry out a full review of the implementation of Named Person to address concerns of parents, teachers, health visitors, social workers and other partners.”

After debate, amendment S5M-00345.1.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 30, Abstentions 22).

Amendment S5M-00345.1, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 31, Abstentions 21). As a result, amendment S5M-00345.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 31, Abstentions 21).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that most children and young people get all the help and support that they need from their parents or guardians, wider family and community but that sometimes some of them may need extra support; supports the creation of the Named Person role to provide a

central point of contact if a child, young person or their parents or guardians want information or advice and, where appropriate, reach out to different services that can help; recognises that the Named Person provisions of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 are backed by leading child welfare organisations, including Barnardo's, Save the Children, Children 1st, Children in Scotland, Aberlour and the NSPCC, and by Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Federation; acknowledges, however, the concerns that some people have expressed about the implementation of the policy; agrees that more must be done to ensure that implementation is successful and that the Scottish Government should, therefore, refresh the guidance provided to professionals and the communication of the policy to the public; notes the concerns of health visitors, social workers and school staff concerning the resources needed to implement the Named Person policy, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that resources can support the effective implementation of measures for children and young people who are at risk of significant harm.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00371—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 June 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2014

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Contributions of Colleges and Universities to Scotland's Success

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 June 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
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 16 June 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 June 2016

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 29 June 2016

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 30 June 2016

10.45 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
10.45 am Members' Business
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

The motion was agreed to.

6. Variation of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00372—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 16 and 30 June—

(i) in the first sentence of Rule 13.7.A1 “30 minutes” be replaced with “45 minutes”;

and

(ii) in Rule 13.6.2 “6” be replaced with “8”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00376—That the Parliament agrees the membership of committees of the Parliament as follows:

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Membership: John Scott, Rachael Hamilton, Stuart McMillan, David Torrance, Elaine Smith.

Equal Opportunities Committee

Membership: Annie Wells, Jeremy Balfour, Alex Cole-Hamilton, Christina McKelvie, Willie Coffey, David Torrance, Mary Fee.

European and External Relations Committee

Membership: Jackson Carlaw, Rachael Hamilton, Ross Greer, Joan McAlpine, Bruce Crawford, Richard Lochhead, Lewis Macdonald.

Finance Committee

Membership: Alex Johnstone, Murdo Fraser, Adam Tomkins, Patrick Harvie, Michael Russell, Neil Bibby, Willie Coffey, James Kelly, Kate Forbes, Ivan McKee, Ash Denham.

Public Audit Committee

Membership: Alison Harris, Liam Kerr, Jenny Marra, Monica Lennon, Alex Neil, Colin Beattie, Jenny Gilruth.

Public Petitions Committee

Membership: Maurice Corry, Brian Whittle, Johann Lamont, Angus MacDonald, Rona Mackay.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Membership: John Scott, Alexander Stewart, Patrick Harvie, Clare Adamson, Tom Arthur, Clare Haughey, Daniel Johnson.

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

Membership: Gordon Lindhurst, Dean Lockhart, Liam Kerr, Andy Wightman, Ash Denham, Gordon MacDonald, Gillian Martin, John Mason, Gil Paterson, Jackie Baillie, Richard Leonard.

Education and Skills Committee

Membership: Liz Smith, Ross Thomson, Tavish Scott, Ross Greer, James Dornan, Johann Lamont, Colin Beattie, Jenny Gilruth, Fulton MacGregor, Daniel Johnson, Gillian Martin.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Membership: Maurice Golden, Finlay Carson, Alexander Burnett, Mark Ruskell, Graeme Dey, Claudia Beamish, Kate Forbes, Angus MacDonald, David Stewart, Emma Harper, Gail Ross.

Health and Sport Committee

Membership: Donald Cameron, Miles Briggs, Alex Cole-Hamilton, Alison Johnstone, Neil Findlay, Clare Haughey, Tom Arthur, Richard Lyle, Ivan McKee, Colin Smyth, Maree Todd.

Justice Committee

Membership: Margaret Mitchell, Douglas Ross, Oliver Mundell, Liam McArthur, John Finnie, Rona Mackay, Mairi Evans, Mary Fee, Ben Macpherson, Fulton MacGregor, Stewart Stevenson.

Local Government and Communities Committee

Membership: Graham Simpson, Andy Wightman, Bob Doris, Elaine Smith, Kenneth Gibson, Alexander Stewart, Mairi Evans.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Membership: Edward Mountain, Jamie Greene, Peter Chapman, Mike Rumbles, John Finnie, Gail Ross, Rhoda Grant, Emma Harper, Stewart Stevenson, Richard Lyle, John Mason.

Social Security Committee

Membership: Adam Tomkins, Gordon Lindhurst, Alison Johnstone, Sandra White, George Adam, Mark Griffin, Ruth Maguire, Pauline McNeill, Ben Macpherson.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Child Safety Week 2016: The Parliament debated S5M-00070 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament recognises that 6 to 12 June has been designated Child Safety Week 2016 by the Child Accident Prevention Trust; notes that the theme will be Turn off Technology and the week will aim to highlight the risks of accidents being caused by people being distracted, such as when using a mobile phone while crossing the road; understands that accidental injury accounts for one in 20 of all childhood deaths in Scotland and one in eight of all emergency hospital admissions for children, and recognises the work of organisations, such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, in promoting safety awareness for Scotland's children.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.

No. 11, Thursday 9 June 2016

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. 750th Anniversary of the Treaty of Perth: The Parliament debated S5M-00193 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament welcomes the 750th anniversary of the Treaty of Perth; understands that the treaty, along with the Treaty of York set out much of the modern boundaries of Scotland; recognises that the treaty ended the military conflict between Magnus VI of Norway and Alexander III of Scotland over the sovereignty of the Hebrides and the Isle of Man; notes that Norway initially had control of the Hebrides and the Isle of Man after Edgar of Scotland signed them over to Norway; recognises that the Treaty of Perth was signed after Scottish victory at the Battle of Largs; believes that Norwegian envoys sailed up the River Tay to meet the Scottish King and the treaty was sealed on 2 July 1266 at Blackfriars monastery on the north side of the city; understands that visitors to Perth can see the earliest surviving text of the treaty, recorded in the “Black Book”, at Perth museum; notes the various civic activities taking place on 21 August in Perth to recognise the treaty’s importance, which include a mini tattoo, complete with the King’s Guard of Norway, and hopes that the commemoration of the Treaty of Perth can help foster closer links between the Fair City and Norway and also act as a focal point for attracting visitors to the city over the summer.

4. Dignity, Fairness and Respect in Disability Benefits: The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-00374—That the Parliament welcomes Carers Week 2016 and thanks carers for their invaluable contribution to society and recognises the vital role that they play caring for family, friends and neighbours; supports the Scottish Government’s plan to increase carers allowance, extend winter fuel allowance to children on higher rate disability living allowance and ensure that disability benefits are not means tested and that assessments are fair and transparent; believes that carer and disability benefits, once devolved, will help achieve the Scottish Government’s wider goal of supporting disabled people and their carers to participate in society, fulfilling their potential in life; believes that the UK Government’s cuts to disability benefits are unfair and have caused unnecessary stress and financial hardship; urges the UK Government to make no further cuts to disability benefits; agrees that disability benefits are an investment in the people of Scotland and that they should support disabled people and those with long-term conditions and illnesses in a fair way; believes that, when the powers over disability and ill-health benefits are devolved, smooth transfer and transition is a priority, and considers that disabled people, carers and their representative groups should be fully involved in the development of the Scottish benefits, which should have dignity and respect at their heart.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-00374.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00374 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Fairness and Respect in Disability Benefits), leave out from “supports” to end and insert “further welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to implement the Scottish Conservatives’ proposal to align carers allowance with jobseeker’s allowance, which will support over 60,000 carers in Scotland; recognises the positive impact that the delivery of short breaks for carers, secured by the Scottish Conservatives in the last parliamentary session, will have in providing crucial respite from their caring roles; acknowledges that disability benefits are not means tested under the current UK government and that benefits related to the additional costs of disability have been uprated every year; understands that the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has confirmed that there are no plans for further welfare savings over and above those already announced; agrees that the devolution of most disability benefits to the Scottish Parliament will allow Scotland to take a different path if it chooses to, rather than laying blame on the UK Government, and urges the Scottish Government to ensure the smooth transfer of powers for disability benefits and to work collaboratively with other parties and stakeholders to develop a disability benefits system that puts opportunity at its heart, working to reduce the disability employment gap and exploring a new, personalised and integrated approach that supports the most vulnerable in society.”

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

Mark Griffin moved amendment S5M-00374.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00374 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Fairness and Respect in Disability Benefits), after first “disability benefits” insert “are increased at least in line with inflation to ensure that they cover the cost of living,”

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 welcomes Carers Week 2016 and thanks carers for their invaluable contribution to society and recognises the vital role that they play caring for family, friends and neighbours; supports the Scottish Government’s plan to increase carers allowance, extend winter fuel allowance to children on higher rate disability living allowance and ensure that disability benefits are increased at least in line with inflation to ensure that they cover the cost of living, are not means tested and that assessments are fair and transparent; believes that carer and disability benefits, once devolved, will help achieve the Scottish Government’s wider goal of supporting disabled people and their carers to participate in society, fulfilling their potential in life; believes that the UK Government’s cuts to disability benefits are unfair and have caused unnecessary stress and financial hardship; urges the UK Government to make no further cuts to

disability benefits; agrees that disability benefits are an investment in the people of Scotland and that they should support disabled people and those with long-term conditions and illnesses in a fair way; believes that, when the powers over disability and ill-health benefits are devolved, smooth transfer and transition is a priority, and considers that disabled people, carers and their representative groups should be fully involved in the development of the Scottish benefits, which should have dignity and respect at their heart.

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

No. 12, Tuesday 14 June 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister and a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2014.
- 4. The Contributions of Colleges and Universities to Scotland's Success:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science moved S5M-00431— That the Parliament welcomes the central contribution of colleges and universities to Scotland's success; recognises that the provision of high quality learning is the bedrock of a fair and economically successful country; further recognises the wider contribution of colleges and universities to growing the economy through developing a skilled workforce and supporting business formation, growth, innovation and the translation of world-class research into social and economic good; agrees that the Scottish Government should implement the recommendations of the Commission on Widening Access; further agrees that student support for both further and higher education students should be reviewed; reaffirms the Scottish Government's commitment to free tuition as the basis for ensuring that education is based on the ability to learn, not the ability to pay, and believes that all Scotland's young people should have access to a rich variety of high quality learning and training opportunities that prepare them for life and work.

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-00431.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00431 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (The Contributions of Colleges and Universities to Scotland's Success), leave out from first "agrees" to end and insert "acknowledges the key recommendations raised by the Commission on Widening Access, which lay the foundations for the Scottish Government to work with schools, colleges and universities to deliver quality learning and training for all young people, and believes that, in view of the desire to widen access and to ensure that colleges and universities can maintain academic excellence and continue to meet global challenges, there is an urgent need to review both student support and higher education funding."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-00431.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00431 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (The Contributions of Colleges and Universities to Scotland's

Success), leave out from “implement” to “Scottish Government’s” and insert “immediately accept and implement all the recommendations of the Commission on Widening Access; further agrees that any review into student support from further (FE) and higher education (HE) should commit to at least reversing the cuts made to HE grants and bursaries for students from poorer families during the last parliamentary session and should introduce guaranteed levels of support for students in FE; calls on the Scottish Government to protect FE and HE budgets for the duration of the current parliamentary session; reaffirms the Parliament’s”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 95, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

5. Decision Time: The Presiding Officer ruled under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3 that decisions on item 4 above would be taken at the meeting of the Parliament on Wednesday 15 June 2016.

6. Closure of RBS Prestonpans Branch: The Parliament debated S5M-00113 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament notes with concern the proposed closure of the RBS branch in Prestonpans on 9 August 2016; understands that this will leave RBS customers without a branch in the town and with a trip to either Tranent or Musselburgh for their nearest branch; is unaware of any effort made by the bank to consult the local community and that RBS cites an increase in online and mobile transactions as a contributing factor to the closure; believes that this is unfair to many customers who have been loyal to RBS over the years particularly older customers and those without access to the internet who will be most affected by the closure, and notes calls for the bank to reconsider this decision and put the needs of its customers first.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

No. 13, Wednesday 15 June 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. The Economy: Jackie Baillie moved S5M-00448—That the Parliament notes recent publications, including the EY Scottish ITEM Club, which indicate that Scotland's economy faces many challenges in the coming year, with GDP growth forecasts downgraded; further notes, in particular, the decline in the oil and gas industry, with reported jobs losses of more than 120,000 since 2014, as reported by Oil & Gas UK recently, alongside the Bank of Scotland oil and gas sector report that shows that a third of businesses in the oil and gas industry plan to cut jobs further during 2016, showing the scale of the challenge; welcomes the Scottish Government's Transition Training Fund but notes that it has been reported that it has helped only 91 people, and calls on all parties in the Parliament to work together to support the oil and gas industry and its workforce and for action to be taken to support the industry over the short, medium and long term.

The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) moved amendment S5M-00448.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00448 in the name of Jackie Baillie (The Economy), leave out from "indicate" to end and insert "recognises that the Scottish economy, and the oil and gas sector in particular, is facing many external challenges though will continue to grow this year, despite the impact of lower oil prices on the oil and gas sector, which has revised up its growth forecast for 2017, as the negative impact of the oil price fades and the pace of expansion picks up; acknowledges the EY Attractiveness Survey, which showed that Scotland attracted more foreign direct investment projects than any part of the UK outside London last year and has "been resilient in managing to weather the oil and gas price volatility storm whilst also being able to flourish in other sectors"; recognises the measures that the Scottish Government is taking to support workers and companies affected by falling oil prices and the wider slowdown in the global economy, including the Energy Jobs Taskforce, which has supported 8,800 individuals and over 100 employers to help those affected move forward into new employment, training or education; recognises that the Bank of Scotland oil and gas sector report provides clear evidence that there are still opportunities in the North Sea, and finds that more than half of companies believe that the UK Government must bring forward further support for exploration activity."

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-00448.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00448 in the name of Jackie Baillie (The Economy), after "people" insert "; further welcomes the fiscal changes that have been made by the UK Government to support the industry; notes that the Bank of Scotland report finds that 52% of large companies in the sector have an interest in diversifying into onshore gas production, but regrets that the Scottish

Government's current moratorium prevents these opportunities being developed".

After debate, amendment S5M-00448.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 58, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-00448.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes recent publications, including the EY Scottish ITEM Club, which recognises that the Scottish economy, and the oil and gas sector in particular, is facing many external challenges though will continue to grow this year, despite the impact of lower oil prices on the oil and gas sector, which has revised up its growth forecast for 2017, as the negative impact of the oil price fades and the pace of expansion picks up; acknowledges the EY Attractiveness Survey, which showed that Scotland attracted more foreign direct investment projects than any part of the UK outside London last year and has “been resilient in managing to weather the oil and gas price volatility storm whilst also being able to flourish in other sectors”; recognises the measures that the Scottish Government is taking to support workers and companies affected by falling oil prices and the wider slowdown in the global economy, including the Energy Jobs Taskforce, which has supported 8,800 individuals and over 100 employers to help those affected move forward into new employment, training or education; recognises that the Bank of Scotland oil and gas sector report provides clear evidence that there are still opportunities in the North Sea, and finds that more than half of companies believe that the UK Government must bring forward further support for exploration activity.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00475—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 June 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister Statement: EU Referendum

followed by Scottish Government Debate: BBC Charter Developments

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 June 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Ministerial Statement: A Delivery Plan for Excellence and Equity in Education

followed by Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2015-16

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Gender and the Workplace

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 June 2016

10.45 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.45 am Members' Business

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

The motion was agreed to.

4. Committee Meetings: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00466—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, committees of the Parliament can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 10.45am to 11.40am on 30 June 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3 took decisions on items debated on 14 June 2016 and then took decisions on items 2 and 4 as noted above.

6. Increase in Trade Union Membership in Scotland: The Parliament debated S5M-00246 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament welcomes new figures showing that trade union membership in Scotland grew by 42,000 between 2014 and 2015; understands that Scotland was the only nation in the UK to see a proportional increase in trade union membership in this time period; considers that trade unions play an invaluable role in Scottish society, which should never be allowed to be diminished, and notes calls for workers in Rutherglen and across Scotland to ensure that they play their role in continuing the fight for workers' rights by joining a trade union.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

No. 14, Thursday 16 June 2016

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. Business Motion: Fergus Ewing moved S5M-00490 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 June 2016—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children
and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Policing and Security

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children

The motion was agreed to.

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

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

4. Rural Communities and the Post-study Work Visa: The Parliament debated S5M-00247 in the name of Kate Forbes—That the Parliament notes the case of the Brain family, who migrated from Australia to the Scottish Highlands; understands that the Brain family intended to apply for a post-study work visa in order to remain in Scotland; believes that attracting young families to live in rural areas such as Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch is essential for the economic and social success of rural Scotland, and believes that rural communities would benefit from a new post-study work visa scheme.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Policing and Security.

6. The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children: The Minister for Public Health and Sport (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-00467—That the Parliament commits to making Scotland the best place for children to grow up; supports parents through the promotion of children's health and wellbeing from pre-birth, in the early years and primary education; believes that the new 10-year mental health strategy should help renew focus on the early identification of child mental health issues; welcomes that all pregnant women will receive free vitamins and support to enable a healthier diet, and that every newborn in Scotland will be entitled to a baby box to help them to get the best start in life; agrees with a grant for expectant mothers on low incomes for the first and subsequent children, and that low-income families should also receive grants when their child starts both nursery and school; believes that investment in the expansion of high-quality early learning and childcare, alongside an increase in highly-trained staff, will support children during their early years and help them to reach their full potential, and supports efforts to reduce stigma and social pressures

on children of all ages.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-00467.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00467 in the name of Aileen Campbell (The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children), leave out from “agrees” to “potential” and insert “notes calls from children’s organisations for a wholesale review of child and adolescent mental health services to ensure that funding is being used in the most effective manner; considers that investment in neonatal training courses for nurses should be prioritised so that every newborn is always cared for by a team of fully qualified staff; believes that investment in high-quality early learning and childcare should focus on expansion into care for one and two-year-olds; agrees that parents should have flexibility in accessing childcare”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S5M-00467.3 to motion S5M-00467—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00467 in the name of Aileen Campbell (The Best Start in Life for Scotland's Children), insert at end “; believes that high-quality childcare is good for children and families as well as the economy; recognises that some aspects of childcare in Scotland are now more expensive than anywhere else in the UK apart from London, with prices rising well above the rate of inflation and many parents struggling to access affordable childcare that fits their needs; notes that nurseries often have a waiting list of parents waiting to access their funded hours; believes that Scotland’s children and their parents deserve a childcare strategy that will genuinely deliver an affordable, flexible and wraparound system, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver funding for a breakfast club in every primary school and to start delivering a wraparound childcare policy”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 59, Abstentions 29).

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

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 15, Tuesday 28 June 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Giles Dove MA, MPhil, BD, FRSA, FSA Scot, Chaplain and Head of Divinity & Religious Studies, Glenalmond College, Perth, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00624—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business—

(a) Tuesday 28 June 2016—

delete

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by First Minister Statement: EU Referendum

followed by Scottish Government Debate: BBC Charter Developments

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

2:00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by First Minister Statement: Implications of the EU Referendum for Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Implications of the EU Referendum for Scotland

followed by Ministerial Statement: A Delivery Plan for Excellence and Equity in Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) Wednesday 29 June 2016—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: A Delivery Plan for Excellence and Equity in Education

The motion was agreed to.

3. First Minister Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement on the Implications of the EU Referendum for Scotland.

4. Implications of the EU Referendum for Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-0601—That the Parliament welcomes the overwhelming vote of the people of Scotland to remain in the European Union; affirms to citizens of other EU countries living here that they remain welcome and that their contribution is valued; mandates the Scottish Government to have discussions with the UK Government, other devolved administrations, the EU institutions and member states to explore options for protecting Scotland’s relationship with the EU, Scotland’s place in the single market and the social, employment and economic benefits that come from that, and instructs the Scottish Government to report back regularly to parliamentarians, to the European and External Relations Committee and the Parliament on the progress of those discussions and to seek Parliament’s approval of the outcome of that process.

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S5M-00601.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00601 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Implications of the EU Referendum for Scotland), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “acknowledges that the majority of people in Scotland voted for the UK to remain in the EU; recognises the result of the referendum both in Scotland and across the rest of the UK; affirms to citizens of other EU countries living here that they remain welcome and that their contribution is valued; mandates the Scottish Government to have discussions with the UK Government and other devolved administrations in the UK to explore options for protecting and maximising Scotland’s trade with the EU and securing access to the single market; instructs the Scottish Government to report back regularly to parliamentarians, to the European and External Relations Committee and the Parliament on the progress of those discussions and to seek the Parliament’s approval of the outcome of that process; acknowledges that the result of the Scottish independence referendum must be respected and the 1.6 million votes cast in the EU referendum in favour of remain do not overturn the two million votes in support of Scotland remaining part of the UK less than two years ago and do not in themselves demonstrate demand for a second independence vote, and believes that the challenges of leaving the EU are not addressed by leaving the UK, Scotland’s own union of nations, biggest market and closest friends.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 68, Abstentions 21).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 0, Abstentions 31).

5. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on A Delivery Plan for Excellence and Equity in Education.

6. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00585—That the Parliament agrees the following nominated committee substitutes, as permitted under Rule 6.3A—

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Delegated Powers and Law Reform: Annie Wells
Economy, Jobs and Fair Work: Brian Whittle
Education and Skills: Miles Briggs
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Peter Chapman
Equal Opportunities: Maurice Golden
European and External Relations: Margaret Mitchell
Finance: Oliver Mundell
Health and Sport: Alison Harris
Justice: Donald Cameron
Local Government and Communities: Douglas Ross
Public Audit: Liz Smith
Public Petitions: Edward Mountain
Rural Economy and Connectivity: Alexander Burnett
Social Security: Dean Lockhart
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments: Ross Thomson

Scottish Labour Party

Delegated Powers and Law Reform: Monica Lennon
Economy, Jobs and Fair Work: Mark Griffin
Education and Skills: Iain Gray
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Colin Smyth
Equal Opportunities: Jenny Marra
European and External Relations: Daniel Johnson
Finance: Kezia Dugdale
Health and Sport: Anas Sarwar
Justice: Claire Baker
Local Government and Communities: Pauline McNeill
Public Audit: James Kelly
Public Petitions: Mary Fee
Rural Economy and Connectivity: Neil Bibby
Social Security: Richard Leonard
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments: David Stewart

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Scottish Team at Euro 2016: The Parliament debated S5M-00362 in the name of Douglas Ross—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish referees who have been selected by UEFA as one of the 18 teams of match officials at the Euro 2016 finals in France; notes that the team will be led by the referee, William Collum, who will be assisted by Damien MacGraith, who is from the Republic of Ireland, and fellow Scottish officials, Frankie Connor, Bobby Madden and John Beaton; considers this to be a huge honour for all of the officials and follows a successful season, which started with the team taking charge of the UEFA Super Cup final between Barcelona and Sevilla; believes that the appointment of William and his team will be a boost to Scottish refereeing as it demonstrates to current and potential match officials the fantastic opportunities that are available in the Highlands and Islands and across the

country through involvement at the highest level of football, and wishes William, Damien, Frankie, Bobby and John all the best for a successful tournament.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

No. 16, Wednesday 29 June 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Provisional Outturn 2015-16.

3. Gender and the Workplace: The Minister for Employability and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-00607—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government publication, *New Perspectives on the Gender Pay Gap*, which shows that the gender pay gap is lower than in the UK and has reduced substantially over the long term, recognises that a significant gap persists for some age groups, sectors and occupations and explores key drivers such as inequality of unpaid care, traditional social or employment attitudes and culture; notes the wide range of Scottish Government policies designed to help close the gap and benefit women in the workplace, including encouraging payment of the living wage, increasing free childcare, challenging pregnancy and maternity discrimination, addressing occupational segregation, working towards gender balance on boards and promoting family-friendly and flexible working; agrees with the establishment of an advisory council for women and girls; welcomes the addition to the National Performance Framework of the new national indicator tracking the gender pay gap over time, and commends the work of the Strategic Group on Women and Work for helping bring this agenda forward across the various sectors of the Scottish economy.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-00607.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00607 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Gender and the Workplace), leave out from “, including” to end and insert “; welcomes the UK Government’s introduction of the national living wage; calls on the Scottish Government to increase free childcare to include a higher proportion of disadvantaged one and two-year-olds and to implement this in a way that is flexible with modern working patterns; notes Scottish Government measures to challenge pregnancy and maternity discrimination, address occupational segregation, work toward gender balance on boards and promote family-friendly and flexible working; agrees with the establishment of an advisory council for women and girls; welcomes the addition to the National Performance Framework of the new national indicator tracking the gender pay gap over time and commends the work of the Strategic Group on Women and Work for helping bring this agenda forward across the various sectors of the Scottish economy, and also notes that work must be done to encourage appropriate male and female representation across all professions.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-00607.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-00607 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Gender and the Workplace), insert at end “; recognises that employment and industrial barriers faced by women have a negative impact on Scotland’s economy with, for example, the Royal Society of Edinburgh explaining that the lack of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) jobs is a loss of a potential £170 million per annum to the Scottish economy, and believes that the Scottish Government must prioritise supporting women into senior management positions and industries where they are currently overlooked”.

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 Scottish Government publication, *New Perspectives on the Gender Pay Gap*, which shows that the gender pay gap is lower than in the UK and has reduced substantially over the long term, recognises that a significant gap persists for some age groups, sectors and occupations and explores key drivers such as inequality of unpaid care, traditional social or employment attitudes and culture; notes the wide range of Scottish Government policies designed to help close the gap and benefit women in the workplace, including encouraging payment of the living wage, increasing free childcare, challenging pregnancy and maternity discrimination, addressing occupational segregation, working towards gender balance on boards and promoting family-friendly and flexible working; agrees with the establishment of an advisory council for women and girls; welcomes the addition to the National Performance Framework of the new national indicator tracking the gender pay gap over time; commends the work of the Strategic Group on Women and Work for helping bring this agenda forward across the various sectors of the Scottish economy; recognises that employment and industrial barriers faced by women have a negative impact on Scotland’s economy with, for example, the Royal Society of Edinburgh explaining that the lack of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) jobs is a loss of a potential £170 million per annum to the Scottish economy, and believes that the Scottish Government must prioritise supporting women into senior management positions and industries where they are currently overlooked.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00629—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 September 2016

2.00 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Topical Questions (if selected)
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish Government Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 September 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance and the Constitution;
Economy, Jobs 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 September 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

5. Variation of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00630—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 8 September—

(i) in the first sentence of Rule 13.7.A1 "30 minutes" be replaced with "45 minutes";

and

(ii) in Rule 13.6.2 "6" be replaced with "8".

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00631—That the Parliament agrees the following nominated committee substitutes, as permitted under Rule 6.3A—

Scottish Greens

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work: Mark Ruskell
Education and Skills: Alison Johnstone
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Andy Wightman
European and External Relations: Andy Wightman
Finance: John Finnie
Health and Sport: Ross Greer
Justice: Patrick Harvie
Local Government and Communities: Patrick Harvie
Rural Economy and Connectivity: Mark Ruskell
Social Security: Ross Greer
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments: John Finnie

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Membership of Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00633—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the composition and membership of the European and External Relations Committee—

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.8

Number of members: 9

Membership: Jackson Carlaw, Rachael Hamilton, Ross Greer, Joan McAlpine, Bruce Crawford, Richard Lochhead, Lewis Macdonald, Ash Denham, Tavish Scott.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Commemorating the 21st Anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide: The Parliament debated S5M-00007 in the name of Michael Russell—That the Parliament notes that the 21st anniversary of the genocide at Srebrenica in Bosnia, in which over 8,000 Bosnians, mostly men and including many young men, were murdered, takes place in July 2016; understands that the United Kingdom's Srebrenica Memorial Week organised by the charity, Remembering Srebrenica, will run from 10 to 17 July with the theme, 21: Coming of age – time to act; is mindful that many Bosnian young people did not have the chance to celebrate their coming of age as a result of the massacre and the war; considers that it has never been more important to engage with all young people and teach them that racial and religious hatred can lead to genocide, and hopes that the events of the commemoration will inspire people to challenge hatred of all types and work to create a more cohesive and tolerant society.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

No. 17, Thursday 30 June 2016

The meeting opened at 10.45 am.

1. Scotland, Pitchford and Undercover Policing: The Parliament debated S5M-00003 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament believes that a growing number of Scottish citizens have been identified as being involved in undercover policing scandals involving the National Public Order Intelligence Unit and the Special Demonstration Squad of the Metropolitan Police, either as victims or as officers working on cases; considers that these units operated in Scotland keeping political, environmental, trade union and other activists under surveillance using unethical and often illegal methods; understands that the Pitchford inquiry, established by the Home Secretary, Theresa May, to look into undercover policing since the 1960s, does not cover Scotland in its remit; further understands that the Scottish Government has written to the UK Government asking for the inquiry to be extended to cover Scotland, and notes the view that, should this request be refused, the Scottish Government should set up its own inquiry so that all UK citizens, including those in Lothian who have been affected by what it considers this scandal can have the opportunity to get to the truth.

2. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

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

The meeting closed at 12.47 pm.

No. 18, Tuesday 6 September 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Monica Michelin-Salomon, Minister, Causeway Tollcross Church of Scotland, Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01238—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 September 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by First Minister Statement: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2016-17

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2016-17

followed by First Minister's Motion to appoint a Junior Scottish Minister

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 September 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution;
Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

followed by First Minister Statement: Scotland's Place in Europe

followed by Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2016-17

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion on Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 September 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Named Persons
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 September 2016

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 14 September 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Rural Economy 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 15 September 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

4. First Minister Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement on the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2016-17.

5. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2016-17: The Parliament debated the statement by the First Minister on the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2016-17.

6. Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister: The Parliament debated S5M-01254 in the name of the First Minister—That the Parliament agrees that Michael Russell be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Variation of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01264—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 15 September—

(i) in the first sentence of Rule 13.7.A1 "30 minutes" be replaced with "45 minutes";

and

(ii) in Rule 13.6.2 "6" be replaced with "8".

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and Committee of the Regions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01265—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government's proposal to nominate, as representatives of the Parliament, Christina McKelvie MSP as a full member and John Scott MSP as an alternate member on the UK delegation to the regional chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and Mairi Evans MSP and John Lamont MSP as full members and Lewis Macdonald MSP and Andy Wightman MSP as alternate members on the UK delegation to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the parliamentary session to 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Committee Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01266—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jenny Gilruth be appointed to replace Gail Ross as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

Bruce Crawford be appointed to replace Michael Russell as a member of the Finance Committee.

Maree Todd be appointed to replace Kate Forbes as a member of the Finance Committee.

Richard Lochhead be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth as a member of the Education and Skills Committee.

Mairi Evans be appointed to replace Emma Harper as a member of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee.

Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Mairi Evans as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee.

Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace Bruce Crawford as a member of the Europe and External Relations Committee.

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Ash Denham as a member of the Europe and External Relations Committee.

Gail Ross be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth as a member of the Public Audit Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Stand Up to Bullying: The Parliament debated S5M-00654 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament supports the Stand Up to Bullying campaign, which is run by the charity, Diana Award; recognises that anyone of any age can be affected by bullying and that there is a growing trend of cyberbullying toward young people; is concerned at figures in a recent poll by Vodafone that suggest that 68% of people know someone who has experience cyberbullying and a YouGov poll suggesting that 81% believe that bullying at school is commonplace, and commends the work of charities such as Diana Award in Coatbridge and Chryston and across Scotland in their attempts to stop bullying.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

No. 19, Wednesday 7 September 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. First Minister Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Place in Europe.

3. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2016-17: The Parliament continued the debate on the statement by the First Minister from Tuesday 6 September 2016.

4. Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit: Andy Wightman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved motion S5M-01203—That the Parliament agrees to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's proposal to appoint Colin Beattie, Alison Johnstone, John Lamont and Rona Mackay to be members of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01319—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 September 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Common Agricultural Payments

followed by Scottish Government Debate: More Investment for More Housing

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 September 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Rural Economy and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Implications of the EU Referendum Result and UK Negotiating Position

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 September 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Domestic Abuse Law
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 September 2016

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 21 September 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Justice;
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 22 September 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

6. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01323—That the Parliament agrees the following nominated committee substitutes, as permitted under Rule 6.3A—

Scottish National Party

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee: George Adam

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee: Alex Neil

Health and Sport Committee: Bob Doris

Justice Committee: Christina McKelvie

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee: Joan McAlpine

Education and Skills Committee: Clare Adamson

Finance Committee: Gordon MacDonald

Local Government and Communities Committee: David Torrance

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee: Christine Grahame

European and External Relations Committee: Kate Forbes

Public Audit Committee: Kenneth Gibson

Public Petitions Committee: Graeme Dey

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Gil Paterson

Equal Opportunities Committee: Linda Fabiani

Social Security Committee: Jenny Gilruth

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Opposition to Centralisation of Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery: The Parliament debated S5M-00565 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the decision by NHS board chief executives on 21 June 2016 to approve

the recommendation of the National Specialist Services Committee to centralise cleft lip and palate surgery in Glasgow; is aware that cleft lip and palate surgical services are currently provided at both the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh and the Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow; considers that the Edinburgh team delivers a world class service with high quality care and is aware that the audited outcomes for children following surgery in Edinburgh are extremely high; notes that the Edinburgh unit currently provides care for children living all across eastern Scotland; is aware of concerns among parents and clinicians about the consultation process for this proposed centralisation and that more than 5,700 people have signed an online petition opposing the plans; is further aware that the Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA) has spoken out about the lack of evidence to show that the existing two-site model is not working; is further aware that the Edinburgh unit is due to host the International Congress on Cleft Lip/Palate and Related Craniofacial Anomalies in 2021, and notes calls, given the level of concern among patients, parents and clinicians, for the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to intervene and pause the centralisation plans to allow further consideration and to ensure that the specialist expertise, knowledge and care that has been built up in Edinburgh is not lost.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 20, Thursday 8 September 2016

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. Living Wage in Scottish Football: The Parliament debated S5M-00253 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament recognises the enormous cultural and economic contribution that is made by Scottish football, including at the home of the national game, Hampden, in Glasgow Cathcart; understands that only one of the 12 SPFL Premiership clubs is currently an accredited living wage employer, and notes the view that Scottish football would benefit from a more widespread adoption of the Scottish living wage.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on an Update on Named Persons.

5. Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-01322—That the Parliament welcomes the 1,000 Syrian refugees who have been received by local authorities across Scotland under the UK Government's Syrian Resettlement Programme since October 2015; commends the work of Scottish Government partners, including the Scottish Refugee Council, COSLA and particularly local authorities that have responded quickly to this humanitarian crisis; thanks the volunteers, third sector organisations and local communities that are welcoming and supporting refugees as they settle and begin to rebuild their lives; acknowledges the strong cross-party support shown at and since the First Minister's Refugee Summit on 4 September 2015 for Scotland's commitment to welcome refugees and play its part by taking a fair and proportionate share of the total number of refugees received by the UK; continues to urge the UK Government to do more, particularly to progress the transfer of unaccompanied child refugees under the Immigration Act 2016, and to coordinate with international partners, including Scotland's EU neighbours, to improve the situation of refugees in Europe, and celebrates and encourages the warmth of welcome and strong solidarity with refugees that has been demonstrated across Scotland.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S5M-01322.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01322 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees), leave out from "UK Government" to end and insert "Scottish and UK Governments to do more, particularly to progress the transfer of unaccompanied child refugees under the Immigration Act 2016, and to coordinate with international partners, including Scotland's EU neighbours, to improve the situation of refugees in Europe, and celebrates and encourages the warmth of welcome and strong solidarity with refugees that has

been demonstrated across Scotland as has been the case in many conflicts over many generations, with refugees seeking safety and security in the face of violence and persecution.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-01322.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01322 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees), after “lives;” insert “recognises the need to set out refugees’ rights to access services and enshrine national standards for integration in law, putting a ‘New Scots’ integration strategy on a statutory footing; agrees that clear rights to language and interpretation services and simplification of many provisions in Scots law can aid that integration;”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 59, Abstentions 36).

Ross Greer moved amendment S5M-01322.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01322 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland Welcomes 1,000 Refugees), insert at end “supports the ‘New Scots’ approach of providing access to public services for all people seeking or granted refugee protection regardless of status; believes that the delivery and management of asylum support, accommodation and advice should be devolved to Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to support the creation of safe and legal routes for refugees to reach the EU and seek asylum without embarking on a dangerous and costly journey.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the 1,000 Syrian refugees who have been received by local authorities across Scotland under the UK Government’s Syrian Resettlement Programme since October 2015; commends the work of Scottish Government partners, including the Scottish Refugee Council, COSLA and particularly local authorities that have responded quickly to this humanitarian crisis; thanks the volunteers, third sector organisations and local communities that are welcoming and supporting refugees as they settle and begin to rebuild their lives; acknowledges the strong cross-party support shown at and since the First Minister’s Refugee Summit on 4 September 2015 for Scotland’s commitment to welcome refugees and play its part by taking a fair and proportionate share of the total number of refugees received by the UK; continues to urge the UK Government to do more, particularly to progress the transfer of unaccompanied child refugees under the Immigration Act 2016, and to coordinate with international partners, including Scotland’s EU neighbours, to improve the

situation of refugees in Europe; celebrates and encourages the warmth of welcome and strong solidarity with refugees that has been demonstrated across Scotland; supports the 'New Scots' approach of providing access to public services for all people seeking or granted refugee protection regardless of status; believes that the delivery and management of asylum support, accommodation and advice should be devolved to Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to support the creation of safe and legal routes for refugees to reach the EU and seek asylum without embarking on a dangerous and costly journey.

6. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01341—That the Parliament agrees that Pauline McNeill be appointed to replace Monica Lennon as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01342—That the Parliament agrees that Monica Lennon be appointed to replace Elaine Smith as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

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 5.05 pm.

No. 21, Tuesday 13 September 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Pastor Andrew Smith, Assemblies of God, Champion Life Church in the East End of Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01428—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 13 September 2016—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Launch of the Education Governance Review

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Launch of the Education Governance Review.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on an Update on Common Agricultural Payments.

6. More Investment for More Homes Scotland: The Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-01392—That the Parliament recognises that providing the right houses in the right places is essential to ensuring that everyone has access to a warm and affordable home; welcomes the shared objective across local authorities and housing associations to deliver 35,000 social rented homes, as part of the wider Scottish Government commitment from them and other partners to deliver at least 50,000 affordable homes, backed by expenditure of over £3 billion over the course of the current parliamentary session; welcomes the increased subsidy rates for housing associations, the promise of five-year resource planning assumptions for local authority areas, and agrees that a whole system approach to housing is essential; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to action on infrastructure, land and planning in support of increased housing supply across all tenures as part of the More Homes Scotland approach, including the new

housing infrastructure fund to unlock key development sites, the Scottish Government's positive response to the planning review and commitment to land reform, and welcomes the continued commitment to delivering housing as a key way of promoting inclusive growth, supporting each year approximately 14,000 full-time equivalent jobs and generating £1.8 billion in activity.

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S5M-01392.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01392 in the name of Kevin Stewart (More Investment for More Homes Scotland), leave out from “, the Scottish Government's positive response” to end and insert “; welcomes the continued commitment to delivering housing as a key way of promoting inclusive growth, supporting each year approximately 14,000 full-time equivalent jobs and generating £1.8 billion in activity; calls on the Scottish Government to make energy efficiency and heating homes a top priority by introducing a target for all properties to achieve an EPC C rating or above by the end of the decade; further urges the Scottish Government to introduce a target of a 10% year-on-year increase in new house completions across all sectors; calls for the recognition of energy improvement initiatives in the tax system; welcomes the fact that, after nine years in power, the Scottish Government has finally realised that the planning system is in desperate need of review; acknowledges the increased subsidy rates for housing associations, but highlights that the previous SNP administration slashed average grants to housing associations from £70,000 to £40,000.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-01392.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01392 in the name of Kevin Stewart (More Investment for More Homes Scotland) leave out from second “welcomes” to “essential;” and insert “recognises the advice of housing experts including Shelter Scotland that building 60,000 affordable homes over the next five years would further tackle Scotland's housing crisis; acknowledges the increased subsidy rates for housing associations and the promise of five-year resource planning assumptions for local authority areas and agrees that the National House Build Plan is essential to Scotland's approach to investing in housing; agrees that investment in new, affordable, warm housing is vital in tackling poverty, inequality and Scotland's fuel poverty levels”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 67, Abstentions 29).

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

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

8. Save our Services: The Parliament debated S5M-00505 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that NHS Greater Glasgow

and Clyde's final draft local delivery plan includes proposals to transfer birthing services from the community maternity units at the Vale of Leven Hospital and Inverclyde Royal Hospital to the Royal Alexandra Hospital (RAH) in Paisley and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) in Glasgow; rejects the assertion in the plan that "extensive public engagement" has taken place on the proposals and is unaware of any attempt by the NHS board to consult members of the public; believes that denying pregnant women in Dumbarton, Vale of Leven, Helensburgh and Lomond the choice to give birth at the Vale of Leven Hospital runs contrary to the Vision for the Vale, which was published in 2009 and committed the Scottish Government to ensuring that the community maternity unit would be "sustained and promoted"; understands that the plan also includes proposals to close the rehabilitation wards at Lightburn Hospital and transfer emergency paediatric services to the QEUH with the downgrading of the children's ward at the RAH; believes that the NHS board will make a decision on the proposals on 28 June 2016, and notes calls for the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to intervene and pledge to work with local communities to prevent the closure of health services.

9. Motion Without Notice: Jackie Baillie 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 6.36 pm.

No. 22, Wednesday 14 September 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Implications of the EU Referendum Result and UK Negotiating Position: The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) moved S5M-01412—That the Parliament recognises the importance of EU membership to Scotland and welcomes the Prime Minister's assurance that she will not trigger Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty until there is an agreed UK approach and objectives for negotiations; agrees that Scotland's interests are best served within the EU and that a key objective must be for Scotland and the UK to remain inside the EU Single Market; supports the Scottish Government participating fully in all negotiations between the UK Government and the EU in the run-up to, and during, the Article 50 process, and supports an approach that protects Scotland's democratic and economic interests, social protection, the principle of solidarity and the ability to influence decision-making within the EU.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S5M-01412.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01412 in the name of Michael Russell (Implications of the EU Referendum Result and UK Negotiating Position), leave out from "the importance" to end and insert "the result of the EU referendum on 23 June 2016, in which 17.4 million voters across the UK decided that the UK should leave the EU and understands the commitment of the UK Government to respect and implement that decision; welcomes the fact that the Prime Minister has repeatedly said that she expects the Scottish Government to be fully engaged and involved in the process of negotiating the UK's withdrawal from the EU; notes the 'very clear conclusion' recorded in the report of the Parliament's European and External Relations Committee, which was published on 12 September 2016, that 'a distinctive Scottish approach to maintaining our relationships in Europe' may be possible 'as long as that approach had been agreed with the UK Government first'; understands that this conclusion underscores the importance of the Scottish Government co-operating with the UK Government, and urges the Scottish Government to work in good faith with the UK Government in its forthcoming negotiations with the EU."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-01412.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01412 in the name of Michael Russell (Implications of the EU Referendum Result and UK Negotiating Position), after "process," insert "while consulting and reporting back to the Parliament on its objectives and priorities,"

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 34, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of EU membership to Scotland and welcomes the Prime Minister's assurance that she will not trigger Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty until there is an agreed UK approach and objectives for negotiations; agrees that Scotland's interests are best served within the EU and that a key objective must be for Scotland and the UK to remain inside the EU Single Market; supports the Scottish Government participating fully in all negotiations between the UK Government and the EU in the run-up to, and during, the Article 50 process, while consulting and reporting back to the Parliament on its objectives and priorities, and supports an approach that protects Scotland's democratic and economic interests, social protection, the principle of solidarity and the ability to influence decision-making within the EU.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01429—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 September 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Economy, Responding to the EU Referendum

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 September 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice;

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

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 22 September 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Members' Business
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Reforming Local Taxation
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Securing Scotland's Position as the Perfect Stage for Events
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 September 2016

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 28 September 2016

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 29 September 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

4. Variation of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01430—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on 22 September—

(i) in the first sentence of Rule 13.7.A1 “30 minutes” be replaced with “45 minutes”;

and

(ii) in Rule 13.6.2 “6” be replaced with “8”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Parliamentary Recess Dates: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01431—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 11 to 18 February 2017 (inclusive), 1 to 16 April 2017 (inclusive), 1 July to 3 September 2017 (inclusive), 7 to 22 October 2017 (inclusive) and 23 December 2017 to 7 January 2018 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Suspension of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01432—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 9B.3.5 be suspended for the purpose of allowing the European and External Relations Committee to consider and report to the Parliament as the lead committee on the legislative consent memorandum on the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Reusable Nappies and the Scottish Baby Box: The Parliament debated motion S5M-00634 in the name of Ivan McKee—That the Parliament understands that it takes a disposable nappy 200 years to degrade and that, in Scotland, 160 million such nappies are sent to landfill every year at a cost of several millions to local authorities; understands that the methane gas from these products has an adverse impact on the country’s emissions targets; believes that, although initially expensive, reusable nappies have significant advantages over disposables, as overall they cost parents far less and have negligible landfill implications; considers the Scottish Baby Box to be an excellent initiative and notes the view that the scheme’s benefits could be further enhanced and promoted by the inclusion of reusable nappies to encourage ethical consumerism and yield real cost savings for local authorities and families, particularly poorer families, and understands that,

among the manufacturers of reusable nappies in Scotland is Tots Bots, which is an award-winning company based in the Glasgow Provan constituency.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

No. 23, Thursday 15 September 2016

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. Glow Gold September:** The Parliament debated motion S5M-00860 in the name of Jeremy Balfour—That the Parliament recognises the work of the childhood cancer awareness raising campaign, Glow Gold September, which has been established by the parents of children with the condition; notes that it aims to ensure that the colour gold becomes synonymous with childhood cancer and that its awareness month is September; understands that it is asking for national and international buildings and landmarks to be illuminated in that colour for either the evening of 1 September 2016 or, if possible, for the whole month from dusk till dawn; believes that Edinburgh Castle, St Andrew's House and the Kelpies will take part in this and that the campaign is encouraging others to do likewise, and further understands that the campaign is also urging people to wear a gold pin throughout September to raise awareness and to show their support for the children.
- 4. Domestic Abuse Law:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-01434—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement by the First Minister when delivering the 2016-17 Programme for Government that the Scottish Government will introduce legislation to create a specific criminal offence of domestic abuse; recognises that, in Scotland, there are approximately 60,000 incidents of domestic abuse reported each year, with the 2014-15 figures showing that 79% of such incidents having a male perpetrator and a female victim; recognises that, while physical abuse can be prosecuted under existing laws, it is challenging to prosecute psychological abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour under these; agrees that a new offence will both help the criminal justice system to deal more effectively with domestic abusers and, alongside access to appropriate advocacy services, allow better access to justice for victims, and notes that the Scottish Government is continuing to consider the exact terms of such an offence in the light of feedback to the recent consultation on a draft offence with the aim of ensuring that it appropriately and effectively criminalises the type of pernicious coercive and controlling behaviour that can constitute domestic abuse and that such an offence will have a significant impact on how society views domestic abuse by ensuring that there is clarity that psychological, as well as physical abuse, of a partner or ex-partner is a criminal offence.

Douglas Ross moved amendment S5M-01434.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01434 in the name of Michael Matheson (Domestic Abuse Law), leave out "victims" and insert "both male and female victims who have been in a heterosexual or same-sex relationship; urges the Scottish Government to continue to raise awareness of Clare's Law".

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

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-01434.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01434 in the name of Michael Matheson (Domestic Abuse Law), insert at end “; recognises the important role of domestic abuse courts in dealing with the offence, and looks to extend the provision of these as part of proposals for tackling domestic abuse in 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 announcement by the First Minister when delivering the 2016-17 Programme for Government that the Scottish Government will introduce legislation to create a specific criminal offence of domestic abuse; recognises that, in Scotland, there are approximately 60,000 incidents of domestic abuse reported each year, with the 2014-15 figures showing that 79% of such incidents having a male perpetrator and a female victim; recognises that, while physical abuse can be prosecuted under existing laws, it is challenging to prosecute psychological abuse and coercive and controlling behaviour under these; agrees that a new offence will both help the criminal justice system to deal more effectively with domestic abusers and, alongside access to appropriate advocacy services, allow better access to justice for both male and female victims who have been in a heterosexual or same-sex relationship; urges the Scottish Government to continue to raise awareness of Clare’s Law; notes that the Scottish Government is continuing to consider the exact terms of such an offence in the light of feedback to the recent consultation on a draft offence with the aim of ensuring that it appropriately and effectively criminalises the type of pernicious coercive and controlling behaviour that can constitute domestic abuse and that such an offence will have a significant impact on how society views domestic abuse by ensuring that there is clarity that psychological, as well as physical abuse, of a partner or ex-partner is a criminal offence, and recognises the important role of domestic abuse courts in dealing with the offence, and looks to extend the provision of these as part of proposals for tackling domestic abuse in Scotland.

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

No. 24, Tuesday 20 September 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Douglas Yates, Interfaith Co-ordinator Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Interfaith Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Scotland's Economy, Responding to the EU Referendum:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved S5M-01531— That the Parliament welcomes the overwhelming vote of the people of Scotland to remain in the EU; notes that leaving the EU is widely expected to have a negative impact on economic growth, public sector revenues, access to labour, inward investment and opportunities to export, as well as threaten essential economic and social protections; recognises the continued resilience of Scottish business and the urgent need to support and stimulate the economy in the wake of the EU referendum; notes the initial steps taken by the Scottish Government, and calls on the UK Government to bring forward a substantial stimulus package to boost business confidence, keep the Scottish economy moving, end austerity and endorse the vital importance of growing an inclusive, productive and sustainable economy with more jobs and fair work.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-01531.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01531 in the name of Keith Brown (Scotland's Economy, Responding to the EU Referendum), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the vote of the UK to leave the EU; recognises that, even prior to this vote, across a range of indicators the Scottish economy had been underperforming that of the UK as a whole; urges the Scottish Government to take action to assist economic growth, including by reducing the burden of business rates and ruling out a second independence referendum, in line with the views of the business community, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how it will assist businesses to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the UK leaving the EU."

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

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-01531.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01531 in the name of Keith Brown (Scotland's Economy, Responding to the EU Referendum), leave out from "the continued resilience" to "Scottish Government" and insert "that a third of the Scottish economy is now overseas-owned leaving the Scottish economy more at risk from the consequences of leaving the EU than any other part of the UK; recognises the continued resilience of Scottish business and the urgent need to support and stimulate the economy in the wake of the EU referendum; notes the initial steps taken by the Scottish Government, and believes that it should take further action to support Scotland's economy".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the overwhelming vote of the people of Scotland to remain in the EU; notes that leaving the EU is widely expected to have a negative impact on economic growth, public sector revenues, access to labour, inward investment and opportunities to export, as well as threaten essential economic and social protections; recognises that a third of the Scottish economy is now overseas-owned leaving the Scottish economy more at risk from the consequences of leaving the EU than any other part of the UK; recognises the continued resilience of Scottish business and the urgent need to support and stimulate the economy in the wake of the EU referendum; notes the initial steps taken by the Scottish Government, and believes that it should take further action to support Scotland's economy, and calls on the UK Government to bring forward a substantial stimulus package to boost business confidence, keep the Scottish economy moving, end austerity and endorse the vital importance of growing an inclusive, productive and sustainable economy with more jobs and fair work.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. Eye Health Week: The Parliament debated motion S5M-00578 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament marks Eye Health Week, which runs from 19 to 25 September 2016; believes that, since the World Health Organization has suggested that 50% of sight loss is preventable, a greater sense of urgency is needed with regard to eye health; is concerned that an ageing population, increases in diabetes and poor diet might contribute to a doubling of the number of visually impaired people in Scotland over the next 20 years; welcomes the continuation of free eye health checks; further welcomes what it believes is vital Scottish Government planning and investment for the long-term to contain sight-threatening diseases and the government's commitment to public eye health campaigns, especially among vulnerable groups where there are reports of low awareness about free eye health checks; understands that these include the lower socio-economic groups, ethnic minority groups and people at high risk through associated health conditions, and thanks the country's eye health professionals, RNIB Scotland, Optometry Scotland, the Scottish Council on Visual Impairment, community-based societies for blind people, Guide Dogs and other third sector organisations for the hard work that they do to support people with sight loss in Greenock and Inverclyde and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 25, Wednesday 21 September 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers, and then on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. NHS Scotland Staffing Crisis: Donald Cameron moved motion S5M-01554— That the Parliament recognises the serious staffing crisis taking place in the NHS and has no confidence in the Scottish Government’s workforce planning for the NHS; believes that the Scottish Government has not done enough to prevent this crisis, despite warnings from patient and medical organisations; commends the dedication of all NHS and primary care staff who work tirelessly to provide the best care possible; believes that they should be supported fully and not be put under increasing pressure due to chronic short-staffing; notes the pressures that are also falling on the social care workforce and the important role that these workers play in society, and calls on all parties to work together to support the NHS in order to meet growing demand.

Shona Robison moved amendment S5M-01554.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01554 in the name of Donald Cameron on Health, leave out from “the serious” to “and calls on” and insert “the increased demands on the National Health Service, including in general practice and primary care; welcomes investment to address pressures in primary care and endorses the Scottish Government’s aim of increasing the proportion of the NHS budget being spent on primary care, community care, mental health and social care in each year of the current parliamentary session; commends the dedication of all NHS and primary care staff who work tirelessly to provide the best care possible; notes that approximately 1 in 20 of NHS Scotland’s doctors come from elsewhere in the EU, and believes that the UK Government’s reckless actions over Brexit threaten NHS Scotland’s ability to recruit health and care staff in the future; condemns the UK Government’s plans to scrap free tuition and bursaries for nursing and midwifery students in England and fully supports that both free tuition and nurse bursaries will be retained in Scotland; further notes that proposals for national and regional workforce planning for health and care will be published later in 2016, and that this will seek to give parity of status to mental and physical health; believes that the creation of Scotland’s first graduate entry programme for medicine, which will support students who work in the Scottish NHS after they qualify, will help attract people from a wider range of backgrounds to medicine and increase the number who chose to work in Scotland’s remote and rural areas; welcomes the continuing positive partnership between the Scottish Government and the BMA that meant Scotland was the first part of the UK to abolish the bureaucratic Quality and Outcomes Framework and which will support the negotiation of a new GP contract in 2017, and looks to”.

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-01554.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01554 in the name of Donald Cameron (NHS Scotland Staffing Crisis), after “short-staffing;” insert “notes the 2,500 nursing and midwifery vacancies, including more than 300 mental health nurse vacancies, and the recent RCN survey, which recorded 9 out of 10 nurses reporting that their workload has got worse; further notes the 1 in 4 GP practices reporting a vacancy and the call by the RCGP for an additional 830 GPs; condemns cuts to local services, which are placing even greater pressure on NHS staff; further”.

After debate, amendment S5M-01554.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 6). As a result, amendment S5M-01554.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the increased demands on the National Health Service, including in general practice and primary care; welcomes investment to address pressures in primary care and endorses the Scottish Government’s aim of increasing the proportion of the NHS budget being spent on primary care, community care, mental health and social care in each year of the current parliamentary session; commends the dedication of all NHS and primary care staff who work tirelessly to provide the best care possible; notes that approximately 1 in 20 of NHS Scotland’s doctors come from elsewhere in the EU, and believes that the UK Government’s reckless actions over Brexit threaten NHS Scotland’s ability to recruit health and care staff in the future; condemns the UK Government’s plans to scrap free tuition and bursaries for nursing and midwifery students in England and fully supports that both free tuition and nurse bursaries will be retained in Scotland; further notes that proposals for national and regional workforce planning for health and care will be published later in 2016, and that this will seek to give parity of status to mental and physical health; believes that the creation of Scotland’s first graduate entry programme for medicine, which will support students who work in the Scottish NHS after they qualify, will help attract people from a wider range of backgrounds to medicine and increase the number who chose to work in Scotland’s remote and rural areas; welcomes the continuing positive partnership between the Scottish Government and the BMA that meant Scotland was the first part of the UK to abolish the bureaucratic Quality and Outcomes Framework and which will support the negotiation of a new GP contract in 2017, and looks to all parties to work together to support the NHS in order to meet growing demand.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01571—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 September 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Securing the Interests of Scotland's Rural Economy following the EU Referendum

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Standing Orders rule changes – mandatory committees' remits

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 September 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

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 29 September 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare Provision

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 October 2016

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 October 2016

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 6 October 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

4. Office of the Clerk: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01570—That the Parliament agrees that, between 4 January 2017 and 31 January 2018, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except Saturdays and Sundays, 14 and 17 April 2017, 1 May 2017, 26 and 29 May 2017, 15 September 2017, 1 December 2017, 22 December (pm), 25 and 26 December 2017 and 1 and 2 January 2018.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01572—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee to consider and report to the Parliament on the draft memorandum of understanding to be entered into by the UK Government, the Scottish Government, the Scottish Parliament and the Office of Communications (Ofcom).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Variation of Standing Orders : Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01573—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 29 September—

(i) in the first sentence of Rule 13.7.A1 “30 minutes” be replaced with “45 minutes”;

and

(ii) in Rule 13.6.2 “6” be replaced with “8”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Promoting Good Food from Angus: The Parliament debated motion S5M-00302 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament welcomes the establishment of The Food Life in Angus; understands that this collective is made up of local producers and aims to promote good food from Angus; believes that this is part of a growing effort across Scotland to promote good quality, sustainable and local food; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to implementing the Good Food Nation policy, and notes calls for it to take further steps to promote Scotland’s food and drink sector, including the appointment of a National Chef to champion Scottish produce.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

No. 26, Thursday 22 September 2016

The meeting opened at 11.50 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. The Standing Safe Campaign: The Parliament debated motion S5M-01290 in the name of Margaret Mitchell—That the Parliament welcomes the campaign Standing Safe, which is being launched by the University of the West of Scotland on 14 September 2016; understands that the campaign is a student-staff partnership initiative raising awareness about and warning against sexual violence on campus; notes that the campaign states that incidents of sexual violence have seen an upward trend in Scotland since records began in 1971; acknowledges that the campaign, which will be led by students across the university's different schools and supported by the university's senior management, the Dean of Students, Student Services, SAUWS and Student Ambassadors, aims to address peer-on-peer violence in universities; recognises that it has established a number of external links, including with Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Scotland and NHS Lanarkshire, with the purpose of working collaboratively through focus groups and student-led workshops to tackle sexual violence on campuses and the harmful attitudes that underpin it; further understands that a collaboration with local artists as a means of providing the students with learning experiences is planned; wishes all those involved in the campaign success across all the university's campuses, including the campus in Hamilton, and notes the view that other university campuses across Scotland would benefit from a similar campaign.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01629—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 22 September 2016—

delete

followed by Securing Scotland's Position as the Perfect Stage for Events

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

followed by Securing Scotland's Position as the Perfect Stage for Events

followed by Continuation of General Questions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Reforming Local Taxation: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved motion S5M-01580—That the Parliament notes

the opportunity for change created by the December 2015 report of the Commission on Local Tax Reform; recognises the initial changes to council tax proposed by the Scottish Government, and supports continued discussion by all parties, with local government and wider society, of measures to improve progressivity and local financial accountability over the current parliamentary session.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-01580.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01580 in the name of Derek Mackay (Reforming Local Taxation), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “but regrets that the Scottish Government’s proposals for Council Tax reform undermine the principle of local accountability and autonomy and fail to address a number of issues identified by the commission; notes the opportunities to remedy this over the current parliamentary session, and commits to further discussions by all parties to seek to establish an enduring system of local government finance.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-01580.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01580 in the name of Derek Mackay (Reforming Local Taxation), insert at end “further notes the SNP manifesto commitments to scrap the Council Tax in both 2007 and 2011 and that the Scottish Government has failed to deliver on those pledges; recognises that its current proposals for reform “fall short of making the Council Tax a ‘proportionate’ tax” as noted by the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe); acknowledges that, in her report, the Scottish Government’s poverty adviser said that the “Council Tax is widely viewed as no longer fit for purpose” and to “be bold on local taxation”; recognises the level of cuts to funding that local authorities have faced in recent years and the consequent impact on the services that local people rely on; commits the Scottish Government to bring forward reform that is more progressive than the current proposals as well as using the powers of the Parliament to invest in Scotland’s economy and its people.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-01580.3 to motion S5M-01580—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01580 in the name of Derek Mackay (Reforming Local Taxation), insert at end “regrets the Scottish Government’s current lack of ambition in the reform of local taxation; endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission, in particular that the present Council Tax system must end, that the new system should offer greater flexibility to local government and strengthen local democracy, that the system of local taxation has to include recurrent taxation on domestic property and that liabilities should be linked to up-to-date property values, and considers that the

proposals outlined in the Scottish Green Party's *Fair Funding for Public Services* paper and its alternative Council Tax statutory instrument represent a fair and progressive way forward for local government finance."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 121, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 63, Abstentions 0, motion, as amended, disagreed to on casting vote).

6. Securing Scotland's Position as the Perfect Stage for Events: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved motion S5M-01581—That the Parliament recognises the strength of Scotland's annual portfolio of events and its positive impact on the economy, tourism and in communities across Scotland; celebrates the recent successes of the summer sporting and cultural events and festivals; supports the continued ambition, as set out in the 2015 national events strategy, that Scotland's reputation as the perfect stage for events is recognised nationally and internationally; notes the importance of effective partnerships and collaboration by the industry, the Scottish Government, its relevant agencies and non-departmental public bodies and local authorities in delivering the strategy and planning for shared initiatives such as the themed years; welcomes the establishment of the Events and Festivals Industry Group, which has been brought together by the Scottish Tourism Alliance to facilitate a collective industry response to the strategy, and recognises the future opportunities for Scotland following the successful securing of major sporting events, including the 2018 European Championships, the 2019 Solheim Cup and the 2020 UEFA European Football Championships.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S5M-01581.1 to motion S5M-01581—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01581 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Securing Scotland's Position as the Perfect Stage for Events), leave out from "establishment" to end and insert "support for events such as the Edinburgh International Culture Summit given by the UK Government; further welcomes the establishment of the Events and Festivals Industry Group, which has been brought together by the Scottish Tourism Alliance to facilitate a collective industry response to the strategy; recognises the future opportunities for Scotland following the successful securing of major sporting events, including the 2018 European Championships, the 2019 Solheim Cup and the 2020 UEFA European Football Championships, and notes the importance of good infrastructure and transport systems, particularly in rural and semi-rural areas, to improving access to large events for people across Scotland."

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the strength of Scotland's annual portfolio of events and its positive impact on the economy, tourism and in communities across Scotland; celebrates the recent successes of the

summer sporting and cultural events and festivals; supports the continued ambition, as set out in the 2015 national events strategy, that Scotland's reputation as the perfect stage for events is recognised nationally and internationally; notes the importance of effective partnerships and collaboration by the industry, the Scottish Government, its relevant agencies and non-departmental public bodies and local authorities in delivering the strategy and planning for shared initiatives such as the themed years; welcomes the support for events such as the Edinburgh International Culture Summit given by the UK Government; further welcomes the establishment of the Events and Festivals Industry Group, which has been brought together by the Scottish Tourism Alliance to facilitate a collective industry response to the strategy; recognises the future opportunities for Scotland following the successful securing of major sporting events, including the 2018 European Championships, the 2019 Solheim Cup and the 2020 UEFA European Football Championships, and notes the importance of good infrastructure and transport systems, particularly in rural and semi-rural areas, to improving access to large events for people across Scotland.

7. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

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

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

No. 27, Tuesday 27 September 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mr Paul Carberry, Director of Children’s Services, Action for Children Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

3. Securing the Interests of Scotland’s Rural Economy Following the EU Referendum: The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved motion S5M-01669—That the Parliament agrees that the best way to protect rural interests is by protecting Scotland’s place in Europe, maintaining membership of the single market, and access to the free movement of labour; welcomes that the Scottish Ministers will pass on in full the EU funding guaranteed by the UK Government so far; notes that membership of the EU delivers significant economic and social benefits to Scotland’s rural economy, worth billions between 2014 and 2020; resolves to do all it can to secure the jobs, incomes, businesses, investment and development dependent on these benefits, and, therefore, calls on the UK Government to guarantee all EU funding due to Scotland and to ensure that Scotland has a role in decision-making, as well as full involvement in all UK negotiations, including those on fisheries management.

Peter Chapman moved amendment S5M-01669.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01669 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Securing the Interests of Scotland’s Rural Economy Following the EU Referendum), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “believes that a continued close relationship with Europe is integral for Scotland’s rural interests; welcomes the UK Government’s guarantees on EU funding and the Scottish Ministers’ commitment to pass this on in full; notes the support that the EU has delivered for rural Scotland, but recognises new opportunities for Scotland’s farming and fishing interests; resolves to do all it can to secure jobs, incomes, businesses, investment and development in rural Scotland; urges the Scottish Government to work closely with the UK Government to secure the best possible future for Scotland’s rural economy, and notes with concern the difficulties that the Scottish Government has had in delivering CAP payments over the last year.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-01669.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01669 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Securing the Interests of Scotland’s Rural Economy Following the EU Referendum), after “between 2014 and 2020” insert “and is poised to provide significant funding towards the further roll-out of high-speed broadband to Scotland”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that the best way to protect rural interests is by protecting Scotland’s place in Europe, maintaining membership of the single market, and access to the free movement of labour; welcomes that the Scottish Ministers will pass on in full the EU funding guaranteed by the UK Government so far; notes that membership of the EU delivers significant economic and social benefits to Scotland’s rural economy, worth billions between 2014 and 2020 and is poised to provide significant funding towards the further roll-out of high-speed broadband to Scotland; resolves to do all it can to secure the jobs, incomes, businesses, investment and development dependent on these benefits, and, therefore, calls on the UK Government to guarantee all EU funding due to Scotland and to ensure that Scotland has a role in decision-making, as well as full involvement in all UK negotiations, including those on fisheries management.

4. Standing Order Rule Changes, Mandatory Committee Remits: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-01645—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 3rd Report 2016 (Session 5), *Standing Order Rule Changes - Mandatory committee remits* (SP Paper 12), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 28 September 2016.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. Feminine Hygiene Products: The Parliament debated motion S5M-01493 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament notes the burden of the cost of feminine hygiene products on women and girls in the Central Scotland region and throughout Scotland; further notes that the average woman uses around 12,000 feminine hygiene products in their lifetime; recognises that these products are a necessity to maintaining good health; considers that some women and girls may be unable to buy vital feminine hygiene products due to the cost; commends charities such as Scottish Women’s Aid, The Trussell Trust and Barnardo’s for the great work they are doing to provide feminine hygiene products free of charge to women and girls who struggle to pay for them, and recognises the work being done internationally on the issue of menstrual equity, for example in New York City, where feminine hygiene products are now free in schools, prisons and homeless shelters.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

No. 28, Wednesday 28 September 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and a Minister.

2. Protect Local NHS Services: Anas Sarwar moved motion S5M-01677—That the Parliament notes the widespread public concern over proposals to downgrade valued local services, including maternity services at the Vale of Leven Hospital, paediatric services at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, maternity services at Inverclyde Hospital, trauma orthopaedics at Monklands Hospital, inpatient services at the Centre for Integrative Care, cleft palate services at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and the closure of the Lightburn Hospital; believes that all these proposals constitute major changes in service provision, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to call in these proposals, as set out by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Lanarkshire and NHS Lothian, for ministerial decision.

Shona Robison moved amendment S5M-01677.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01677 in the name of Anas Sarwar on Protect Local NHS Services, leave out from “the widespread public concern” to end and insert “that no decisions have been made in respect of current service change proposals from NHS boards; welcomes the Scottish Government’s record of protecting local services, including saving the A&E departments in Monklands and Ayr, ending a decade of damaging uncertainty in 2009 by approving the Vision for the Vale of Leven Hospital, and securing inpatient paediatric services at St John’s Hospital in line with the independent report from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health; recognises that there is an established process around service change in the NHS, and that the decision about whether a particular service change is deemed major is one that is taken in consultation with the independent Scottish Health Council, which was established in statute in 2005 to support and advise NHS boards and to quality-assure the public involvement process; endorses the National Clinical Strategy, which was published in February 2016, with its aim to provide more care where people need it and with as much care as possible delivered locally, and remains committed to maintaining and improving safe and effective local services across Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 0, Abstentions 62).

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01737—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 October 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Finance Committee Debate: Timetable for the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Implications of the EU Referendum on Higher and Further Education
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.30 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 October 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health and Sport
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Devolution of Employment Services
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 October 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Draft BBC Charter
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 October 2016

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 October 2016

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 27 October 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

4. Variation of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01691—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 6 October—

(i) in the first sentence of Rule 13.7.A1 “30 minutes” be replaced with “45 minutes”;

and

(ii) in Rule 13.6.2 “6” be replaced with “8”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01694—That the Parliament agrees that the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Part 4 and Part 5 Complaints) Revocation Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01695—That the Parliament agrees that the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01696— That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Action on Residential Road Safety: The Parliament debated motion S5M-01541 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament welcomes the efforts of communities across Scotland, including in Mid-Scotland and Fife, who are working to improve safety on residential roads through schemes such as 20's Plenty; understands that there has been a welcome and significant drop in casualties on the country's roads over the last decade but recognises that every death or serious injury is a tragedy, and supports further action to make roads safer for all, especially people who are considered the most vulnerable.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

No. 29, Thursday 29 September 2016

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 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. Mental Health Education:** The Parliament debated motion S5M-01183 in the name of Jenny Gilruth—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the vital importance of mental health education in contributing to closing the attainment gap in Mid Fife and Glenrothes and across the country; is concerned that 70% of young people recently surveyed by the Scottish Youth Parliament said that they did not know what mental health support was available in their area; understands that the Scottish Government will be publishing a new mental health strategy later in 2016, and notes the view that the strategy should provide clear curriculum guidance regarding mental health education.
- 4. The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare Provision:** Mark McDonald moved motion S5M-01703—That the Parliament notes the publication of the *Financial Review of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland: the Current Landscape*, which provides a comprehensive picture of how the funding provided by the Scottish Government to deliver early learning and childcare in Scotland is being used; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to transform provision by almost doubling free entitlement from 600 to 1140 hours for every 3- and 4-year-old and eligible 2-year-olds; agrees that this transformational expansion must deliver a high-quality experience for children, involving a highly-skilled and qualified workforce, which is geographically accessible and meets the needs of children who require additional support, while also delivering the flexibility, affordability and choice, which parents need to support them in work, training or study, and agrees that the Scottish Government should consult on a policy blueprint for early learning and childcare in order to achieve this and ensure that this entitlement helps to ensure that more of Scotland's children get the best possible start in life and contributes to the Scottish Government's ambitions to close the attainment gap, tackle inequalities and boost inclusive economic growth.

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-01703.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01703 in the name of Mark McDonald (The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare Provision), leave out from “almost doubling” to end and insert “increasing free entitlement; agrees, in light of the evidence related to the earliest signs of the attainment gap, that the priority should be extending hours to a higher proportion of disadvantaged one- and two-year-olds, and believes that, in order to address the growing challenges of increasing the provision and quality of childcare, the Scottish Government should be radical in its approach by adopting a fully-flexible voucher system that is wholly responsive to parental demands for different kinds of childcare and early learning and that removes barriers to the supply of places.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S5M-01703.3 to motion S5M-01703—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01703 in the name of Mark McDonald (The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare Provision), after “training or study,” insert “; notes the pressures that working families face in accessing affordable and high-quality childcare that fits round their daily lives; considers that a transformational expansion of childcare in Scotland must also look at how to provide affordable wrap-around childcare for all ages as recommended by the Commission for Childcare Reform; recognises the important role that breakfast clubs can play in a child’s start to the school day and to parents’ needs in work, training or study; agrees that the Scottish Government should provide additional investment in breakfast clubs, ensuring that they are available to all primary schools”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, against 90, Abstentions 0).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-01703.2 to motion S5M-01703—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01703 in the name of Mark McDonald (The Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare Provision), insert at end “; believes that the importance of having a robust long-term delivery plan in place is demonstrated by the fact that many parents have problems accessing current entitlements to free provision and that the financial review confirmed that only 7% of two-year-olds were receiving free nursery care at the 2015 census, and believes that this plan must address the additional challenges of ensuring that rural and island communities fully share the benefits of this policy, both on the provision of pre-school education and the capital costs that local education authorities will incur.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the publication of the *Financial Review of Early Learning and Childcare in Scotland: the Current Landscape*, which provides a comprehensive picture of how the funding provided by the Scottish Government to deliver early learning and childcare in Scotland is being used; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to transform provision by almost doubling free entitlement from 600 to 1140 hours for every 3- and 4-year-old and eligible 2-year-olds; agrees that this transformational expansion must deliver a high-quality experience for children, involving a highly-skilled and qualified workforce, which is geographically accessible and meets the needs of children who require additional support, while also delivering the flexibility, affordability and choice, which parents need to support them in work, training or study; agrees that the

Scottish Government should consult on a policy blueprint for early learning and childcare in order to achieve this and ensure that this entitlement helps to ensure that more of Scotland's children get the best possible start in life and contributes to the Scottish Government's ambitions to close the attainment gap, tackle inequalities and boost inclusive economic growth; believes that the importance of having a robust long-term delivery plan in place is demonstrated by the fact that many parents have problems accessing current entitlements to free provision and that the financial review confirmed that only 7% of two-year-olds were receiving free nursery care at the 2015 census, and believes that this plan must address the additional challenges of ensuring that rural and island communities fully share the benefits of this policy, both on the provision of pre-school education and the capital costs that local education authorities will incur.

5. Names and Remits of Mandatory Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01693—That the Parliament agrees, under Rule 6.1, that the names and remits of the following mandatory committees be amended—

Name of Committee: Finance Committee

New name: 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

Name of Committee: Public Audit Committee

New name: Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.7 shall be added—

Post-legislative scrutiny

Name of Committee: European and External Relations Committee

New name: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations 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

Name of Committee: Equal Opportunities Committee

New name: Equalities and Human Rights Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.9 shall be added—

Human rights, including Convention rights (within the meaning of section 1 of the Human Rights Act 1998) and other human rights contained in any international convention, treaty or other international instrument ratified by the United Kingdom.

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 5.05 pm.

No. 30, Tuesday 4 October 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Manson Merchant, Minister, Dyce Parish Church, Aberdeen, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Timetable for the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee, moved S5M-01788—That the Parliament notes the timetable for the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Implications of the EU Referendum on Higher and Further Education:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-01792—That the Parliament recognises the benefits of EU membership to Scotland and that Scotland's interests are best served by protecting Scotland's existing relationship in Europe, maintaining membership of the single market and access to the free movement of labour; welcomes the Scottish Government's reassurance on the tuition fee status of continuing EU students and those beginning an undergraduate course in 2016; acknowledges Scotland's success to date in securing EU funding and recognises the benefits that this brings to Scottish universities and colleges; notes that the outcome of the EU referendum potentially makes it harder to attract EU students to study in Scotland, to maintain opportunities for Scottish students and academics in Europe and to collaborate across Europe; resolves to promote Scotland's willingness to continue to collaborate with European partners and to attract the best international talent to maintain the world-class reputation of Scottish universities and colleges, and calls on the UK Government to ensure that Scotland has a role in decision-making, as well as full involvement in all negotiations between the UK Government and the EU, to protect the interests of staff and students in Scotland's universities and colleges.

Liz Smith moved amendment 01792.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01792 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Implications of the EU Referendum on Higher and Further Education), leave out from first "the benefits" to end and insert "that Brexit represents a significant change for both further and higher education, and that, alongside challenges, there will be new opportunities for both colleges and universities, especially in developing closer international links with further and higher education institutions in non-EU nations with which Scottish colleges and universities already have expanding collaboration, research projects and knowledge exchange; pays tribute to the resourcefulness and creativity with which further and higher education institutions have always reacted to changing circumstances both at home and abroad; welcomes the existing commitments by the UK Government on EU-funding streams, and calls on the Scottish and

UK governments to work together in a constructive manner to support higher and further education in Scotland”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

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

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01809—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 5 October 2016—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health and Sport

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting Farming and Food Production in Scotland

(b) Thursday 6 October 2016—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Draft BBC Charter

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Review of Underground Coal Gasification

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Draft BBC Charter

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Investigatory Powers Bill – UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Hate Crimes Against Polish Migrants: The Parliament debated S5M-01257 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament condemns recent hate crimes perpetrated against people from Poland living in the UK; recognises that Scotland and Poland have a long-standing, strong and fruitful connection and that this thriving relationship has brought great benefits to both countries, including from the wave of long-settled Polish migrants who came to this country after World War II having resisted Nazism and Stalinism; understands that 92% of Polish-born residents in the UK are in employment or education, which is considerably higher than the figure for people born in the UK; acknowledges that Poles and other migrants from Eastern Europe play a key part in many areas of the Scottish economy, particularly services,

agriculture, construction and business; appreciates the high skills and excellent work ethic of Polish people and all that they bring to Cunninghame North and Scotland; believes that the negative rhetoric against Eastern Europeans in Britain has been built up and encouraged, in part, by irresponsible and shameful reporting by sections of the media; understands that, even after over 40 years of EU membership, less than 5% of Britain's population were born in the other 27 EU countries; strongly condemns hate crimes of all kinds and the upset and fear that they cause; stands in solidarity with Polish people, both in Scotland and the rest of the UK, and will continue to welcome and support Polish migrants in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

No. 31, Wednesday 5 October 2016

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. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting Farming and Food Production in Scotland.
- 3. Devolution of Employment Services:** The Minister for Employability and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-01793—That the Parliament welcomes the devolution of employment support programmes under the Scotland Act 2016, with a transitional year of operation from April 2017 and a longer-term programme from 2018 that will reflect fair work and social and economic inclusion, ensure that people are at the heart of a service that treats people with fairness and respect and which will help deliver an inclusive, socially-just, equal and prosperous Scotland; regrets the funding reductions by the UK Government for these employability support services of almost 90% in the first year of devolved services in 2017-18, but notes that the Scottish Government is providing additional resources to ensure continuity of employment support for the most vulnerable in Scottish society, including disabled people, and welcomes voluntary access to Scottish devolved services that will support people into work, as opposed to mandatory participation and the threat of benefit sanctions by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-01793.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01793 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Devolution of Employment Services), leave out from “regrets” to end and insert “recognises that, for those who can, the best route out of poverty is work, and that one of the principal functions of social security is to smooth the journey from welfare to work; understands that the UK Government’s Work Programme has assisted more than 47,000 people in Scotland into the workplace and that there are now 2.7 million more people in work in the UK than there were in 2010, and calls on the Scottish Government to exercise its powers under the devolution of employment support programmes to address the dismal fact that Scotland has the lowest employment growth rate of any nation or region of the UK.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-01793.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-01793 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Devolution of Employment Services), insert at end “, believes that those who want to work but need extra support are given it and that support should be based on the principles of dignity and respect, not cuts and punitive sanctions; recognises that further action is needed in order to significantly reduce

involuntary unemployment and move towards full employment, and calls on the Scottish Government to be bold and innovative in designing Scotland's future employment services, including a review of the punitive and discredited content and delivery of assessments, as well as identifying the needs of local economies and the ability to tailor employment programmes to suit them."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the devolution of employment support programmes under the Scotland Act 2016, with a transitional year of operation from April 2017 and a longer-term programme from 2018 that will reflect fair work and social and economic inclusion, ensure that people are at the heart of a service that treats people with fairness and respect and which will help deliver an inclusive, socially-just, equal and prosperous Scotland; regrets the funding reductions by the UK Government for these employability support services of almost 90% in the first year of devolved services in 2017-18, but notes that the Scottish Government is providing additional resources to ensure continuity of employment support for the most vulnerable in Scottish society, including disabled people; welcomes voluntary access to Scottish devolved services that will support people into work, as opposed to mandatory participation and the threat of benefit sanctions by the Department for Work and Pensions; believes that those who want to work but need extra support are given it and that support should be based on the principles of dignity and respect, not cuts and punitive sanctions; recognises that further action is needed in order to significantly reduce involuntary unemployment and move towards full employment, and calls on the Scottish Government to be bold and innovative in designing Scotland's future employment services, including a review of the punitive and discredited content and delivery of assessments, as well as identifying the needs of local economies and the ability to tailor employment programmes to suit them.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-01813—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 October 2016

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

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 October 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Future Enterprise and Skills Support in
Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 October 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Environmental Protection and Climate Change

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 November 2016

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 2 November 2016

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 3 November 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am	General Questions
12.00 pm	First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm	Members' Business
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm	Scottish Government Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-01819: Variation of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 27 October—

(i) in the first sentence of Rule 13.7.A1 “30 minutes” be replaced with “45 minutes”;

and

(ii) in Rule 13.6.2 “6” be replaced with “8”.

S5M-01820: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-01821: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Private Rented Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-01822: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tribunals (Offences in Relation to Proceedings) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-01823: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-01824: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Panel) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-01825: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Private Rented Housing Panel) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-01826: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-01827: Suspension of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that for the purpose of allowing the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee to consider the package of Scottish Statutory Instruments laid under the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 on 21 September 2016, the second sentence of Rule 10.3.2 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

7. Retain Tax Jobs in Bathgate: The Parliament debated S5M-01279 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament notes calls for the HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to pause its programme of office closures and end the plan to relocate tax credit services from the Pyramids Business Park in Bathgate in West Lothian to a new site in Edinburgh; understands that an assessment of the socio-economic impact would mean that relocated workers, most of whom earn under £21,000 per annum, would be £1,300 worse off per year from additional travel costs and will have to undertake a minimum of four hours extra travelling time per week; considers that this would also have a detrimental impact on the 40% of workers with caring responsibilities and the 20% who are disabled, and have a knock-on negative environmental impact; believes that this will also impact on the wider West Lothian economy with a potential £8.5 million lost, threatening local businesses that are dependent on HMRC staff and their spending power; is aware of calls for HMRC to consider alternative proposals, and further notes calls by West Lothian Council, the PCS trade union and local businesses to ensure the retention of these jobs in West Lothian.

The meeting closed at 6.21 pm.

No. 32, Thursday 6 October 2016

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. Island Health Boards: The Parliament debated S5M-01639 in the name of Liam McArthur—That the Parliament considers local NHS boards to be key in delivering frontline services across Scotland's distinct communities; believes that a one-size-fits-all approach rarely works, particularly in delivering health care in Orkney and Shetland where, more often than not, island communities require different solutions to the central belt; acknowledges that the nature of delivering health and care services in rural and remote island communities inevitably requires additional resources; recognises that decisions about how those services are most effectively delivered are best made locally; considers therefore that concerns that the Scottish Government's intention to "examine the number, structure and regulation of health boards" could lead to the amalgamation of NHS boards to the detriment of providing the best possible health care in the islands, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to undertake to protect island health boards, including NHS Orkney and NHS Shetland, in its forthcoming review.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Review of Underground Coal Gasification.

5. Draft BBC Charter: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-01828—That the Parliament notes the publication by the UK Government of the draft BBC Royal Charter and draft BBC Framework Agreement.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Investigatory Powers Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-01832—That the Parliament supports the principle of modernising the law in the area of investigatory powers; believes that protection of civil liberties, transparency and independent oversight must be at the heart of this process; supports law enforcement in having necessary powers to keep Scotland's communities safe, subject to the most stringent checks and safeguards; agrees that the relevant provisions of the Investigatory Powers Bill, which was introduced in the House of Commons on 1 March 2016, relating to the interception of communications in places of detention, decisions relating to the issue, renewal, modification, cancellation and approval of interception warrants, targeted examination warrants and functions relating to mutual assistance warrants, the subject matter of Part III of the Police Act 1997 and other equipment interference provisions, the safeguards relating to the use and retention of material obtained by investigative techniques under the Investigatory Powers Bill, oversight arrangements and functions, the

functions of, and rights of appeal from, the Investigatory Powers Tribunal, the creation of a Technology Advisory Panel, and amendments to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000 in consequence of the Investigatory Powers Bill, 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; recognises that many of the provisions are necessary to ensure that law enforcement operates within an updated and robust legislative framework; supports powers that are demonstrably operationally necessary to counter terrorism and prevent and detect serious crime, and recognises the concerns that have been raised about potential impingement on civil liberties and the privacy of individuals in relation to internet connection records and bulk data collection, but notes that these issues are reserved to the UK Parliament and are not matters that the Scottish Ministers or Scottish Parliament can determine.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

S5M-01860: Establishment of Sub-Committee—That the Parliament agrees to establish a sub-committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Justice Sub-Committee on Policing.

Remit: To consider and report on the operation of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as it relates to policing.

Duration: Until the end of the Parliamentary session.

Number of members: 7.

Membership: Mary Fee, John Finnie, Liam McArthur, Rona Mackay, Ben Macpherson, Margaret Mitchell, Stewart Stevenson.

S5M-01861: Sub-Committee Meeting—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing can meet, if necessary, at 1.00pm on a Thursday for the purpose of conducting a meeting of the sub-committee and that any meeting held under this Rule is concluded before the commencement of a meeting of the Parliament that afternoon.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

No. 33, Tuesday 25 October 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Emeritus Professor Alan Spence, Professor of Creative Writing, University of Aberdeen, author and member of the Sri Chinmoy Centre, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-02108—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 25 October 2016—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building a Fairer Scotland - It takes all of us

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Standing Orders Rule Changes - First Minister's Question Time

(b) Wednesday 26 October 2016—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Future Enterprise and Skills Support in Scotland – Phase One Outputs from the Enterprise and Skills Review

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on actions following the outcome of the EU Referendum

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Future Enterprise and Skills Support in Scotland – Phase One Outputs from the Enterprise and Skills Review

followed by Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee: Report on the Memorandum of Understanding of Ofcom

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill – UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Building a Fairer Scotland – It takes all of us: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-02077—That the Parliament agrees to reduce poverty and inequalities and to achieve a fairer Scotland; recognises the challenges in this aim and that it will take all sectors of society to work together to build a stronger, more inclusive country; notes the launch of the Fairer Scotland Action Plan with 50 fairness actions for the current parliamentary session, including tackling the attainment gap, improving mental health care and ensuring that housing is affordable and warm; recognises that this was developed in response to extensive consultation with the people of Scotland, stakeholders and the recommendations of the independent advisor on poverty and inequality, alongside the Scottish Government’s ambition to legislate to eradicate child poverty, underpinned by statutory income targets and a robust delivery plan, and welcomes the planned introduction of a socio-economic duty on public bodies in Scotland to place poverty and disadvantage at the heart of decision-making in local communities across Scotland.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-02077.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02077 in the name of Angela Constance (Building a Fairer Scotland – It takes all of us), insert at end “; recognises however that a fairer Scotland will not be achieved without addressing Scotland’s poor employment growth rate, poor employment rate and high inactivity rate; believes that a fairer Scotland would be one that takes racial and religious prejudice more seriously and gives these matters a higher profile than is the case in the Scottish Government’s action plan; considers that a fairer Scotland means a more decentralised country with greater devolution to its cities, towns and communities; believes that any poverty indicator must include some measurement of household costs as well as income, and considers that poverty will not be reduced in Scotland unless its underlying causes, which include addiction, family breakdown and worklessness, are confronted.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-02077.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02077 in the name of Angela Constance (Building a Fairer Scotland – It takes all of us), after “delivery plan” insert “; agrees that the Parliament will receive an annual report detailing the progress made towards the delivery of the plan and necessary revisions to build on its ambition, for instance with regard to fuel poverty”.

After debate, the was agreed to (DT).

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-02077.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02077 in the name of Angela Constance (Building a Fairer Scotland – It takes all of us), insert at end “; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to the roll-out of the Healthier, Wealthier Children project, as well as broader commitments by NHS Health Scotland on

financial inclusion services for patients; believes that poverty reduction should form part of NHS targets, and further believes that the task of building a fairer Scotland must include a more progressive system of taxation for both income and wealth.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees to reduce poverty and inequalities and to achieve a fairer Scotland; recognises the challenges in this aim and that it will take all sectors of society to work together to build a stronger, more inclusive country; notes the launch of the Fairer Scotland Action Plan with 50 fairness actions for the current parliamentary session, including tackling the attainment gap, improving mental health care and ensuring that housing is affordable and warm; recognises that this was developed in response to extensive consultation with the people of Scotland, stakeholders and the recommendations of the independent advisor on poverty and inequality, alongside the Scottish Government’s ambition to legislate to eradicate child poverty, underpinned by statutory income targets and a robust delivery plan; agrees that the Parliament will receive an annual report detailing the progress made towards the delivery of the plan and necessary revisions to build on its ambition, for instance with regard to fuel poverty, and welcomes the planned introduction of a socio-economic duty on public bodies in Scotland to place poverty and disadvantage at the heart of decision-making in local communities across Scotland.

5. Standing Orders Rule Changes – First Minister’s Question Time: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-02057—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 4th Report 2016 (Session 5), First Minister’s Question Time - Standing Order rule changes (SP Paper 22), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 27 October 2016.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. Adopt a Station: The Parliament debated S5M-01567 in the name of Christine Graham—That the Parliament notes what it considers the resounding success of the return of the Borders Railway; recognises the economic potential already being realised, and congratulates communities in Gorebridge, Newtongrange, Stow, Galashiels, Tweedbank, Eskbank and also Shawfair, which is adopting its local station with support from ScotRail, which has improved the appearance of the station with planting, flower tubs and hanging baskets and which it considers is a sure sign of how much the railway means to these communities and how proud they are of its return, and congratulates the volunteers who are involved in Adopt a Station projects

throughout Scotland, enhancing the rail journey experience for both tourists and commuters.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 34, Wednesday 26 October 2016

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. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on an Update on Actions Following the Outcome of the EU Referendum.

3. Delivering Future Enterprise and Skills Support in Scotland – Phase One Outputs from the Enterprise and Skills Review: The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved S5M-02099—That the Parliament shares the ambition that Scotland should rank in the top quartile of OECD countries for productivity, equality, wellbeing and sustainability; recognises the vital contribution of the enterprise and skills agencies to creating a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish through delivering inclusive and sustainable economic growth; further recognises the different social, economic and community development challenges facing the Highlands and Islands and the south of Scotland; believes that the challenge of achieving this ambition is made greater in the context of the Brexit referendum; further believes that achieving this OECD objective will require a transformational step change in national economic performance across a range of outcomes and that enterprise and skills support is central to achieving this ambition, and welcomes the publication of the outcomes of Phase 1 of the Enterprise and Skills Review.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-02099.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02099 in the name of Keith Brown (Delivering Future Enterprise and Skills Support in Scotland – Phase One Outputs from the Enterprise and Skills Review), leave out from “believes that the challenge” to end and insert “notes that, with the new fiscal powers devolved to the Parliament through the Scotland Act 2016, the performance of the Scottish economy will have a significant impact on achieving these goals and on the levels of public spending available to the Scottish Government; notes that Scotland’s economy continues to underperform compared with the rest of the UK on a range of measures; calls on the Scottish Government to effectively respond to the recommendations of the Audit Scotland report, *Supporting Scotland’s economic growth*, by developing a clearer plan for delivering its economic strategy and measuring its impact; further calls on the Scottish Government to confirm that skills development remains a priority at all levels of educational provision in order to maximise the contribution to productivity and sustainable growth and ensure that enterprise continues to be central to achieving economic growth targets, and welcomes the publication of the outcomes of Phase 1 of the Enterprise and Skills Review and anticipates the speedy publication of the next phase of the review.”

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

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-02099.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02099 in the name of Keith Brown (Delivering Future Enterprise and Skills Support in Scotland – Phase One Outputs from the Enterprise and Skills Review), insert at end “, and notes that, between 2008-09 and 2014-15, the combined spending of Scotland’s enterprise agencies fell by 12% in real terms; further notes that a continuation of the reduction of Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise budgets will prevent the realisation of these ambitions to improve the development of Scotland’s economy, and commits to an action plan that will set out clear targets and timescales for the delivery of the strategy that Audit Scotland has called for.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 35 Abstentions 6).

4. Report on the Memorandum of Understanding of Ofcom: Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, moved S5M-02106— That the Parliament notes the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee’s 2nd Report, 2016 (Session 5), *Report on the Memorandum of Understanding of Ofcom* (SP Paper 18), and approves the memorandum of understanding relating to the relationship between Ofcom, the Scottish Government, the UK Government and the Scottish Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-01869—That the Parliament agrees that the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill, introduced to the House of Lords on 19 May 2016, which provides for the introduction of measures to enable the ratification by the United Kingdom of the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict of 1954 and the Protocols to that Convention of 1954 and 1999 and which, so far as applying to Scotland, is within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-02117—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 November 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: UK Referendum on EU Membership: Impacts on Justice and Security in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 November 2016

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 3 November 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Realising Scotland's Full Potential in a Digital World

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 November 2016

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 9 November 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

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 10 November 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-02118: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Annual Targets) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-02119: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Limit on Use of Carbon Units) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-02124: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-02123: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Time for Compliance) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5 and 7 as noted above.

9. Support for Campbeltown Airport as SpacePort: The Parliament debated S5M-01615 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament notes the potential economic benefit to communities around the site that will be selected as the UK's spaceport; understands that Campbeltown Airport is a shortlisted site that fulfils many of the technical and safety requirements; notes that these include having a 3,000 metre runway, excellent storage facilities for large quantities of fuel and hazardous materials, room to expand over a 1,000 acre site, being situated in an area away from congested airspace, the runway being a safe distance from

conurbations, excellent air, road and sea transport links and with close proximity to areas of engineering expertise; believes that this would help to boost tourism in the area and would show clear intent that Scotland is embracing industries of the future that would help to boost Scottish-led innovations in science, technology and the rural economy, and acknowledges what it sees as the strong case being put forward by Discover Space UK for it to be selected as the site for the spaceport.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 35, Thursday 27 October 2016

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. Standard of Mortuaries: The Parliament debated S5M-01390 in the name of Richard Lochhead—That the Parliament commends the relatives of the late Frank Whyte from Findhorn, who was recently lost in a tragic boating accident, who are seeking to improve the standard of mortuaries after their distressing experience of what they considered were poor quality facilities; recognises that, due to the efforts of Mrs Maryan Whyte, her daughters and wider family, changes have been made in Moray, and that these changes have been welcomed by the family; wishes them success in their campaign for mortuary facilities to be inspected to ensure that they meet an appropriate standard for bereaved families and are sensitive to their needs, as well as ensuring dignity for the deceased, so that people do not experience additional stress during the formal identification of a loved one, and further notes that the Whyte family can be contacted by others affected by these issues by emailing mortuaryformoray@gmail.com.

4. Environment and Climate Change (European Union Referendum): The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-02125—That the Parliament agrees that membership of the EU has ensured progress on a wide range of environmental issues in Scotland and continues to underpin vital environmental protection; recognises the importance of the EU in securing collective action and progress on climate change; further recognises that a healthy environment supports prosperity and allows the promotion of Scottish produce and tourism around the world; notes that the value of the natural environment to the people of Scotland must be recognised by the UK Government in any future trade negotiations; welcomes that the Scottish Ministers will pass on in full the EU funding guaranteed by the UK Government so far, which is vital to protecting, maintaining and enhancing the natural environment; believes that Scotland must protect its position as a climate change leader, and calls on the UK Government to ensure that Scotland has a role in the decision-making, as well as full involvement, in all UK negotiations.

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-02125.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02125 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Environment and Climate Change (European Union Referendum)), leave out from “ensured progress” to end and insert “at times aided progress on a wide range of environmental issues in Scotland and continues to underpin vital environmental protection in certain areas, along with a variety of international organisations and nations; recognises the importance of the EU, the UK and non-EU states in securing collective action and progress on climate change; further recognises that a healthy environment supports

prosperity and allows the promotion of Scottish produce and tourism around the world; notes that the value of the natural environment to the people of Scotland will be recognised by the UK Government in any future trade negotiations; welcomes that the Scottish Ministers will pass on, in full, the EU funding guaranteed by the UK Government so far, which is vital to protecting, maintaining and enhancing the natural environment; believes that Scotland must not only lead but also deliver on climate change and recognises the positive impact that being part of the UK has had on climate change in Scotland; calls on the Scottish Government to recognise that much decision-making in this portfolio is already in the competence of the Parliament, and further calls on the Scottish Government to participate fully in a positive manner in all UK negotiations in light of the invitation from the UK Government.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

David Stewart moved amendment S5M-02125.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02125 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Environment and Climate Change (European Union Referendum)), after first “climate change” insert “and in driving forward collective action for the sustainable development of the marine environment; notes the significant role played by collaborative research across the EU in developing the scientific evidence that underpins protection and enhancement of a healthy environment”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-02125.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02125 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Environment and Climate Change (European Union Referendum)), after “trade negotiations;” insert “notes that, like the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the final Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) text contains an arbitration court that sits outside of the domestic court system and is only accessible to foreign investors, mechanisms that might create a downward pressure on environmental regulations and risks to public service provision; believes that the passing of CETA might result in significant negative implications for environmental protection in Scotland; calls therefore on the UK Government to act to address these concerns;”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S5M-02125.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02125 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Environment and Climate Change (European Union

Referendum)), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “considers that while the EU has helped secure concerted collective action, it has always been open to governments to set more ambitious standards; believes that Scotland’s status as a climate change leader is jeopardised by the Scottish Government’s lack of progress to reduce emissions in areas such as heat and transport, coupled with its support for environmentally damaging policies on air passenger duty and Heathrow expansion, and further believes that the expertise available in Scotland on environmental and climate change matters, and its needs, must be taken into account by the UK Government during the Brexit decision-making and negotiation process.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 10, Against 104, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that membership of the EU has ensured progress on a wide range of environmental issues in Scotland and continues to underpin vital environmental protection; recognises the importance of the EU in securing collective action and progress on climate change and in driving forward collective action for the sustainable development of the marine environment; notes the significant role played by collaborative research across the EU in developing the scientific evidence that underpins protection and enhancement of a healthy environment; further recognises that a healthy environment supports prosperity and allows the promotion of Scottish produce and tourism around the world; notes that the value of the natural environment to the people of Scotland must be recognised by the UK Government in any future trade negotiations; notes that, like the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the final Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) text contains an arbitration court that sits outside of the domestic court system and is only accessible to foreign investors, mechanisms that might create a downward pressure on environmental regulations and risks to public service provision; believes that the passing of CETA might result in significant negative implications for environmental protection in Scotland; calls therefore on the UK Government to act to address these concerns; welcomes that the Scottish Ministers will pass on in full the EU funding guaranteed by the UK Government so far, which is vital to protecting, maintaining and enhancing the natural environment; believes that Scotland must protect its position as a climate change leader, and calls on the UK Government to ensure that Scotland has a role in the decision-making, as well as full involvement, in all UK negotiations.

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

No.36, Tuesday 1 November 2016

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Dr Jaco Boonzaaier, Minister, Broxburn Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. UK Referendum on EU Membership – Impacts on Justice and Security: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-2203—That the Parliament acknowledges the result of the UK referendum on EU membership in Scotland; recognises the continuing importance of EU membership to Scotland; acknowledges the benefits to the justice system of EU-wide cooperation and the extent to which the current Scottish justice system is shaped and informed by EU law, as well as the benefits to Scotland’s mixed legal system, which includes civilian elements; notes that any repeal of the EU justice and law enforcement measures will have an impact on the effectiveness of law enforcement and an increase in costs in law enforcement procedures due to the lack of harmonised systems and standards already established; acknowledges the pivotal role played by EUROPOL in facilitating and supporting the international cooperation necessary to combat cross-border crime and terrorism; resolves to promote Scotland’s willingness to continue to collaborate with European partners, and calls on the UK Government to ensure that Scotland has a role in the decision-making, as well as full involvement in all negotiations between the UK Government and the EU, to protect Scotland’s independent justice system.

Douglas Ross moved amendment S5M-2203.2 to motion S5M-2203—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2203 in the name of Michael Matheson (UK Referendum on EU Membership: Impacts on Justice and Security in Scotland), leave out from “the result” to end and insert “the vote to leave the EU; recognises the benefits to the justice system of European cooperation and the extent to which the current Scottish justice system is shaped and informed by EU law, as well as the benefits to Scotland’s mixed legal system, which includes civilian elements; notes the international cooperation necessary to combat cross-border crime and terrorism; resolves to promote Scotland’s willingness to continue to collaborate with European partners and seek a continuously strong relationship with Interpol, as well as play a pivotal role with international partners such as NATO and the Five Eyes intelligence network; supports the UK playing a key role in the UN Security Council through its permanent seat, and calls on the Scottish Government to positively engage in shaping the UK’s negotiating strategy for leaving the EU.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2203.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-2203.1 to motion S5M-2203—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2203 in the name of Michael Matheson (UK Referendum on EU Membership: Impacts on Justice and Security in Scotland), after “European partners” insert “; calls on the Scottish Government to undertake a full analysis of the impact of leaving the EU on Scotland’s independent justice system, to protect against any unforeseen consequences and to fully inform the negotiation process”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2203.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 29, 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 acknowledges the result of the UK referendum on EU membership in Scotland; recognises the continuing importance of EU membership to Scotland; acknowledges the benefits to the justice system of EU-wide cooperation and the extent to which the current Scottish justice system is shaped and informed by EU law, as well as the benefits to Scotland’s mixed legal system, which includes civilian elements; notes that any repeal of the EU justice and law enforcement measures will have an impact on the effectiveness of law enforcement and an increase in costs in law enforcement procedures due to the lack of harmonised systems and standards already established; acknowledges the pivotal role played by EUROPOL in facilitating and supporting the international cooperation necessary to combat cross-border crime and terrorism; resolves to promote Scotland’s willingness to continue to collaborate with European partners; calls on the Scottish Government to undertake a full analysis of the impact of leaving the EU on Scotland’s independent justice system, to protect against any unforeseen consequences and to fully inform the negotiation process, and calls on the UK Government to ensure that Scotland has a role in the decision-making, as well as full involvement in all negotiations between the UK Government and the EU, to protect Scotland’s independent justice system.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2258—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 2 November 2016—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Audit Scotland NHS 2016 report, and service development

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) and Thursday 3 November 2016—

after

followed by Business Motions

insert

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motion: Approval of an SSI – Council Tax (Substitution of Proportion) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]

The motion was agreed to.

5. Suspension of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2259—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of consideration of the Council Tax (Substitution of Proportion) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] on Thursday 3 November 2016, in Rule 10.6.5 of the Standing Orders, the second and third sentences are suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. 100th Anniversary of the Cub Scouts: The Parliament debated S5M-1815 in the name of Jeremy Balfour—That the Parliament welcomes the 100th anniversary of the Cub Scouts; congratulates Scouts Scotland on a year of fun, adventure and friendship to celebrate the centenary; notes that Scouting began in 1907 and the adventure of Scouting was extended to a younger audience in 1916 when Wolf Cubs were introduced, which later became the Cub Scouts in 1967; notes that Cub Scouts across the country have been holding events to celebrate, including Craigalmond and Braid districts, which both held adventure camps at Bonaly Outdoor Centre with over 150 Cubs at each camp, and further notes that, on 16 December 2016, the date of the anniversary when Wolf Cubs first launched, Cubs across Scotland and the UK will host promise parties where Cubs and former Cubs will retake their promise and launch the next 100 years of Cub Scouts.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

No. 37, Wednesday 2 November 2016

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Economy, Jobs and Fair Work and then on Finance and the Constitution were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Response to Audit Scotland NHS 2016, and service development.
- 3. Justice:** Douglas Ross moved S5M-2231—That the Parliament believes that sectarian behaviour and hate crime are a blight on society in Scotland and should not be tolerated under any circumstances; notes that there are laws in place to prosecute acts of hatred in addition to the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012; further notes with concern that the legal profession has repeatedly criticised the 2012 Act for being unworkable and badly drafted; regrets that the Scottish Government hastily pushed the legislation through the Parliament, despite widespread criticism from stakeholders and opposition parties, and urges the Scottish Government to repeal the Act as a matter of priority.

The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) moved amendment S5M-2231.1 to motion S5M-2231—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02231 in the name of Douglas Ross (Justice), leave out from “there are laws” to end and insert “the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012 sends a clear message that abusive behaviour has no place in Scottish football and gives additional tools to police and prosecutors to deal with acts of hatred; further notes that an independent poll carried out by YouGov showed overwhelming public support for the Act, including support from a majority of the football supporters surveyed; recognises the support from equality organisations in assisting to tackle unacceptable behaviour at football matches; notes the importance of Section 6 in tackling issues of threatening communications and stirring up religious hatred, which have been criminalised in the rest of the UK since 2006; further notes the Scottish Government’s record level of investment of £12.5 million in tackling sectarianism through education and grassroots community work, and urges the Scottish Government to continue with this work through the delivery of the recommendations of the independent Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland, as well as tackling all other forms of prejudice and hate crime and implementing the recommendations of the Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2231.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

4. NHS in Scotland 2016: Donald Cameron moved S5M-2232—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Audit Scotland report, *NHS in Scotland 2016*; believes that the report paints a picture of a health service in crisis; notes that the NHS in Scotland has failed to meet seven of its eight key targets, that NHS boards are facing unprecedented levels of savings and that the health service as a whole is experiencing widespread problems in recruiting and retaining staff; believes that, after almost 10 years in power, the SNP administration must take responsibility for the clear and significant failures in the NHS, and, as a matter of urgency, calls on the Scottish Government to set out its response to all of the recommendations made in the Audit Scotland report.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S5M-2232.3 to motion S5M-2232—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02232 in the name of Donald Cameron (NHS in Scotland 2016), leave out from first “believes” to end and insert “recognises that health and care services face increasing demand pressures and that the NHS must evolve to deliver more care in community and primary settings, as well as in the home; notes that the Scottish Government has welcomed the report’s recommendations, and, by the end of the year, will set out a cohesive framework for the delivery the integration of health and social care, the National Clinical Strategy, public health strategy, Realistic Medicine, workforce recruitment, supporting population health, and meeting the 2020 Vision; believes that the shift from acute to primary, community and social care must be accelerated; supports plans that, by the end of this parliamentary session, at least 50% of frontline NHS funding will be outwith the acute hospital sector, and condemns that the UK Government’s welfare cuts have harmed the physical and mental health of some of the most vulnerable people in society and have further increased demands being placed on health and care services.”

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-2232.1 to motion S5M-2232—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02232 in the name of Donald Cameron (NHS in Scotland 2016), after “unprecedented levels of savings”, insert “, which will mean cuts to local services; notes the vote in the Parliament on 28 September 2016 on motion S5M-01677 and reiterates its call for the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to call-in service changes for ministerial decision; notes”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2232.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 58, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment 2232.1 was pre-empted.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Audit Scotland report, *NHS in Scotland 2016*; recognises that health and care services face increasing demand pressures and that the NHS must evolve to deliver more care in community and primary settings, as well as in the home; notes that the Scottish Government has welcomed the report’s recommendations, and, by the end

of the year, will set out a cohesive framework for the delivery the integration of health and social care, the National Clinical Strategy, public health strategy, Realistic Medicine, workforce recruitment, supporting population health, and meeting the 2020 Vision; believes that the shift from acute to primary, community and social care must be accelerated; supports plans that, by the end of this parliamentary session, at least 50% of frontline NHS funding will be outwith the acute hospital sector, and condemns that the UK Government's welfare cuts have harmed the physical and mental health of some of the most vulnerable people in society and have further increased demands being placed on health and care services.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2270—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 November 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Values its EU Workforce and their Contribution to Health and Social Care

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 November 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Working Together to Prevent and Eradicate Hate Crime and Prejudice

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 November 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Contribution to International Action on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Government's Consultation on a Strategy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education and Training

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 November 2016

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 16 November 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;

Justice

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 November 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-2120: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2271: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Fixed Penalty Notice) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2274: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (No.2) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2275: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2273: Office of the Clerk— That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 December 2016.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

8. Welfare Conditionality Study: The Parliament debated S5M-1360 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament notes with concern the first wave findings of the welfare conditionality study that was carried out by researchers from several leading universities, including the University of Glasgow and was presented to MSPs on 7 September 2016; understands that it found universally-negative experiences of conditionality, which it reported as creating both “widespread anxiety and feelings of disempowerment” among service users and leading some people to turn to crime in order to survive because of the sanctions that they faced; recognises the report’s conclusion that the common thread linking stories of successful transition to work was the availability of individual support rather than the threat of sanctions; notes that the report includes what it considers to be deeply disturbing service users’ accounts of the conditionality; understands that some described the system as “intimidating, dehumanising and disempowering”; congratulates the University of Glasgow and the other researchers on what it considers to be its important work, and looks forward to the next wave of findings being published.

The meeting closed at 6.33 pm.

No. 38, Thursday 3 November 2016

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 Cost of saying Goodbye, Burial and Cremation Charges in Scotland:

The Parliament debated S5M-1511 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament acknowledges the recent Citizens Advice Scotland report, *The Cost of Saying Goodbye 2016*; understands that 2016 has seen the basic cost of burial fees, not including undertaker charges, increase on average by 8% to £1,373 and that cremation charges have increased by an average of 11%; further understands that the costs levied by councils can increase for a number of reasons, including because of substantial investment in new crematoria and graveyards and as a result of tighter budgets; considers that more must be done to address the rising costs of funerals across the country, and recognises what it sees as the high level of anxiety and worry that many people in Mid Scotland and Fife and across Scotland feel about the cost of saying goodbye.

4. Realising Scotland's Full Potential in a Digital World: The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-2281—That the Parliament recognises the need for Scotland to have a clear vision to realise its potential in a digital world; acknowledges the importance of digital connectivity to achieving this vision, and that commercial providers have a key role to play alongside the Scottish Government and the public sector in delivering strong broadband and mobile infrastructure, and notes that the Scottish Government will build on the 2011 Digital Strategy, *Scotland's Digital Future*, through a programme of action on connectivity, digital economy, skills, participation, security and transforming public services to help realise Scotland's full potential in a digital world.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-2281.2 to motion S5M-2281—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2281 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Realising Scotland's Full Potential in a Digital World), leave out from "and notes that" to end and insert "recognises Audit Scotland's recent conclusion that reaching 100% of premises with superfast broadband will be challenging; notes that the Scottish Government will build on the 2011 Digital Strategy, *Scotland's Digital Future*, through a programme of action on connectivity, digital economy, skills, participation, security and transforming public services to help realise Scotland's full potential in a digital world, and acknowledges that the ultimate ambition of the Scottish Government should be to achieve full digital participation and the benefits that this brings in terms of fairness, economic performance and service provision."

After debate, amendment S5M-2281.2 was agreed to (DT).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-2281.3 to motion S5M-2281—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2281 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Realising Scotland's Full Potential in a Digital World), after "mobile infrastructure" insert "; recognises that all people in Scotland must have access to affordable high-speed broadband and 5G mobile access and the skills to use them both at home and in the workplace; calls on the Scottish Government to close the digital divide by monitoring levels of access and ensuring that everyone has a level of connectivity that is fit for the 21st century, regardless of their geographical location or income".

After debate, amendment S5M-2281.3 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the need for Scotland to have a clear vision to realise its potential in a digital world; acknowledges the importance of digital connectivity to achieving this vision, and that commercial providers have a key role to play alongside the Scottish Government and the public sector in delivering strong broadband and mobile infrastructure; recognises that all people in Scotland must have access to affordable high-speed broadband and 5G mobile access and the skills to use them both at home and in the workplace; calls on the Scottish Government to close the digital divide by monitoring levels of access and ensuring that everyone has a level of connectivity that is fit for the 21st century, regardless of their geographical location or income; recognises Audit Scotland's recent conclusion that reaching 100% of premises with superfast broadband will be challenging; notes that the Scottish Government will build on the 2011 Digital Strategy, *Scotland's Digital Future*, through a programme of action on connectivity, digital economy, skills, participation, security and transforming public services to help realise Scotland's full potential in a digital world, and acknowledges that the ultimate ambition of the Scottish Government should be to achieve full digital participation and the benefits that this brings in terms of fairness, economic performance and service provision.

5. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2121—That the Parliament agrees that the Council Tax (Substitution of Proportion) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-2121.1 to motion S5M-2121—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2121 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Approval of SSI), insert at end "but, in so doing, regrets that the Scottish Government's proposals for Council Tax reform undermine the principle of local accountability and autonomy and fail to address a number of issues identified by the Commission on Local Tax Reform; notes the opportunities to remedy this during the current session of Parliament, and considers that there should be further discussions by all parties to seek to establish an enduring system of local government finance."

Derek Mackay moved amendment S5M-2121.1.1 to amendment S5M-2121.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2121.1 in the name of Andy Wightman (Approval of SSI), leave out from “regrets” to “should be” and insert “recognises the importance of local accountability and autonomy in taxation, believes that reform should improve progressivity and fairness and calls for further consideration of the recommendations of the Commission on Local Tax Reform and further discussions by all parties during the current session of Parliament to seek to establish an enduring system of local government finance and”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2121.1.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

After debate, amendment S5M-2121.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that the Council Tax (Substitution of Proportion) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved but, in so doing, regrets that the Scottish Government’s proposals for Council Tax reform undermine the principle of local accountability and autonomy and fail to address a number of issues identified by the Commission on Local Tax Reform; notes the opportunities to remedy this during the current session of Parliament, and considers that there should be further discussions by all parties to seek to establish an enduring system of local government finance.

6. Committee membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2302—That the Parliament agrees that Dean Lockhart be appointed to replace Alex Johnstone as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

No 39, Tuesday 8 November 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Bob Mallinson, Minister, Menzieshill Parish Church, Lochee, Dundee, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Unconventional Oil and Gas.
- 4. Scotland Values its EU Workforce and their Contribution to Health and Social Care:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S5M-2355—That the Parliament believes that Scotland’s interests are best served by protecting its existing relationship in Europe, maintaining membership of the single market; recognises the valuable contribution that health and care staff from across the EU, and beyond, make to Scotland; notes that around 1 in 20 NHS doctors in Scotland come from other parts of the EU; resolves to continue promoting Scotland as a welcoming place for Europeans to work in the health and social care sector; is concerned that the outcome of the EU referendum will make it harder to recruit and retain EU citizens to work in health and care services in Scotland, and to study medicine, nursing and dentistry here; deplores the potential threat that Brexit poses to social and employment protection, which are vital to NHS staff; demands that the UK Government stops using NHS staff from the EU as “bargaining chips”, and calls on the UK Government to ensure that Scotland is fully involved in decision-making, and in all negotiations between the UK Government and the EU to protect the interests of the health and social care workforce in Scotland.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-2355.2 to motion S5M-2355—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02355 in the name of Shona Robison (Scotland Values its EU Workforce and their Contribution to Health and Social Care), leave out from “protecting” to end and insert “maintaining a close relationship with Europe; recognises the valuable contribution that health and social care staff from across the EU, and beyond, make to Scotland; notes that around 1 in 20 NHS doctors in Scotland come from other parts of the EU; resolves to continue promoting Scotland as a welcoming place for EU nationals to work in the health and social care sector; is concerned that, as a result of the ‘capped’ arrangement for Scottish university places for domiciled Scots, there are limited places available for these students to study medicine which, in turn, puts additional pressure on medical recruitment; recognises that the UK Government has committed to retain all EU employment protections post-Brexit and has stated the intention to protect the status of all EU nationals currently in the UK, and calls on the Scottish Government to positively engage with the UK Government to ensure that the interests of the health and social care workforce in Scotland are protected in exit negotiations with the EU.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2355.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-2355.1 to motion S5M-2355—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02355 in the name of Shona Robison (Scotland Values its EU Workforce and their Contribution to Health and Social Care), after “dentistry here” insert “, particularly as the health and social care workforce already face significant challenges, as highlighted in the recent Audit Scotland report, *NHS in Scotland 2016*, and considers that Brexit will only add to the pressures facing staff”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2355.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that Scotland’s interests are best served by protecting its existing relationship in Europe, maintaining membership of the single market; recognises the valuable contribution that health and care staff from across the EU, and beyond, make to Scotland; notes that around 1 in 20 NHS doctors in Scotland come from other parts of the EU; resolves to continue promoting Scotland as a welcoming place for Europeans to work in the health and social care sector; is concerned that the outcome of the EU referendum will make it harder to recruit and retain EU citizens to work in health and care services in Scotland, and to study medicine, nursing and dentistry here, particularly as the health and social care workforce already face significant challenges, as highlighted in the recent Audit Scotland report, *NHS in Scotland 2016*, and considers that Brexit will only add to the pressures facing staff; deplores the potential threat that Brexit poses to social and employment protection, which are vital to NHS staff; demands that the UK Government stops using NHS staff from the EU as “bargaining chips”, and calls on the UK Government to ensure that Scotland is fully involved in decision-making, and in all negotiations between the UK Government and the EU to protect the interests of the health and social care workforce in Scotland.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2405—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 9 November 2016—

after

2.00 pm

Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

insert

followed by

Ministerial Statement: MoD Basing Reforms

The motion was agreed to.

6. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2325—That the Parliament agrees the following nominated committee substitutes, as permitted under Rule 6.3A—

Scottish Liberal Democrats

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee: Mike Rumbles

Education and Skills Committee: Liam McArthur

Equalities and Human Rights Committee: Willie Rennie

Health and Sport Committee: Willie Rennie

Justice Committee: Tavish Scott

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee: Alex Cole-Hamilton

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Species Champions Initiative Re-launch: The Parliament debated S5M-1734 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament welcomes the relaunch of the Species Champions initiative; understands that Scottish Environment LINK is asking MSPs to become species champions so that they can contribute to the conservation of “their” species in Parliament and help support action in the wider community; welcomes the at least 50 members from across all five parties in the Parliament who have already signed up to the initiative, and understands that, in order to help protect biodiversity in Angus South and across Scotland, Scottish Environment LINK hopes that those members who are yet to get involved will be able to do so.

9. Motion Without Notice: Graeme Dey 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. 40, Wednesday 9 November 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. 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.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on MoD Basing Reforms.

3. Working Together to Prevent and Eradicate Hate Crime and Prejudice: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-2364—That the Parliament condemns all forms of hate crime and prejudice; welcomes the recent report of the Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion; thanks the group for this work and the recommendations made, which will inform future action in this area; notes its view that the current approach to tackling hate crime is appreciated; agrees that Scotland has a long history of welcoming people of all nationalities and faiths; considers that non-British EU nationals living in Scotland are welcome here, they belong here and that their contribution is appreciated; commends the role of Police Scotland and third party reporting centres in responding to reports of hate crime, and encourages people to report all hate crime whenever and wherever it takes place, and agrees to work together to stand up to, and eradicate, hate crime and prejudice in Scotland.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-2364.2 to motion S5M-2364—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2364 in the name of Angela Constance (Working Together to Prevent and Eradicate Hate Crime and Prejudice), leave out from “agrees that Scotland” to “responding to reports of” and insert “suggests that further action be taken to address the underreporting of disability, sexual orientation and transgender hate crime; agrees that Scotland has a long history of welcoming people of all nationalities and faiths; considers that both non-British EU nationals and non-EU nationals living in Scotland are welcome here, they belong here and that their contribution is appreciated; commends the role of Police Scotland and third party reporting centres in responding to reports of hate crime; supports the continued cooperation with third party organisations in training police officers to tackle LGBTI”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2364.2 was agreed to (DT).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-2364.1 to motion S5M-2364—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2364 in the name of Angela Constance (Working Together to Prevent and Eradicate Hate Crime and Prejudice), leave out from “commends” to “reports of hate crime” and insert “agrees that the media has a critical role in shaping social attitudes, and appreciates the role of education in raising awareness to counteract negative stereotypes; supports a

zero-tolerance approach to hate crime across Scotland; understands the need to increase diversity within the workforce of the criminal justice system; commends the work of the third sector in raising awareness, tackling prejudice and promoting equality; further commends the role of Police Scotland and third party reporting centres in responding to reports of hate crime and stresses the need for more resources to be allocated to them”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2364.1 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament condemns all forms of hate crime and prejudice; welcomes the recent report of the Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion; thanks the group for this work and the recommendations made, which will inform future action in this area; notes its view that the current approach to tackling hate crime is appreciated; suggests that further action be taken to address the underreporting of disability, sexual orientation and transgender hate crime; agrees that Scotland has a long history of welcoming people of all nationalities and faiths; considers that both non-British EU nationals and non-EU nationals living in Scotland are welcome here, they belong here and that their contribution is appreciated; agrees that the media has a critical role in shaping social attitudes, and appreciates the role of education in raising awareness to counteract negative stereotypes; supports a zero-tolerance approach to hate crime across Scotland; understands the need to increase diversity within the workforce of the criminal justice system; commends the work of the third sector in raising awareness, tackling prejudice and promoting equality; further commends the role of Police Scotland and third party reporting centres in responding to reports of hate crime and stresses the need for more resources to be allocated to them; supports the continued cooperation with third party organisations in training police officers to tackle LGBTI hate crime, and encourages people to report all hate crime whenever and wherever it takes place, and agrees to work together to stand up to, and eradicate, hate crime and prejudice in Scotland.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2411—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 November 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Single Market & Trade (EU Referendum)

followed by Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 November 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;

Justice and the Law Officers

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 17 November 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: How Scotland's Innovation Centre Programme is Driving Innovation in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 November 2016

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 23 November 2016

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 24 November 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-2272: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2016 Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2276: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Scottish Fiscal Commission as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

7. Celebrating International Credit Union Day 2016: The Parliament debated S5M-1664 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament recognises that 20 October 2016 is International Credit Union Day; understands that the event, which has taken place every year since 1948, commemorates the credit union movement's impact and achievements and aims to raise awareness of what credit unions do; notes what it sees as the important role that is played by these not-for-profit financial cooperatives in providing effective and affordable financial services for over 217 million members in 105 countries; considers that they are a force for positive economic and social change and that they empower people and communities and encourage entrepreneurship; acknowledges the reported strong increase in membership in Scotland over recent years, with the latest figures suggesting that they have 383,000 members, which includes a marked increase in junior members, and welcomes the manifesto commitments of all parties to strengthening and growing the role played by credit unions in providing financial services in Cunninghame South and Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 41, Thursday 10 November 2016

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. Accessible Hospital Transport in Scotland: The Parliament debated S5M-1935 in the name of Liz Smith—That the Parliament acknowledges the use of bus services by the public to travel to and from hospital appointments; notes that these services are often used by older, infirm and disabled passengers and that journeys often take place at times of anxiety, bereavement or distress; understands that a number of services, such as the X7 between Perth Royal Infirmary and Ninewells Hospital, the G1 and G2 routes that serve the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Glasgow, and the X40 in Aberdeen, have been cut, are under threat or do not provide suitable access for disabled travellers; believes that all hospital patients should be able to travel to and from appointments in comfort, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to work with its partners and the private bus operators to address what it considers an important issue.

4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time: Questions were answered by members of the SPCB.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Contribution to International Action on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.

6. The Scottish Government's Consultation on a Strategy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education and Training: The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-2418—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government consultation, *A STEM Education and Training Strategy for Scotland*, and its four key priority areas for action, which are excellence, equality, inspiration and connection; acknowledges the importance of STEM to increasing economic competitiveness, tackling inequality and raising educational attainment, and recognises that there is more to do to develop STEM skills, knowledge and capability if the demands and challenges of the economy are to be met and build the society that Scotland wants to see now and in the future.

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-2418.1 to motion S5M-2418—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02418 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (The Scottish Government's Consultation on a Strategy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education and Training), leave out from "and recognises" to end and insert "in particular, notes that, two years on, there has been no response from the Scottish Government to the call for fully trained

science teachers in primary schools made by the Royal Societies and no reversal of the recent and damaging cuts to the numbers of Scottish secondary school teachers in key STEM subjects, and therefore considers that urgent action is required to develop STEM skills, knowledge and capability if Scotland is to meet the demands and challenges of the economy and build the society it wants to see now and in the future.”

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-2418.1.1 to amendment S5M-2418.1—

As an amendment to amendment S5M-02418.1 in the name of Liz Smith (The Scottish Government’s Consultation on a Strategy for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education and Training), after “key STEM subjects” insert “; further notes that, in the past year, there has been a fall in the number of pupils taking science and mathematics Highers, girls are still under-represented in most STEM Highers and that there has been a lack of progress in girls taking these subjects”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2418.1.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 61, Abstentions 6).

Amendment S5M-2418.1 was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 61, Abstentions 6).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 42, Tuesday 15 November 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Ms Frances Hume, Development Officer, Interfaith Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Single Market and Trade (EU Referendum): The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved S5M-2488—That the Parliament recognises the overwhelming vote of the people of Scotland to remain in the EU; supports calls for clarity from the UK Government on its proposals to leave the EU, including whether it will seek continued membership of the single market; notes the reports of the Fraser of Allander Institute and the National Institute of Social and Economic Research regarding the negative impact that leaving the single market would have on the UK and Scottish economies; recognises the opportunities for business and citizens that come from a Europe-wide approach to trade, regulation and free movement and the importance of ensuring that the benefits of this are shared fairly across society; supports the Scottish Government's efforts to assist businesses in Scotland to secure new international opportunities; believes that the UK Government should seek to maintain Scotland's place in the single market, and, in the event that the UK Government cannot or will not secure that option, calls for Scotland's place in the single market to be fully protected.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-2488.2 to motion S5M-2488—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02488 in the name of Keith Brown (Single Market and Trade (EU Referendum)), leave out from “overwhelming” to end and insert “vote of the people of the UK to leave the EU; supports the UK Government in its efforts to secure a positive trading relationship with the EU for the benefit of the UK economy; notes that exports to the rest of the UK from Scotland are at four times the level of exports to the EU, and considers that access to the UK single market should not be put at risk; welcomes the opportunities that leaving the EU presents in relation to developing Scotland's growing trade with the rest of the world, and calls on the Scottish Government to specify its proposals for the future trading relationship with the EU, and for it to work positively with the UK Government to deliver the best outcome for Scottish businesses and consumers.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2488.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-2488.3 to motion S5M-2488—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02488 in the name of Keith Brown (Single Market and Trade (EU Referendum)), leave out from “supports the Scottish Government's efforts” to end and insert “further recognises the importance of Scotland's place in the UK single market and the opportunities for business and

citizens; notes the Scottish Government's efforts to assist business in Scotland to secure new international opportunities; calls on the Scottish Government to expand opportunities for business in Scotland to the rest of the UK, and believes that the UK Government should seek to maintain Scotland's access to the single market and to retain the benefits that it currently derives from the EU customs union."

After debate, amendment S5M-2488.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-2488.1 to motion S5M-2488—

As an amendment to motion S5M-02488 in the name of Keith Brown (Single Market and Trade (EU Referendum)), leave out from first "Scotland's place" to end and insert "the UK and Scotland's place in the single market; considers that voting for a departure is not the same as voting for a destination, and, with the ongoing contradictions and absence of any certainty within the Brexit Conservative administration over issues, including the single market, calls on the UK Government to agree to a referendum on the final terms of the deal that it negotiates and for all Scottish MPs in the House of Commons to vote against the triggering of Article 50 unless this is guaranteed."

After debate, amendment S5M-2488.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 3, Against 109, Abstentions 5).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 32, Abstentions 20).

4. Election of Member to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Jackson Carlaw was nominated as the candidate for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The Parliament voted to elect Jackson Carlaw for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 115, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2510—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 17 November 2016—

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on issues relating to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Supporting Women-led Business in Global Entrepreneurship Week: The Parliament debated S5M-1890 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament welcomes initiatives taking place during Global Entrepreneurship Week from 14 to 18 November 2016 and, in particular, the work of Women’s Enterprise Scotland in promoting and supporting women into business; notes that women business owners will be attending the Parliament on 15 November to take part in training so that more women are available to give evidence to parliamentary committees, and also to speak to MSPs at the invitation of the newly-established Cross Party Group on Women in Enterprise; considers that women are still held back by gender-blind policy making in economic development, and highlights the importance of work to tackle the gender gap in enterprise in Scotland; further considers that adopting a gender-appropriate approach to all enterprise and growth policies is critical to meet the needs of women-led businesses and to unlock the economic potential of women in Scotland; acknowledges that the gathering and analysis of gender-disaggregated data is crucial to support measurement of the economic impact in closing the gender gap in enterprise, and recognises that if the rates of women-led businesses equalled those of men, the contribution to Scotland’s GVA would increase from £7.6 billion to £13 billion, representing a 5.4% growth in the Scottish economy.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 43, Wednesday 16 November 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, and then on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Supporting Local Communities: Alex Rowley moved S5M-2504—That the Parliament welcomes the reports by the Scottish Fuel Poverty Strategic Working Group and Rural Fuel Poverty Task Force; notes that 845,000 households in Scotland remain in fuel poverty and that, since 2003, that number has doubled; agrees with the call from Energy Action Scotland for the Scottish Government to reset its target to eradicate fuel poverty; calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward warm homes legislation in 2017 to tackle fuel poverty and improve energy efficiency; believes that substantial energy efficiency improvements can be made in the private rented and owner-occupier sectors, and that consultation on point of transaction standards must now begin; notes that new powers over the Energy Company Obligation and Winter Fuel payments will bring new opportunities to meet an eradication target, and recognises that a timetable for an effective eradication strategy should be published.

Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S5M-2504.3 to motion S5M-2504—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2504 in the name of Alex Rowley (Supporting Local Communities), leave out from “a timetable” to end and insert “the two reports have over 100 recommendations, which should be carefully considered as part of a new effective eradication strategy to be published in 2017.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2504.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-2504.1 to motion S5M-2504—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2504 in the name of Alex Rowley (Supporting Local Communities), after first “energy efficiency;” insert “considers that the Scottish Government should set out a clear timetable and target for all properties to reach at least an EPC C rating; notes that this will require close cooperation with local authorities and businesses;”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2504.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 39, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-2504.2 to motion S5M-2504—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2504 in the name of Alex Rowley (Supporting Local Communities), insert at end “; notes the Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2016-17 proposal to commit more than £125 million per year over the current parliamentary session, but believes that this falls well

short of what is required to deliver the warm homes, better health, fewer emissions, reduced energy bills and more jobs promised by the new National Infrastructure Priority approach, and calls on the Scottish Government to increase funding in the Scottish budget for 2016-17, as part of a progressive long-term increasing of the fuel poverty-energy efficiency budget.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2504.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 10, Against 113, 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 welcomes the reports by the Scottish Fuel Poverty Strategic Working Group and Rural Fuel Poverty Task Force; notes that 845,000 households in Scotland remain in fuel poverty and that, since 2003, that number has doubled; agrees with the call from Energy Action Scotland for the Scottish Government to reset its target to eradicate fuel poverty; calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward warm homes legislation in 2017 to tackle fuel poverty and improve energy efficiency; believes that substantial energy efficiency improvements can be made in the private rented and owner-occupier sectors, and that consultation on point of transaction standards must now begin; notes that new powers over the Energy Company Obligation and Winter Fuel payments will bring new opportunities to meet an eradication target, and recognises that the two reports have over 100 recommendations, which should be carefully considered as part of a new effective eradication strategy to be published in 2017.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2516—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 November 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Adoption and Permanence in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 November 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Education and Skills
followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Social Security in Scotland
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 November 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Supporting and Strengthening our Island Communities
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 November 2016

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 November 2016

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 1 December 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-2412: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Sheriff Court Simple Procedure (Limits on Award of Expenses) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2413: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2414: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Relevant Officer and Consequential Provisions) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2513: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2514: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Protected Trust Deeds (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2515: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Protected Trust Deeds (Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

6. State of Nature 2016 Report: The Parliament debated S5M-1496 in the name of Angus MacDonald—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *State of Nature 2016*, which is a companion to the report, *State of Nature 2013*, and makes a continued assessment of the fortunes of wildlife across the UK; understands that the 2016 report looks at the significant and ongoing changes occurring to Scottish nature; believes that, while there have been some conservation successes since 2013, over the long term, 53% of species declined with 40% showing strong declines; notes that the report focuses on eight main habitats of Scotland and highlights some of the pressures on wildlife with numerous examples of how government, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and the public are working together to bring back nature; believes well-planned, targeted and adequately resourced conservation action can turn around the fortunes of Scotland's wildlife and nature, which is vital for society, culture and economy; notes that the State of Nature partnership encompasses over 50 UK research and conservation organisations that together hold an immense breadth and depth of knowledge of the UK's wildlife, including the Bat Conservation Trust, Buglife, Bumblebee Conservation Trust, Butterfly Conservation Scotland, Froglife, Marine Conservation Society, National Trust for Scotland, Plantlife, RSPB Scotland, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Whale and Dolphin Conservation, Woodland Trust and WWF Scotland; believes that the report highlights the challenges that lie ahead in conserving Scotland's wonderful nature; considers that the Scottish Government is committed to driving forward the *Scottish Biodiversity Strategy*, the *2020 Challenge for Scotland's Biodiversity* and its accompanying *Route Map to 2020*, and looks forward to the publication of a progress report; believes that there is so much to be proud of in Scotland and so much to protect and enhance, and looks forward to ambitious action being taken to improve the state of nature in the Falkirk area and the rest of Scotland in the coming months, years and decades.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

No. 44, Thursday 17 November 2016

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. Celebrating Flexible Working Practices: The Parliament debated S5M-1852 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament commends Family Friendly Working Scotland and the other groups across the country that promote flexible working practices and encourage employers to prioritise employee wellbeing; believes that flexible working contributes to a more inclusive and more productive workforce; considers that family-friendly workplaces can help Scotland reach its full economic potential by allowing women to stay active in the economy, and welcomes the introduction of flexible and agile working practices in Aberdeenshire and across Scotland.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on an Update on issues relating to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry.

5. How Scotland's Innovation Centre Programme is Driving Innovation in Scotland: The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-2511—That the Parliament acknowledges the contribution that Scotland's Innovation Centre Programme can make as a driver of innovation on some key sectors of the economy; welcomes the publication of the independent review of Scotland's Innovation Centre Programme by Professor Graeme Reid, and recognises that the review's recommendations set out a helpful course for the Scottish Government to consider during the next stage of the programme.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-2511.3 to motion S5M-2511—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2511 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (How Scotland's Innovation Centre Programme is Driving Innovation in Scotland), insert “; urges the Scottish Government to introduce clearer industry-defined success measures in order to assess the overall performance of innovation centres; encourages it to take further action to boost productivity levels in the Scottish economy through innovation, and notes with concern the latest available productivity figures, which show that Scotland currently ranks in the third quartile of OECD countries for productivity, despite the Scottish Government's target for Scotland to rank in the top quartile by 2017.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2511.3 was agreed to (DT).

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-2511.1 to motion S5M-2511—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2511 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (How Scotland's Innovation Centre Programme is Driving Innovation in Scotland), insert at end “; notes that Professor Reid called for a further review to be completed by June 2017, and considers that this review should report to the Parliament, which should include progress made on innovation centre objectives, including the generation of 5,000 jobs and the leverage of private sector funding into centre projects, and on improvements to the involvement of further education colleges in the programme, and that it should recommend whether new centres in other sectors are required.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2511.1 was agreed to (DT).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-2511.2 to motion S5M-2511—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2511 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (How Scotland's Innovation Centre Programme is Driving Innovation in Scotland), insert at end “; notes that the report stated that the Scottish Funding Council and enterprise agencies have vital roles in supporting the innovation centres, and calls for clarity from ministers on their proposals for a Scotland-wide board governing Scottish Enterprise, Skills Development Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise and the Scottish Funding Council, and how this will impact on innovation centres and, in particular, their ability to make strategic long-term decisions.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2511.2 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the contribution that Scotland's Innovation Centre Programme can make as a driver of innovation on some key sectors of the economy; welcomes the publication of the independent review of Scotland's Innovation Centre Programme by Professor Graeme Reid, and recognises that the review's recommendations set out a helpful course for the Scottish Government to consider during the next stage of the programme; urges the Scottish Government to introduce clearer industry-defined success measures in order to assess the overall performance of innovation centres; encourages it to take further action to boost productivity levels in the Scottish economy through innovation; notes with concern the latest available productivity figures, which show that Scotland currently ranks in the third quartile of OECD countries for productivity, despite the Scottish Government's target for Scotland to rank in the top quartile by 2017; notes that Professor Reid called for a further review to be completed by June 2017; considers that this review should report to the Parliament, which should include progress made on innovation centre objectives, including the generation of 5,000 jobs and the leverage of private sector funding into centre projects, and on improvements to the involvement of further education colleges in the programme, and that it should recommend whether new centres in other sectors are required; notes that the report stated that the Scottish Funding Council and enterprise agencies have vital roles in supporting the innovation centres, and calls for clarity from ministers on their proposals for a Scotland-wide board governing Scottish Enterprise, Skills Development Scotland, Highlands and Islands

Enterprise and the Scottish Funding Council, and how this will impact on innovation centres and, in particular, their ability to make strategic long-term decisions.

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

S5M-2552: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that—

Ross Thomson be appointed to replace Alison Harris as a member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee; and

Alison Harris be appointed to replace Rachael Hamilton as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

S5M-2553: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

Brian Whittle be appointed to replace Alison Harris as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health and Sport Committee; and

Alison Harris be appointed to replace Ross Thomson as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments 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. 45, Tuesday 22 November 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rabbi Yossi Bodenheim, Jewish chaplain for all universities in Scotland, Assistant Rabbi at Giffnock and Newlands Synagogue, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Adoption and Permanence in Scotland:** The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Mark McDonald) moved S5M-2624—That the Parliament welcomes the first-ever Adoption Week Scotland, which takes place from 21 to 27 November 2016, to celebrate and promote adoption; acknowledges the role played by measures in the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 and by Scotland’s Adoption Register, which have resulted in progress in recent years to increase the number of adoptions; considers that there is more to do to speed up decision making and reduce drift and delay in the system, and supports the roll-out of the Permanence and Care Excellence (PACE) programme to all local authority areas to make improvements in this regard so that more children benefit from a secure, permanent and nurturing family environment at the earliest opportunity.

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-2624.1 to motion S5M-2624—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2624 in the name of Mark McDonald (Adoption and Permanence in Scotland), after “delay in the system” insert “; notes the need for continued support services for adoptive families facing challenges; accepts that adopted children should be given the same priority as looked-after children in education and access to mental health services; recognises the transformative benefit of adoption and permanence to children and their families”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2624.1 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the first-ever Adoption Week Scotland, which takes place from 21 to 27 November 2016, to celebrate and promote adoption; acknowledges the role played by measures in the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 and by Scotland’s Adoption Register, which have resulted in progress in recent years to increase the number of adoptions; considers that there is more to do to speed up decision making and reduce drift and delay in the system; notes the need for continued support services for adoptive families facing challenges; accepts that adopted children should be given the same priority as looked-after children in education and access to mental health services; recognises the transformative benefit of adoption and permanence to children and their families, and supports the roll-out of the Permanence and Care Excellence (PACE) programme to all local authority areas to make improvements in this regard so that more children benefit from a secure, permanent and nurturing family environment at the earliest opportunity.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2668—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 23 November 2016—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Education and Skills

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Rail Services

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. 100th Anniversary of Erskine: The Parliament debated S5M-2346 in the name of Maurice Corry—That Parliament welcomes the 100th anniversary of Erskine and congratulates it on reaching this important milestone; notes that the first Erskine Hospital, then The Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for Limbless Sailors and Soldiers, founded by Sir William MacEwen, the Regus Professor of Surgery at the University of Glasgow, was opened in October 1916, after it was decided that a dedicated hospital to the war wounded was required due to the large numbers of limbless soldiers and sailors returning from the war, which were overwhelming the existing services available; notes that Erskine House was chosen for the site after Thomas Aikman, the owner of Erskine House, which was a mansion on the banks of the River Clyde, offered free use of his mansion and gardens for the period of the war and for 12 years after it was declared over, after which Sir John Reid bought the mansion house and gardens and gifted them to the charity; further notes that Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, agreed to become the patron of the hospital and within a few weeks the Scottish public had donated the generous sum of £100,000 towards the facility with the hospital having an official opening on 6 June 1917 with Princess Louise making an appearance; recognises that since that time Erskine has gone on to care for over 85,000 veterans and is now considered one of Scotland's foremost providers of care for veterans and their spouses, providing a wide range of support for ex-service men and women, including providing 44 cottages for families to live independently; understands that Erskine now cares for over 1,000 residents each year at sites across the country; thanks the charity for its work over the last 100 years, and wishes Erskine the best for the next 100 years.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

No. 46, Wednesday 23 November 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. The Future of Social Security in Scotland: Jeane Freeman moved S5M-2651—That the Parliament agrees that social security is an investment in the people of Scotland, by the people of Scotland; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations across Scotland who responded and engaged with the recent consultation on the future of social security; notes that the Scottish Government will continue that engagement and will harness and use the lived experience of people across Scotland as the social security system is developed; understands that this is the largest transfer of powers to the Parliament and will require a major programme of transition and implementation in order to ensure that Scotland’s future social security system meets the needs, expectations and ambitions of its people; recognises that this transfer will affect 1.4 million people and that therefore the safe and secure transfer of benefits must be the priority and is only possible with the underpinning of both a robust delivery infrastructure and a legislative framework scrutinised by the Parliament, and agrees that reform of the benefits to be devolved is necessary in order to build the fair, accessible and dignified social security system that Scotland needs and deserves.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-2651.2 to motion S5M-2651—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2651 in the name of Jeane Freeman (The Future of Social Security in Scotland), leave out from “, by the people” to end and insert “and the UK, by the people of Scotland and the UK; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations across Scotland who responded and engaged with the recent consultation on the future of social security; notes that the Scottish Government will continue that engagement and will harness and use the lived experience of people across Scotland as the social security system is developed; understands that this is the largest transfer of powers to the Parliament and will require a major programme of transition and implementation in order to ensure that Scotland’s future social security system meets the needs, expectations and ambitions of its people; recognises that this transfer will affect 1.4 million people and that therefore the safe and secure transfer of benefits must be the priority and is only possible with the underpinning of both a robust delivery infrastructure and a legislative framework scrutinised by the Parliament, but is concerned at the lack of accountability regarding the Scottish Ministers’ proposals on the commencement of sections 22 and 23 of the Scotland Act 2016 and at the confusion that the ministers have generated over the future use of conditionality in the context of devolved employability programmes.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2651.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

Mark Griffin moved amendment S5M-2651.3 to motion S5M-2651—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2651 in the name of Jeane Freeman (The Future of Social Security in Scotland), leave out from “understands” to “scrutinised by the Parliament” and insert “recognises the considerable work that local government and third sector welfare rights organisations do across the country to support people to maximise their incomes; believes that an extensive public information campaign, complemented by a well-resourced welfare rights network, can further this work in advance of the transfer of social security powers; agrees that a statutory duty on the new social security agency to maximise people’s incomes is necessary to ensure increased take-up by those who are eligible; understands that this is the largest transfer of powers to the Parliament and will require a major programme of transition and implementation in order to ensure that Scotland’s future social security system meets the needs, expectations and ambitions of its people; recognises that this transfer will affect 1.4 million people and that therefore the safe and secure transfer of benefits must be the priority, but believes that the complexities of devolution must neither undermine or impede the delivery of real changes for Scotland’s most vulnerable, and that devolution must be realised before 2020 to allow the Parliament and the Scottish Government to halt and reverse the worst effects of Tory social security cuts”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2651.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that social security is an investment in the people of Scotland, by the people of Scotland; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations across Scotland who responded and engaged with the recent consultation on the future of social security; notes that the Scottish Government will continue that engagement and will harness and use the lived experience of people across Scotland as the social security system is developed; recognises the considerable work that local government and third sector welfare rights organisations do across the country to support people to maximise their incomes; believes that an extensive public information campaign, complemented by a well-resourced welfare rights network, can further this work in advance of the transfer of social security powers; agrees that a statutory duty on the new social security agency to maximise people’s incomes is necessary to ensure increased take-up by those who are eligible; understands that this is the largest transfer of powers to the Parliament and will require a major programme of transition and implementation in order to ensure that Scotland’s future social security system meets the needs, expectations and ambitions of its people; recognises that this transfer will affect 1.4 million people and that therefore the safe and secure transfer of benefits must be the priority, but believes that the complexities of devolution must neither undermine or impede the delivery of real changes for Scotland’s most vulnerable, and that devolution must be realised before 2020 to allow the Parliament and the Scottish Government to halt and reverse the worst effects of Tory social security cuts, and agrees that reform of the benefits to be devolved is necessary in

order to build the fair, accessible and dignified social security system that Scotland needs and deserves.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2680—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 November 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Implications for Culture, Creative Industries, and Tourism following the EU Referendum

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating St Andrew's Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 November 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Green Party Business

followed by Legislative Consent Memorandum: Policing and Crime Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 December 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for Scotland's Renewables
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 December 2016

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 7 December 2016

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 8 December 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

5. Year of the Dad: The Parliament debated S5M-1243 in the name of Bob Doris— That the Parliament welcomes the projects being developed by Home-Start in the Maryhill and Springburn constituency and in Glasgow, as well as in Dundee, Fife and Argyll and Bute, which will leave a lasting legacy for the first ever Year of the Dad in 2016, a celebration of fathers and the importance of fathers in child development and parenting; considers that Home-Start is well placed to make a great success of such projects given its track record in helping families with young children; acknowledges its work to develop a greater focus on supporting dads through volunteer and group support; welcomes funding from the Scottish Government's Children and Young People's Integration Fund for Home-Start to lead the development of more work with dads across its network in Scotland; further welcomes other funding opportunities to develop Year of the Dad activities, including the STV Appeal and the Cattanach Trust; recognises the importance of such projects in supporting dads across Scotland, and believes that such work should continue to be developed to ensure that fathers are included whenever possible in the design and delivery of children and families' support work beyond 2016, which will benefit not just dads but children, mothers and wider society.

The meeting closed at 6.16 pm.

No. 47, Thursday 24 November 2016

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. Edinburgh Waverley Station Access Arrangements: The Parliament debated S5M-2131 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament is aware of the ongoing concerns of residents in Lothian and visitors using the drop-off and pick-up arrangements at Edinburgh Waverley railway station; notes that previous taxi ranks within the station were removed in 2014 when vehicles were banned from the station, which means passengers have to leave the station to get a taxi, or be dropped off, on neighbouring streets; is aware of the particular concerns of older, disabled or blind travellers who may find it difficult and inconvenient to get to and from the station; is further aware that the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee investigated this matter in 2015 and suggested that it was “essential that suitably located, accessible taxi facilities are available at Waverley”; welcomes the work of the Edinburgh Access Panel and other stakeholders in seeking to persuade the ScotRail Alliance to improve the current arrangements, and notes the continuing calls for a suitably located, accessible taxi rank and drop-off and pick-up point to be reintroduced at Edinburgh Waverley station without further delay in the interests of all travellers using this key transport hub.

4. Supporting and Strengthening Scotland's Island Communities: The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-2686—That the Parliament recognises the significant contribution that island communities make to Scotland's cultural and economic wellbeing; commends the role of the Our Islands, Our Future campaign, led by the councils of Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles in championing islands' interests; acknowledges that there is more to do to address some of the challenges faced by Scotland's islands, including remoteness, declining populations, connectivity and creating sustainable economic development, and notes the establishment of the Islands Strategic Group, the Scottish Government's forthcoming Islands Bill and proposals for a National Islands Plan, which will seek to strengthen and support the unique needs of Scotland's island communities.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-2686.2 to motion S5M-2686—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2686 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Supporting and Strengthening Scotland's Island Communities), insert “; acknowledges the contribution of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) to business development in island communities, and notes significant concerns that a new national board for HIE, Scottish Enterprise and other agencies may lead to a centralisation of services at the expense of the local skills, knowledge and expertise of HIE.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2686.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-2686.4 to motion S5M-2686—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2686 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Supporting and Strengthening Scotland's Island Communities), insert at end “; recognises that more must be done to address issues that can lead to depopulation, including fuel poverty, high living costs and poor access to essential services, which disproportionately have an impact on the islands; believes that island communities should be involved in decision-making with regard to transport links and that there should be full and meaningful consultation with local people and businesses, for example, communities in Arran and Ardrossan must be involved in any changes to their ferry services, and further believes that powers being removed from local government will impact disproportionately on islands and their ability to make decisions and that the disempowering of Highlands and Islands Enterprise will impact on home-grown solutions to boost islands' economies.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2686.4 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 61, Abstentions 1).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S5M-2686.1 to motion S5M-2686—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2686 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Supporting and Strengthening Scotland's Island Communities), leave out from “, and notes” to end and insert “; further acknowledges the Islands Strategic Group and the forthcoming Islands Bill but notes the financial and administrative powers that have been removed from island communities, including Orkney, Shetland and the Western Isles, since 2007; agrees that the centralisation of key public services and functions has reduced local accountability to island communities; calls for an active islands plan to provide a framework within which the unique interests across island communities are considered, and further calls for the decision by Scottish Ministers in 2011 to exclude isles-based businesses from the Air Discount Scheme to be reversed and for ferry fares on routes serving Orkney and Shetland to be reduced from 2017, in line with existing reductions on west coast routes.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2686.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 62, Abstentions 28).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 48, Tuesday 29 November 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Father Andrzej Halemba, Head of Projects for the Middle East, Aid to the Church in Need, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister.
- 3. Implications for Culture, Creative Industries, and Tourism following the EU Referendum:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-2795—That the Parliament believes that the interests of Scotland’s culture, creative and tourism sectors are best served by protecting the country’s existing relationship with Europe, and in particular maintaining freedom of movement and access to EU funding and collaboration mechanisms; recognises the potentially severe negative impact that any hard Brexit proposed by the UK Government could have on the sectors’ ability to compete in terms of cultural exports, staffing, skills and talent recruitment and retention, research and knowledge exchange, ability to influence key cultural policy, such as copyright law, and access to key EU markets; acknowledges the importance of EU-funded projects to the culture, creative industries and tourism sectors for networking and developing partnerships, including over €11.5 million of Creative Europe grants to projects involving Scottish partners since 2014, and supports the Scottish Government’s position that the UK Government needs to find ways to maintain its influence as proposals develop for the digital single market.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S5M-2795.1 to motion S5M-2795—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2795 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Implications for Culture, Creative Industries and Tourism following the EU Referendum), leave out from “the country’s existing” to end and insert “Scotland’s position within the UK and ensuring that Scotland retains unfettered access to the UK single market and leaves the EU on the same terms as the rest of the UK; recognises the potentially severe negative impact that any future Scottish independence referendum would have on the economic growth of Scotland’s culture, creative industries and tourism sectors, in particular, because Scotland exports more in creative industries to the rest of the UK than it does to its EU and other international partners; acknowledges that it is in Scotland’s interests to maintain a strong relationship with its European and other international partners, and recognises the benefits that Brexit may bring to these industries through the UK Government concluding free-trade agreements with the EU and other countries around the globe.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2795.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-2795.2 to motion S5M-2795—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2795 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Implications for Culture, Creative Industries and Tourism following the EU

Referendum), after “mechanisms” insert “; believes that, with the approach of the 70th anniversary of the Edinburgh International Festival in 2017, it is more important than ever to promote the inclusive and outward-looking character of Scotland’s culture and its welcome to the world”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2795.2 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the interests of Scotland’s culture, creative and tourism sectors are best served by protecting the country’s existing relationship with Europe, and in particular maintaining freedom of movement and access to EU funding and collaboration mechanisms; believes that, with the approach of the 70th anniversary of the Edinburgh International Festival in 2017, it is more important than ever to promote the inclusive and outward-looking character of Scotland’s culture and its welcome to the world; recognises the potentially severe negative impact that any hard Brexit proposed by the UK Government could have on the sectors’ ability to compete in terms of cultural exports, staffing, skills and talent recruitment and retention, research and knowledge exchange, ability to influence key cultural policy, such as copyright law, and access to key EU markets; acknowledges the importance of EU-funded projects to the culture, creative industries and tourism sectors for networking and developing partnerships, including over €11.5 million of Creative Europe grants to projects involving Scottish partners since 2014, and supports the Scottish Government’s position that the UK Government needs to find ways to maintain its influence as proposals develop for the digital single market.

4. Celebrating St Andrew’s Day: The Minister for International Development and Europe (Alasdair Allan) moved S5M-2796—That the Parliament notes the fantastic opportunity that St Andrew’s Day provides to showcase and celebrate Scotland’s unique culture and identity at home and abroad and to boost the country’s international reputation by sending a positive and inclusive message to the country and the world about Scotland and its people; acknowledges the potential of St Andrew’s Day to further spotlight the contribution that Scots make across the globe and in many different fields of endeavour while emphasising a unity through the celebration of the wide diversity of faiths, cultures and ethnic origins that is the reality of the nation today; recognises the growing success of the St Andrew’s Day celebrations over recent years and signals its support for the activities that are planned to mark St Andrew’s Day 2016, and extends an invitation to people from near and far to join the celebration of Scotland’s national day.

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

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2827—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 30 November 2016

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Health and Sport

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to the Autumn Statement

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 1 December 2016—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for Scotland's Renewables

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Recognising 16 days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Men who have Sex with Men, Blood Donations: The Parliament debated S5M-1537 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament acknowledges that, in 2011, the law regarding men who have sex with men being allowed to donate blood changed from a lifetime ban to a 12-month temporary deferral, subject to sexual abstinence; notes the view that, in the name of equality, Scotland needs to go further to ensure that all people can donate blood and that they should not be assessed on their sexual orientation, with the introduction of new non-discriminatory risk assessment in line with organ, stem cell and bone marrow donations, and believes that this would increase the number of much-needed donors in Strathkelvin and Bearsden and nationally.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

No. 49, Wednesday 30 November 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Response to the Autumn Statement.
- 3. Education:** Ross Greer moved S5M-2809—That the Parliament believes that professionals who provide additional support for learning play a vital role in Scotland’s classrooms; welcomes international comparisons that demonstrate that Scottish schools are inclusive, but is concerned that public sector cuts threaten the opportunities that are available to children with additional support needs; notes that real terms revenue cuts to the Scottish budget have been disproportionately focused on local authorities, where education is the biggest spend, and that the number of additional support for learning teachers and support staff has fallen by 13% and 8% between 2010 and 2015, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a budget that raises more revenue to support local educational priorities.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-2809.3 to motion S5M-2809—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2809 in the name of Ross Greer (Education), leave out from “but is concerned” to end and insert “and recognises that, despite challenges, there remains a focus on enabling all children and young people with additional support needs (ASN) to reach their full potential through the approach taken in the Standards in Scotland’s Schools etc. Act 2000 and the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004; acknowledges the increased achievements and attainment for young people with ASN since 2008; welcomes the Scottish Children’s Services Coalition’s call for greater collaboration and partnership working to deliver continued improvement in ASN provision, and commits to revising and updating the guidance on mainstreaming and the statutory guidance on the implementation of the additional support for learning framework.”

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-2809.1 to motion S5M-2809—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2809 in the name of Ross Greer (Education), leave out from “to bring forward” to end and insert “to give careful consideration to how the £100 million attainment fund will be spent in the context of children with additional support needs and to work with local authorities to re-examine the balance between educating these children in mainstream schools and in special schools.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2809.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 61, Abstentions 0). As a result amendment S4M-2809.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 34, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that professionals who provide additional support for learning play a vital role in Scotland’s classrooms; welcomes international comparisons that demonstrate that Scottish schools are inclusive, and recognises that, despite challenges, there remains a focus on enabling all children and young people with additional support needs (ASN) to reach their full potential through the approach taken in the Standards in Scotland’s Schools etc. Act 2000 and the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004; acknowledges the increased achievements and attainment for young people with ASN since 2008; welcomes the Scottish Children’s Services Coalition’s call for greater collaboration and partnership working to deliver continued improvement in ASN provision, and commits to revising and updating the guidance on mainstreaming and the statutory guidance on the implementation of the additional support for learning framework.

4. Local Democracy: Andy Wightman moved S5M-2804—That the Parliament endorses the final report of the Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy.

Kevin Stewart moved amendment S5M-2804.2 to motion S5M-2804—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2804 in the name of Andy Wightman (Local Democracy), leave out from “endorses” to end and insert “notes the findings of the 2014 Local Government and Regeneration Committee inquiry into the Flexibility and Autonomy of Local Government, including its consideration of the Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy, and the committee’s recommendation, which stated that ‘Adequate powers to devolve responsibilities and control to communities already exist which local authorities must begin to exercise’, and agrees that enabling local control not on behalf of but by a local community should be the guiding principle in considering the roles and responsibilities of local authorities over the course of the current Parliamentary session, with the aim of decentralising local authority functions, budgets and democratic oversight to local communities.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2804.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 61, Abstentions 0, disagreed to on casting vote).

Graham Simpson moved amendment S5M-2804.1 to motion S5M-2804—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2804 in the name of Andy Wightman (Local Democracy), leave out from “endorses” to end and insert “recognises that empowering Scotland’s cities and city regions is critical to economic growth and development in Scotland”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2804.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that empowering Scotland's cities and city regions is critical to economic growth and development in Scotland.

5. Policing and Crime Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-2806—That the Parliament agrees that provisions of the Policing and Crime Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 10 February 2016, which refer to cross-border powers of arrest, restoring littering powers of Scottish local authorities and to firearms, where these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2840—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 December 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for Scotland's Renewables

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 December 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 December 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Written Agreement between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Creating a Fairer Scotland: Our Disability Delivery

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 December 2016

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 14 December 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution;

Economy, Jobs 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 15 December 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2837—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 April 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2838—That the Parliament agrees that the Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5 and 8 as noted above.

10. World AIDS Day 2016: The Parliament debated S5M-2404 in the name of Kezia Dugdale—That the Parliament notes the 28th annual World AIDS Day is being marked on 1 December 2016; believes that this is an opportunity to remember the estimated 35 million people who have died from AIDS-related illnesses since the start of the epidemic; recognises the importance of high-quality treatment for the 36.7 million people currently living with HIV across the world; supports efforts to meet the UN 90-90-90 goals, which would help end the global AIDS epidemic, and

understands the need for innovative HIV policy solutions for Scotland to fully achieve these targets, which it has yet to reach; further understands that there are approximately 6,150 people living with HIV in Scotland, with an average of one person every day being diagnosed, and considers that ending HIV-related stigma by guaranteeing access to quality sexual health education and increased HIV awareness is crucial to ensure that more people access testing services, and commends the work of HIV Scotland in promoting policy changes that are grounded in evidence and experience of people living with, and at risk of, HIV.

11. Motion Without Notice: Kezia Dugdale 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 6.37 pm.

No. 50, Thursday 1 December 2016

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. Small Business Saturday: The Parliament debated S5M-2359 in the name of Ash Denham—That the Parliament recognises 3 December 2016 as Small Business Saturday; acknowledges that Small Business Saturday UK is a grassroots, non-commercial campaign, which highlights small business success and encourages consumers to “shop local” and support small businesses in communities in the Lothian region and across Scotland and the UK; understands that, in 2015, customers spent £623 million with small businesses on Small Business Saturday, which was a 24% increase from 2014, and notes the calls on Members to encourage local businesses to get involved and register on the website for promotion, to share their support on social media in the lead up to the day, and to arrange visits to small businesses in their constituencies and request media engagement with these visits in order to raise consumer awareness locally.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Mark McDonald) made a statement and answered questions on the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility.

5. Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-2820—That the Parliament recognises and welcomes the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which marks the start of the UN's 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls; commends the ongoing contribution of people and organisations across Scotland and the wider world toward providing front-line support for survivors, raising awareness of the problem and changing the outdated attitudes that still persist in society in relation to violence against women and girls; reaffirms the cross-party support for *Equally Safe*, Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating all forms of violence against women and girls; welcomes the work of justice agencies in pursuing a zero tolerance approach to gender-based violence; commends the invaluable work of local women's aid organisations and rape crisis centres that support survivors on the front line; calls on everyone in Scotland to play their part in creating a strong and flourishing country where all individuals are equally safe and respected, and where women and girls live free from all forms of violence and abuse and the attitudes that help perpetuate them; supports the principles of the Istanbul Convention on violence against women, and calls on the UK Government to set out a clear timetable for ratification.

Douglas Ross moved amendment S5M-2820.1 to motion S5M-2820—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2820 in the name of Angela Constance (Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls), leave out from “, and calls on” to end and insert “; notes that measures are already in place to protect women and girls from violence, which comply with or go further than the requirements of the convention; welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to ratify the convention, and further welcomes the parliamentary time secured in the House of Commons by SNP MP, Dr Eilidh Whiteford, to debate this important issue in December 2016.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2820.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S5M-2820.2 to motion S5M-2820—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2820 in the name of Angela Constance (Recognising 16 Days of Action to End Violence Against Women and Girls), insert at end “; welcomes the forthcoming Domestic Abuse Bill, which will create a new offence of domestic abuse to further tackle violence against women and girls, and agrees that the introduction of three-year rolling funding for local women’s aid organisations and rape crisis centres must be prioritised to help secure these support services and deliver on the 2016 campaign theme of sustainable financing for initiatives that tackle violence towards women and girls in Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2820.2 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises and welcomes the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which marks the start of the UN’s 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls; commends the ongoing contribution of people and organisations across Scotland and the wider world toward providing front-line support for survivors, raising awareness of the problem and changing the outdated attitudes that still persist in society in relation to violence against women and girls; reaffirms the cross-party support for *Equally Safe*, Scotland’s strategy for preventing and eradicating all forms of violence against women and girls; welcomes the work of justice agencies in pursuing a zero tolerance approach to gender-based violence; commends the invaluable work of local women’s aid organisations and rape crisis centres that support survivors on the front line; calls on everyone in Scotland to play their part in creating a strong and flourishing country where all individuals are equally safe and respected, and where women and girls live free from all forms of violence and abuse and the attitudes that help perpetuate them; supports the principles of the Istanbul Convention on violence against women; calls on the UK Government to set out a clear timetable for ratification; welcomes the forthcoming Domestic Abuse Bill, which will create a new offence of domestic abuse to further tackle violence against women and girls, and agrees that the introduction of three-year rolling funding for local women’s aid organisations and rape crisis centres must be prioritised to help secure these support services and deliver on the 2016 campaign theme of sustainable financing for initiatives that tackle violence towards women and girls in Scotland.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2898—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 6 December 2016

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education

(b) Thursday 8 December 2016—

delete

2.30 pm Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Written Agreement between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Creating a Fairer Scotland: Our Disability Delivery Plan

and insert

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Creating a Fairer Scotland: Our Disability Delivery Plan

followed by Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Written Agreement between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

No. 51, Tuesday 6 December 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Nigel Anderson, Minister, Livingston Free Church, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education.

4. Support for Scotland's Renewables: The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S5M-2919—That the Parliament notes the UK Government's announcement on the second renewable energy Contracts for Difference (CfD) allocation round; acknowledges the latest round as a potential opportunity for Scottish offshore wind farms to compete for contracts; notes its strong concern that the UK Government has effectively excluded island wind projects from this CfD allocation, despite repeated assurances to the contrary following a 2013 consultation; further notes with concern the UK Government's decision not to provide a minimum allocation for Scotland's world-leading marine energy technologies, therefore overlooking their potential to supply a substantial contribution to future energy needs and to develop a domestic engineering base; considers that the UK Government has, to date, failed to respond positively to calls from the Scottish Government and industry for a "route to market" to unlock investment in consented pumped hydro storage projects; notes the Scottish Government's efforts to coordinate development of the offshore wind supply chain, and supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to work with the renewable energy industry to identify the most appropriate means by which it can use those powers at its disposal to support the development of the renewable energy sector, across a range of technologies, and to ensure that the sector has the financial and political support that it requires.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S5M-2919.1 to motion S5M-2919—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2919 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Support for Scotland's Renewables), leave out from "acknowledges" to "hydro storage projects" and insert "welcomes the £290 million of annual funding that this will provide for less-established technologies such as offshore wind, wave and tidal; acknowledges the latest round as a potential opportunity for Scottish offshore wind farms to compete for contracts; notes that the UK Government has launched a full consultation on whether island onshore wind projects should be treated differently from those on the mainland; welcomes the UK Government's support in the Autumn Statement for low-emissions vehicles; recognises the need for a focal point for developing renewable technologies and calls for the creation of a sustainable energy innovation centre; urges the Scottish Government's forthcoming energy strategy to set out a balanced energy mix, recognising the need to protect bill-payers, reduce emissions and provide security of supply; understands that support mechanisms for energy

storage could help lead to a more efficient grid; recognises the potential for growth in the renewable heat sector and calls for the expansion of district heating”.

After debate, amendment S5M-2919.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-2919.3 to motion S5M-2919—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2919 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Support for Scotland’s Renewables), insert at end “; notes that the Scottish Government has not set a specific target for the number of jobs that the renewables sector should create; therefore urges it to do more for jobs that will support Scotland’s economy, and recognises that this should include the full use of transferable skills of the oil and gas sector so that they can be utilised in the renewables sector across a range of alternative energy projects.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2919.3 was agreed to (DT).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-2919.4 to motion S5M-2919—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2919 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Support for Scotland’s Renewables), insert at end “; agrees that the forthcoming energy strategy should set a target to ensure that 50% of all Scotland’s energy needs across the heat, electricity and transport sectors are met by renewables by 2030; recognises that sustained growth in renewable energy generation, as well as new policies to guide the re-powering of existing sites and promote domestic industry and innovation, will be required to meet these targets; believes that growth in renewables must benefit the common good, and therefore supports the creation of a Scottish renewable energy bond and government-owned energy company to help people in communities develop, build and own more low-carbon energy capacity.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2919.4 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 97, Abstentions 18).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the UK Government’s announcement on the second renewable energy Contracts for Difference (CfD) allocation round; acknowledges the latest round as a potential opportunity for Scottish offshore wind farms to compete for contracts; notes its strong concern that the UK Government has effectively excluded island wind projects from this CfD allocation, despite repeated assurances to the contrary following a 2013 consultation; further notes with concern the UK Government’s decision not to provide a minimum allocation for Scotland’s world-leading marine energy technologies, therefore overlooking their potential to supply a substantial contribution to future energy needs and to develop a domestic engineering base; considers that the UK Government has, to date, failed to respond positively to calls from the Scottish

Government and industry for a “route to market” to unlock investment in consented pumped hydro storage projects; notes the Scottish Government’s efforts to coordinate development of the offshore wind supply chain; supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to work with the renewable energy industry to identify the most appropriate means by which it can use those powers at its disposal to support the development of the renewable energy sector, across a range of technologies, and to ensure that the sector has the financial and political support that it requires; notes that the Scottish Government has not set a specific target for the number of jobs that the renewables sector should create; therefore urges it to do more for jobs that will support Scotland’s economy, and recognises that this should include the full use of transferable skills of the oil and gas sector so that they can be utilised in the renewables sector across a range of alternative energy projects.

5. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2834—That the Parliament agrees that the Air Weapons Licensing (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2835—That the Parliament agrees that the Home Detention Curfew Licence (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

7. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2836—That the Parliament agrees that the Crofting Commission (Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Care Tax in Scotland: The Parliament debated S5M-2130 in the name of Johann Lamont—That the Parliament considers that disabled people and people with long-term conditions such as dementia and motor neurone disease in Glasgow and throughout Scotland are increasingly paying more for social care services; understands that campaign groups, including Scotland Against the Care Tax, and Frank’s Law, are concerned about the effects of this charging; considers that social care is essential to enabling them to enjoy their human rights; further considers that the current local authority charging regimes may be discriminatory in applying different rules to people of different ages without sufficient objective justification, and notes the calls to explore ways of making social care charging fairer with a view to ending the practice altogether.

10. Motion Without Notice: Johann Lamont 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 6.05 pm.

No. 52, Wednesday 7 December 2016

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. Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations: The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-2922—That the Parliament acknowledges the conclusion of negotiations with Norway on shared stocks in the North Sea and the forthcoming annual fisheries negotiations in Brussels; notes that 2017 will see the continued phased implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish to include North Sea cod and whiting; further notes that the outcome of the negotiations will be pivotal in helping the fleet to continue implementing the landing obligation while maintaining its approach to sustainable fishing and remaining economically viable, and supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland’s fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors.

Peter Chapman moved amendment S5M-2922.1 to motion S5M-2922—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2922 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations), leave out from “notes that 2017” to end and insert “understands that fishermen in Scotland have expressed disappointment regarding their blue whiting catch allocation, which ran contrary to the vote of the UK negotiating team; notes that 2017 will see the continued phased implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish to include North Sea cod and whiting; considers that the outcome of the negotiations will be pivotal in helping the fleet to continue implementing the landing obligation while maintaining its approach to sustainable fishing and remaining economically viable; supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland’s fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors, and acknowledges the opportunities, as well as the challenges, for Scotland’s fishing sector in the coming years.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2922.1 was agreed to (DT).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-2922.2 to motion S5M-2922—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2922 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations), insert at end “, and believes that Marine Scotland staff who crew marine protection vessels should receive a fair pay settlement that recognises their experience and skills.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2922.2 was agreed to (DT).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-2922.3 to motion S5M-2922—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2922 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations), insert at end “; further notes the ongoing

EU negotiations with the Faroe Islands over access to EU waters for mackerel and urges the Scottish Government to resist any increase in Faroese access; notes that the Faroe Islands export fish to Russia despite the international sanctions that Scottish processing companies comply with; recognises the challenges of the EU landing obligation; notes that the proposed cod quota for 2017 will create further choke species problems therefore making the discard ban policy counterproductive, and requests that the Scottish Government begins preparations on a Scottish fisheries policy in consultation with fishing communities, irrespective of the outcome of Brexit.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2922.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 0, Abstentions 30).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the conclusion of negotiations with Norway on shared stocks in the North Sea and the forthcoming annual fisheries negotiations in Brussels; understands that fishermen in Scotland have expressed disappointment regarding their blue whiting catch allocation, which ran contrary to the vote of the UK negotiating team; notes that 2017 will see the continued phased implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish to include North Sea cod and whiting; considers that the outcome of the negotiations will be pivotal in helping the fleet to continue implementing the landing obligation while maintaining its approach to sustainable fishing and remaining economically viable; supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland’s fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors; acknowledges the opportunities, as well as the challenges, for Scotland’s fishing sector in the coming years; believes that Marine Scotland staff who crew marine protection vessels should receive a fair pay settlement that recognises their experience and skills; further notes the ongoing EU negotiations with the Faroe Islands over access to EU waters for mackerel and urges the Scottish Government to resist any increase in Faroese access; notes that the Faroe Islands export fish to Russia despite the international sanctions that Scottish processing companies comply with; recognises the challenges of the EU landing obligation; notes that the proposed cod quota for 2017 will create further choke species problems therefore making the discard ban policy counterproductive, and requests that the Scottish Government begins preparations on a Scottish fisheries policy in consultation with fishing communities, irrespective of the outcome of Brexit.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-2953—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 December 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Welcoming International Migrants in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 December 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution;

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

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 15 December 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Draft Budget 2017-18

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 December 2016

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 21 December 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;
Rural Economy and Connectivity
followed by Members' Business
followed by Members' Business
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 22 December 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-2954: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Aberdeen Harbour Revision Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-2955: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Asset Transfer Request (Designation of Relevant Authority) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

6. Paisley for City of Culture 2021: The Parliament debated S5M-2149 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament recognises Paisley’s positioning to be City of Culture in 2021; understands that Paisley town centre has over 100 listed buildings, which is second only to Edinburgh; acknowledges the 850-year-old abbey, which lies in the heart of the town and is the final resting place of six High Stewards of Scotland, Princess Marjory Bruce and the wives of kings Robert II and III; appreciates its cathedral and that it has what it believes is the largest Baptist church in Europe; notes its museum and art gallery and recognises the artists and sportspeople across many fields who originate from the town, including John Byrne, Paulo Nutini, Robert Tannahill, Gerry Rafferty, Gerard Butler and Archie Gemmill, and considers that Paisley’s rich and diverse history makes the town a fitting candidate for the City of Culture 2021 title.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

No. 53, Thursday 8 December 2016

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. Doon Valley Boxing Club: The Parliament debated S5M-2537 in the name of Brian Whittle—That the Parliament notes the success of Doon Valley Boxing Club in Dalmellington; understands that the club attracts members from across Ayrshire and that some of those who train there have gone on to compete at a national level; believes that local sports clubs play a hugely important role in their communities, by providing positive opportunities for young people, improving physical and mental health, reducing antisocial behaviour and helping to improve performance in school; recognises the vital contribution that volunteers play in sustaining such clubs and commend them for their hard work, and wishes community sports clubs across Scotland, including Doon Valley Boxing Club, continued success.

4. Creating a Fairer Scotland: Our Disability Delivery Plan: The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-2948—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities in drawing attention to the human rights of disabled people around the world; acknowledges that there is a need for a transformational change to achieve disability equality and therefore welcomes the publication of the report, *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations who responded and contributed to the consultation on this plan and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to engage with disabled people as the experts in the continued actions that need to be taken to ensure that rights and independent living can be enjoyed and that as a society the long-term ambitions set out in the plan can be achieved; agrees that the Scottish Government should be firmly committed to implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in full so that disabled people in Scotland can realise all of their human rights, and condemns the actions and welfare cuts of the UK Government, which have led the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to conclude that there have been “grave and systematic violations” of disabled people’s human rights.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-2948.2 to motion S5M-2948—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2948 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan), leave out from “report” to end and insert “UK Government report, *Work, Health and Disability Green Paper: Improving Lives*, and the Scottish Government report, *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations who contributed to the development of these publications and agrees that the Scottish and UK governments should

continue to engage with disabled people as the experts in the continued actions that need to be taken to ensure that rights and independent living can be enjoyed and that as a society the long-term ambitions set out in the two publications can be achieved; recognises that the UK was among the first countries to sign the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and that the convention is aligned with the UK approach to disability equality, which focuses on inclusion and mainstreaming; understands that the UK Disability Discrimination Act 1995 has been recognised internationally as a model of effective anti-discrimination legislation, and supports the UK's aspiration that disabled people get the same opportunities as other people to find work, while ensuring that people who cannot work because of a disability or health condition receive the support that they need."

After debate, amendment S5M-2948.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Mark Griffin moved amendment S5M-2948.1 to motion S5M-2948—

As an amendment to motion S5M-2948 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Creating a Fairer Scotland, Our Disability Delivery Plan), insert at end “; recognises that the new Scottish social security system will be a vital tool to ensure that disabled people have independence, decent incomes and fairer working lives; further recognises that two fifths of people in poverty live in a household with at least one disabled person and that the costs associated with a disability can average £550 per month, and agrees that new disability benefits powers will give the Parliament and the Scottish Government both the substantial responsibility and opportunity to support Scotland's disabled people by halting and reversing the worst effects of Tory social security cuts, under a system that is based on the principles of dignity and respect.”

After debate, amendment S5M-2948.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities in drawing attention to the human rights of disabled people around the world; acknowledges that there is a need for a transformational change to achieve disability equality and therefore welcomes the publication of the report, *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*; expresses its thanks to all the individuals and organisations who responded and contributed to the consultation on this plan and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to engage with disabled people as the experts in the continued actions that need to be taken to ensure that rights and independent living can be enjoyed and that as a society the long-term ambitions set out in the plan can be achieved; agrees that the Scottish Government should be firmly committed to implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in full so that disabled people in Scotland can realise all of their human

rights; condemns the actions and welfare cuts of the UK Government, which have led the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to conclude that there have been “grave and systematic violations” of disabled people’s human rights; recognises that the new Scottish social security system will be a vital tool to ensure that disabled people have independence, decent incomes and fairer working lives; further recognises that two fifths of people in poverty live in a household with at least one disabled person and that the costs associated with a disability can average £550 per month, and agrees that new disability benefits powers will give the Parliament and the Scottish Government both the substantial responsibility and opportunity to support Scotland’s disabled people by halting and reversing the worst effects of Tory social security cuts, under a system that is based on the principles of dignity and respect.

5. Written Agreement between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish

Government: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee, moved S5M-2937—That the Parliament, in light of the Smith Commission agreement recommendation that inter-governmental arrangements to support the devolution of further powers be “underpinned by much stronger and more transparent parliamentary scrutiny”, agrees to the written agreement with the Scottish Government on inter-governmental relations, which is set out in the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee’s 4th Report, 2016 (Session 4): *Annual Report 2015-16* (SP Paper 980), as recommended by the Finance and Constitution Committee.

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

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3019—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 13 December 2016—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government’s Improvement Plan
for Education

(b) Thursday 15 December 2016—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Scotland’s Food Waste Target

insert

followed by Appointment of Scottish Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farm
Commissioner

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 54, Tuesday 13 December 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Ms Jennifer Buchan, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on The Scottish Government's Improvement Plan for Education.
- 4. Welcoming International Migrants in Scotland:** The Minister for International Development and Europe (Alasdair Allan) moved S5M-3049—That the Parliament acknowledges the UN's International Migrants Day on 18 December 2016; remembers the refugees and migrants who have lost their lives while trying to reach safe harbour; welcomes the opportunity to celebrate the contribution of those who have chosen to make Scotland their home; embraces a culturally diverse community that enriches Scotland's intellectual, social and cultural life; acknowledges the impact that the result of the EU Referendum has had on many of Scotland's friends and neighbours and seeks to reassure all that they are welcome in Scotland; urges the UK Government to guarantee the rights of fellow EU nationals to live and work here, and calls on it to deliver a fair and sensible immigration system that meets Scotland's needs.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S5M-3049.2 to motion S5M-3049—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3049 in the name of Alasdair Allan (Welcoming International Migrants in Scotland), leave out from "welcomes the opportunity" to end and insert "notes the UK Government's extensive aid programme to support refugees; welcomes the opportunity to celebrate the contribution of those who have chosen to make Scotland their home; embraces a culturally diverse community that enriches Scotland's intellectual, social and cultural life; acknowledges the impact that the result of the EU Referendum has had on many of Scotland's friends and neighbours and seeks to reassure all that they are welcome in Scotland; urges the UK Government to guarantee the rights of fellow EU nationals to live and work here and urges EU countries to offer reciprocal assurances for UK nationals living and working in the EU; notes that non-EU migration is essential and that a future, fairer immigration system can provide equal opportunities to live and work for migrants from outwith the EU; further notes the importance of attracting migrants from elsewhere in the UK, and believes that the Scottish Government has significant powers to create incentives to live and work in Scotland."

After debate, amendment S5M-3049.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-3049.1 to motion S5M-3049—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3049 in the name of Alasdair Allan (Welcoming International Migrants in Scotland), insert at end “, based on a recognition of the country’s demographic deficit and economic requirements, noting in particular the importance of students and graduates from both other EU countries and other parts of the world, and calls on the Scottish Government to co-operate with devolved and city administrations seeking to address similar concerns in other parts of the UK.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3049.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the UN’s International Migrants Day on 18 December 2016; remembers the refugees and migrants who have lost their lives while trying to reach safe harbour; welcomes the opportunity to celebrate the contribution of those who have chosen to make Scotland their home; embraces a culturally diverse community that enriches Scotland’s intellectual, social and cultural life; acknowledges the impact that the result of the EU Referendum has had on many of Scotland’s friends and neighbours and seeks to reassure all that they are welcome in Scotland; urges the UK Government to guarantee the rights of fellow EU nationals to live and work here; calls on it to deliver a fair and sensible immigration system that meets Scotland’s needs, based on a recognition of the country’s demographic deficit and economic requirements, noting in particular the importance of students and graduates from both other EU countries and other parts of the world, and calls on the Scottish Government to co-operate with devolved and city administrations seeking to address similar concerns in other parts of the UK.

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

6. Walk This Way at Dunbeth Park: The Parliament debated S5M-2930 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament notes the 20th anniversary of Paths for All, which is a charity that is dedicated to encouraging walking in Scotland; values and appreciates the work of Paths for All in supporting communities; congratulates the staff and students at the Coatbridge campus of New College Lanarkshire on the recent unveiling of their Walk This Way walking routes at Dunbeth Park in Coatbridge, which was supported by Paths for All; notes that this project was undertaken to encourage locals to use the park to walk, offering half-mile, three-quarter-mile and one-mile walking routes to cater for everyone regardless of fitness, health or time constraints; welcomes this project and others like it in Scotland, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider a Year of Walking to encourage people to do more walking in the interests of fitness and health.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 55, Wednesday 14 December 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Taxation: Murdo Fraser moved S5M-3063—That the Parliament believes that families and businesses in Scotland should not be taxed more than those elsewhere in the UK.

Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) moved amendment S5M-3063.3 to motion S5M-3063—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3063 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Taxation), leave out from “families” to end and insert “the purpose of the devolution of powers over income tax is to allow Scotland to make its own decisions on tax rates; further believes that powers over personal and business taxation should be used in a fair and progressive way that supports a sustainable economy; notes the proposals from all parties on future tax rates, and acknowledges that taxation as a whole must be considered alongside spending plans to be meaningful.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3063.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S5M-3063.1 to motion S5M-3063—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3063 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Taxation), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “agrees that the Scottish Government should set a 50p top rate of tax for those earning over £150,000 a year so that the richest 1% pay their fair share to help stop the cuts and invest in public services.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3063.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-3063.4 to motion S5M-3063—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3063 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Taxation), leave out from “not” to end and insert “have access to high-quality public services; notes that the SNP’s manifesto proposals on tax make no significant changes to current income tax rates and thresholds; supports a tax system that will challenge inequalities in wealth and income; agrees that people earning below the median should pay less, while high earners should pay more than at present, and supports a long-term tax shift from income to wealth, where inequalities are greater.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3063.4 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 115, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-3063.2 to motion S5M-3063—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3063 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Taxation), leave out from “families” to end and insert “investing in skills is the best way to strengthen the economy, and calls for a modest penny on income tax for this purpose, raising £500 million to transform Scottish education.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3063.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 88, Abstentions 6).

The motion, as amended, was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3104—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 December 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Motion of Condolence

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving the Care Experience for Looked After Children

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 December 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Member's Oath/Affirmation

followed by Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Rural Economy and Connectivity

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Scotland's Livestock

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.45 pm Decision Time

Thursday 22 December 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

Tuesday 10 January 2017

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 11 January 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers;

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 12 January 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-2956: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010 (Transitional Provisions) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S5M-3105: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

6. Scotland's Climate Targets: The Parliament debated S5M-2049 in the name of Maree Todd—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the contribution made by the recently-published report, *The Energy of Scotland: Heating, moving and powering our lives from now to 2030*, to the debate about the future of Scotland's energy; understands that the report, which was prepared by WWF Scotland, Friends of the Earth Scotland and RSPB Scotland, is based on technical analysis by the leading global technical consultancy, Ricardo Energy and Environment; notes its findings suggesting that producing 50% of all of Scotland's energy across heat, transport and electricity from renewables by 2030 is achievable and necessary; recognises what it sees as the progress to date in deploying renewables across the electricity sector; understands that these generate the equivalent of more than half of the country's demand and have brought economic benefits, especially in the Highlands and Islands, and notes the views regarding the work that now needs to be done to support renewables in the heat and transport sectors, which, it understands,

together account for more than three-quarters of Scotland's total energy consumption.

7. Motion Without Notice: Maree Todd 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 6.00 pm.

No. 56, Thursday 15 December 2016

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. The Future of Edinburgh's World Heritage Site: The Parliament debated S5M-2445 in the name of Gordon Lindhurst—That the Parliament recognises the significance of the contrast between Edinburgh's medieval Old Town and its Georgian New Town and its designation as a World Heritage Site in 1995 by UNESCO, recognising both its historical and architectural importance and efforts to conserve it since 1970; notes that the site is one of five across Scotland; understands that, according to Invest Edinburgh, the city attracts around four million visitors per year, many of whom visit the historic attractions within the World Heritage Site, such as Edinburgh Castle, St Giles Cathedral and the Real Mary King's Close; further understands that the site is a major factor behind the £1.32 billion that is generated through tourism for the local economy each year; recognises that a World Heritage Site is selected based on it having cultural, historical, scientific or other significance and its future preservation is seen to be in the collective interests of humanity; notes the prevailing development plans within Edinburgh's World Heritage Site, such as the decision over the old Royal High School at Calton Hill, and the need to develop Scotland's capital city for the future in order to enhance the performance of its economy; recognises that Edinburgh City Council, Edinburgh World Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland are involved in reviewing the Management Plan for the World Heritage Site (2017-2022), which aims to co-ordinate action to protect and enhance the outstanding universal values of the site and to promote its harmonious adaption to the needs of contemporary life; further recognises that members of the public were recently consulted on the review through a survey, the results of which were published on 1 November 2016; understands that the results show that, while awareness of the World Heritage Site was rated highly, there was a lack of understanding regarding what it meant and its associated benefits; notes the calls for action at all levels to raise awareness and custodianship of the site and the protection of the historic built environment for current and future generations, and further notes the calls on all those with influence over Edinburgh's current and future planning developments to fully recognise the importance of Edinburgh's World Heritage Site.

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

5. Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target: The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-3102—That the Parliament considers that the amount of food, estimated at 1.35 million tonnes in 2013, wasted in Scotland is unacceptable; recognises that reducing food waste is a moral, environmental and economic imperative on everyone

in Scotland, from consumers to manufacturers and retailers; notes that reducing food waste will also help families and businesses to save money while reducing emissions; welcomes the progress already made to reduce household and manufacturing food waste, and the Scottish Government's ambitious target to reduce food waste by 33% by 2025, and commits to Scotland showing leadership in this important area.

Peter Chapman moved amendment S5M-3102.1 to motion S5M-3102—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3102 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target), leave out from "in this important area" to end and insert "and developing innovative solutions in this important area as part of Scotland's journey towards a circular economy."

After debate, amendment S5M-3102.1 was agreed to (DT).

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-3102.2 to motion S5M-3102—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3102 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target), insert at end "; asks the Scottish Government to assess the possibility of a target of recycling 100% of food waste by 2020; commits to Scotland showing leadership in this important area, which can also contribute to reducing food poverty, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue to support the excellent work of community food groups."

After debate, amendment S5M-3102.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 5).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament considers that the amount of food, estimated at 1.35 million tonnes in 2013, wasted in Scotland is unacceptable; recognises that reducing food waste is a moral, environmental and economic imperative on everyone in Scotland, from consumers to manufacturers and retailers; notes that reducing food waste will also help families and businesses to save money while reducing emissions; welcomes the progress already made to reduce household and manufacturing food waste, and the Scottish Government's ambitious target to reduce food waste by 33% by 2025, and commits to Scotland showing leadership and developing innovative solutions in this important area as part of Scotland's journey towards a circular economy.

6. Appointment of Scottish Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farming Commissioner: The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-3099—That the Parliament notes the report from the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, *Appointment of the Scottish Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farming Commissioner* (4th Report (Session 5), SP Paper 50); welcomes the committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the appointment of Dr Bob McIntosh as Tenant Farming Commissioner and Professor David Adams,

Megan MacInnes, Lorne MacLeod, Dr Sally Reynolds and Andrew Thin as Scottish Land Commissioners; further welcomes the committee's endorsement of the selection of Andrew Thin as Chair of the Commission; approves the appointments as required by section 10 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016, and looks forward to the Scottish Land Commission starting work on 1 April 2017.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3167—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 20 December 2016—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Place in Europe

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving the Care Experience for Looked After Children

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Higher Education and Research Bill – UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 57, Tuesday 20 December 2016

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Right Reverend Dr Nigel Peyton, Bishop of Brechin, led Time for Reflection.

2. Motion of Condolence: Ruth Davidson moved S5M-3173—That the Parliament expresses its deep regret and sadness at the untimely death of Alex Johnstone MSP; offers its sympathy and condolences to his family and friends; recognises the high esteem in which he was held by colleagues from all parties, and appreciates his contribution as a principled public servant dedicated to the people of the north east.

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

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Place in Europe.

5. Improving the Care Experience for Looked After Children: The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Mark McDonald) moved S5M-3190—That the Parliament welcomes the first-ever independent review of Scotland's care system; agrees that the approach will be collaborative, working with care-experienced young people, relevant professionals and carers to gain insight and develop meaningful improvements; agrees to inform the review through the voices of care-experienced young people; acknowledges that recommendations should be achievable, and supports the need to embed sustainable, ongoing improvement so that every child who experiences the care system has their needs fully met and feels loved.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S5M-3190.2 to motion S5M-3190—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3190 in the name of Mark McDonald (Improving the Care Experience for Looked After Children), after "working with" insert "councillors in local authority areas, who have a duty of care for looked after children,".

After debate, amendment S5M-3190.2 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the first-ever independent review of Scotland's care system; agrees that the approach will be collaborative, working with councillors in local authority areas, who have a duty of care for looked after children, care-experienced young people, relevant professionals and carers to gain insight and develop meaningful improvements; agrees to inform the review through the voices of care-experienced young people; acknowledges that recommendations should be achievable, and supports the need to embed

sustainable, ongoing improvement so that every child who experiences the care system has their needs fully met and feels loved.

6. Higher Education and Research Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-3181—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant amendments to the Higher Education and Research Bill, introduced in the House of Commons, relating to extending the power of the Office for Students (OfS) to make arrangements under clause 25 of the Bill so as to also include Scottish higher education providers where Scottish Ministers consent; to allow joint working with Research England (UKRI) and the OfS and the Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council and clarify the Secretary of State’s powers to fund research, to ensure that they are as broad as the Research Councils, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive power of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3222—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 21 December 2016—

delete

4.45 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

9. Tackling Mesothelioma in Scotland: The Parliament debated S5M-2554 in the name of Kezia Dugdale—That the Parliament recognises the need to tackle mesothelioma, which is a cancerous disease linked to heavy use of asbestos in Scottish industries between the 1940s and mid-1970s; welcomes the publication of Mesothelioma UK’s five-year strategy, *Dedicated to Making Mesothelioma Matter*; notes the extraordinary work of support groups, campaigners, trade unions and charities in supporting those affected by mesothelioma in the Lothian region and across Scotland, and believes that, with Scottish Government support, Scotland can be a world leader in improving research, care and access to support for those affected by mesothelioma.

10. Motion Without Notice: Kezia Dugdale 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. 58, Wednesday 21 December 2016

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Oaths and Affirmations: Bill Bowman took his oath of allegiance before the Clerk.

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

3. Extending Maternity and Paternity Leave for Parents of Premature Babies: The Parliament debated S5M-3029 in the name of Alison Johnstone—That the Parliament notes the campaign, The Smallest Things, which is calling on the UK Government to extend maternity and paternity leave and statutory maternity pay for parents of babies who are born prematurely; understands that, according to research by Bliss, there are an estimated 5,800 babies born every year in Scotland who require specialist neonatal hospital care; further understands that this extended period of care can have a serious impact on the health, wellbeing and financial security of the families concerned, including those in Lothian, and notes the introduction of the Maternity and Paternity Leave (Premature Birth) Bill in the House of Commons, which is a private member's bill that seeks to extend leave in these circumstances.

4. Ending the Illegal Puppy Trade: The Parliament debated S5M-2454 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes the reported concerns about the illegal puppy trade and the view that this business is a blight on animal welfare that must be tackled; understands however that the trade is big business in Scotland, with thousands of dogs being brought into the country each year from Ireland in particular; further understands that the Scottish SPCA and activists in Stranraer have been attempting to disrupt such activity at the port of Cairnryan; believes that the animals involved are bred and kept in horrendous conditions, which can lead to illness and death; understands that, as Christmas approaches, more people might be tempted to purchase a puppy; notes the Scottish SPCA's recommendation that people should try to rehome a dog in the first instance but that, if someone is intent on buying a puppy, then they should do so from a reputable and licensed breeder and insist on seeing the puppy's mother and, if possible, father, as well as its living conditions; notes that it also states that puppies should not be purchased in a public place, such as a car park, and that this should set alarm bells ringing if it is suggested by the seller; understands that, while reputable breeders do advertise with it online, the charity generally advises against buying animals via the internet and that searching the seller's phone number online could reveal whether they deal in multiple litters and breeds, and notes the view that tackling illegal trafficking through raising public awareness of it is one of the primary ways that Scotland can begin to disrupt this cruel trade.

5. 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.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Protecting Scotland's Livestock.

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3229—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 January 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Place in the European Union – Protecting and Promoting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 January 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers;

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's International Development Strategy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 January 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Education and Skills Committee Debate: SQA, Education Scotland, SFC and SDS -
Performance and Role

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 January 2017

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 18 January 2017

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 19 January 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm	First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm	Members' Business
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm	Scottish Government Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3231—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 5 May 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Parliamentary Bureau Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3233—That the Parliament agrees that the Education and Skills Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Children and Social Work Bill (UK legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 59, Thursday 22 December 2016

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 12.46 pm.

No. 60, Tuesday 10 January 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend David Logan, Minister of Caerlaverock and Dumfries St.Mary's-Greyfriars, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Scotland's Place in the European Union – Protecting and Promoting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-3297—That the Parliament restates its commitment to human dignity and to acting at all times to respect, protect and promote human rights; reiterates the importance also of freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law as common values shared by all progressive nations; acknowledges that the EU is founded on these same fundamental values, which are of universal importance and transcend national borders; calls on the UK Government to give an undertaking not to take, or propose, any action that weakens or undermines participation in other international human rights mechanisms, including in particular the Council of Europe and the European Convention on Human Rights, and records its opposition to any loss in Scotland of the human rights, equality, social protection and other safeguards and standards enshrined in EU law and set out in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; emphasises that civil, political, economic, social and cultural human rights are universal, inalienable and inviolable, and are simultaneously indivisible, interrelated and interdependent; further calls on the UK Government to ensure that Scotland is fully involved in all decision-making with regard to negotiations with the EU, including in relation to all matters affecting fundamental rights; condemns the refusal of the UK Government to provide non-UK EU citizens resident in Scotland with an immediate and unequivocal guarantee of future security and fair treatment, and resolves to defend not only the common values on which the EU and the Council of Europe are founded, but to act to the full extent of its powers to ensure that the rights and interests of all of the people of Scotland are safeguarded and protected.

Douglas Ross moved amendment S5M-3297.2 to motion S5M-3297—

As an amendment to motion S5M-03297 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland's Place in the European Union - Protecting and Promoting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms), leave out from "and the rule of law" to end and insert ", individual responsibility and the rule of law as common values shared by all progressive nations; acknowledges that the EU is founded on these same fundamental values, which are of universal importance and transcend national borders; notes that membership of the EU and participation in the European Convention on Human Rights are distinct; commends the UK Government for its numerous assurances that workers' rights will be safeguarded and strengthened; emphasises that civil, political, economic, social and cultural human rights are universal, inalienable and inviolable, and are simultaneously indivisible, interrelated and interdependent; notes that the UK Government has been clear that all devolved administrations will be closely

engaged throughout the negotiation process; urges the UK and EU governments to reach a reciprocal agreement ensuring that mutual assurances are given for EU and UK nationals' right to remain where they are currently resident, and resolves to defend universal human rights.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3297.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

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

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. Type 1 Diabetes in Scotland: The Parliament debated S5M-2223 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament understands that Scotland has the third highest incidence of type 1 diabetes in the world and that more than 29,000 people are living with the condition with incidence rising particularly rapidly in children under the age of five; recognises the challenges that people with the condition face on a daily basis with constant monitoring and injections of insulin to manage it; understands that it is not linked to lifestyle factors such as diet or exercise; commends the work of JDRF, which is the type 1 diabetes charity that is funding research projects in Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow to improve the lives of people with the condition until a cure is found, and notes JDRF's objective to foster collaboration between industry, academics and clinicians to ensure that new research is driven forward and that Scotland can play a leading role in finding a cure for type 1 diabetes.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

No. 61, Wednesday 11 January 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. Welcoming Global Citizenship, Scotland's International Development

Strategy: The Minister for International Development and Europe (Alasdair Allan) moved S5M-3303—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's new international development strategy, *Global Citizenship: Scotland's International Development Strategy*, which was published on 21 December 2016; believes that the Scottish Government and the Parliament both have a key role in continuing to provide a voice for humanity, tolerance and compassion as part of an interlinked, global community, including through the expression of the concept of good global citizenship; recognises that the Scottish Government has pioneered a partnership approach to development that has helped Scotland and several developing countries to achieve mutual progress towards the UN Global Goals; welcomes the four priorities under the strategy to achieve its vision, namely to encourage new and historic relationships, empower Scotland's partner countries, engage the people of Scotland and enhance global citizenship; notes that, geographically, the Scottish Government's international development work will be focused on where it can make a real difference and most impact in relation to its budget, in four countries, Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda and Pakistan; welcomes the Scottish Government's stated ways of working to achieve its vision and implement its priorities, namely to invest its International Development Fund strategically and in line with good development practice, to utilise Scottish expertise, to collaborate with others to achieve these ambitions, including its partner countries, civil society and other governments and donors, and to promote the Beyond Aid agenda; recognises the holistic approach necessary to achieve sustainable development through a shared duty to consider in everyday decisions and behaviours in Scotland and the impact that these have on developing countries, and reaffirms the strong cross-party collaborative approach and support for international development in the Parliament, as acknowledged in the strategy.

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S5M-3303.1 to motion S5M-3303—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3303 in the name of Alasdair Allan (Welcoming Global Citizenship, Scotland's International Development Strategy), leave out from "welcomes the Scottish Government's stated ways of working" to end and insert "calls on the Scottish Government to further promote the needs of minority, marginalised and vulnerable groups in these countries where such groups are often subject to criminalisation and harassment; welcomes the Scottish Government's stated ways of working to achieve its vision and implement its priorities, namely to invest its International Development Fund strategically and in line with good development practice, to utilise Scottish expertise, to collaborate with others to achieve these ambitions, including its partner countries, civil society and other governments and donors, and to promote the Beyond Aid agenda, and encourage the move from aid to

investment supporting Scotland's partner countries in developing economic growth; encourages the close relationship with the UK Government in international development; recognises the holistic approach necessary to achieve sustainable development through a shared duty to consider in everyday decisions and behaviours in Scotland and the impact that these have on developing countries, and reaffirms the strong cross-party collaborative approach and support for international development in the Parliament, as acknowledged in the strategy."

After debate, amendment S5M-3303.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-3303.2 to motion S5M-3303—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3303 in the name of Alasdair Allan (Welcoming Global Citizenship, Scotland's International Development Strategy), insert at end ", and looks forward to the Scottish Government setting out its detailed plans on how it intends to achieve its stated aims in each of the four countries where work will be focused, and in ensuring policy coherence across all sectors in pursuit of sustainable development goals in all the countries in question."

After debate, amendment S5M-3303.2 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's new international development strategy, *Global Citizenship: Scotland's International Development Strategy*, which was published on 21 December 2016; believes that the Scottish Government and the Parliament both have a key role in continuing to provide a voice for humanity, tolerance and compassion as part of an interlinked, global community, including through the expression of the concept of good global citizenship; recognises that the Scottish Government has pioneered a partnership approach to development that has helped Scotland and several developing countries to achieve mutual progress towards the UN Global Goals; welcomes the four priorities under the strategy to achieve its vision, namely to encourage new and historic relationships, empower Scotland's partner countries, engage the people of Scotland and enhance global citizenship; notes that, geographically, the Scottish Government's international development work will be focused on where it can make a real difference and most impact in relation to its budget, in four countries, Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda and Pakistan; welcomes the Scottish Government's stated ways of working to achieve its vision and implement its priorities, namely to invest its International Development Fund strategically and in line with good development practice, to utilise Scottish expertise, to collaborate with others to achieve these ambitions, including its partner countries, civil society and other governments and donors, and to promote the Beyond Aid agenda; recognises the holistic approach necessary to achieve sustainable development through a shared duty to consider in everyday decisions and behaviours in Scotland and the impact that these have on developing countries; reaffirms the strong cross-party collaborative approach and support for international

development in the Parliament, as acknowledged in the strategy, and looks forward to the Scottish Government setting out its detailed plans on how it intends to achieve its stated aims in each of the four countries where work will be focused, and in ensuring policy coherence across all sectors in pursuit of sustainable development goals in all the countries in question.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3322—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 January 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Protecting Scotland's Interests in Negotiating our Future Relationship with Europe

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Appointment of Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 January 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

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 19 January 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Funding for Rural Development
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 January 2017

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 25 January 2017

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 26 January 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

4. Parliamentary Bureau Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3323—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. STEP Physical Literacy Programme: The Parliament debated S5M-2327 in the name of Liz Smith—That the Parliament is impressed by the STEP physical literacy programme; understands that its results have demonstrated that the children who take part in it have been proven to learn more efficiently, socialise more easily and participate more positively both inside and outside the classroom; is encouraged that local authorities and schools throughout Scotland are showing an interest in the programme; considers that introducing it would be of benefit to all state primary schools in Mid Scotland and Fife and across the country, and notes the view that the Scottish Government, local authorities, teachers and parents should consider the merits of the programme for primary school children as a valuable contribution to pupils' education and self-esteem and to help close the attainment gap.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

No. 61, Thursday 12 January 2017

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. Marie Curie Report on Challenging Inequities in Palliative Care: The Parliament debated S5M-2197 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament welcomes the Marie Curie report, *Enough for everyone – Challenging inequities in palliative care*, which highlights the findings of a seminar held on 15 September 2016; notes that the seminar focused on examining some of the barriers certain groups face in accessing palliative care; understands that 11,000 people who need palliative care in Scotland each year are not accessing it, meaning that one in four people who die in Scotland miss out on the palliative care they need; further understands that certain groups of people receive less palliative care than others with a comparable need and that this is now the responsibility of health and social care partnerships; considers that more effort should be made to identify triggers for palliative care in older people, particularly those with frailty; further considers the need for planning, developing and commissioning services to identify and reflect the palliative and end of life care needs of black and Asian people and other ethnic minorities; understands that there is still a lack of data on the level of need for palliative care for LGBT people in Scotland; further understands that people living in socially deprived areas are much less likely to access health and social care services; considers that more research must be done to understand the obstacles to palliative care in socially deprived areas; notes the report's finding of the need for greater recognition of the issues relating to isolation, loneliness and spiritual needs in the delivery of palliative and end of life care; notes the view that more research needs to be done around certain groups who are less likely to access palliative care, and further notes the vision set out in the Scottish Government's *Strategic Framework for Action on Palliative and End of Life Care (2016-2021)* that everyone who needs palliative care in the South Scotland region and across the country has access to it by 2021.

4. 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.

5. SQA, Education Scotland, SDS and SFC – Performance and Role: James Dornan, on behalf of the Education and Culture Committee, moved S5M-3298—That the Parliament notes the evidence received by the Education and Skills Committee in relation to the performance of the Scottish Qualifications Authority, Education Scotland, Skills Development Scotland and the Scottish Funding Council, and particularly concerns raised by teachers, the importance of parliamentary scrutiny of these organisations and of the Scottish Government's Enterprise and Skills Review and Education Governance Review which, combined, will impact on the role of all of these organisations.

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

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3396—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 18 January 2017—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Education and Skills

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering an Enhanced Trauma Network for Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 19 January 2017—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Funding for Rural Development

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Draft Climate Change Plan

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Funding for Rural Development

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 62, Thursday 12 January 2017

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. Marie Curie Report on Challenging Inequities in Palliative Care: The Parliament debated S5M-2197 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament welcomes the Marie Curie report, *Enough for everyone – Challenging inequities in palliative care*, which highlights the findings of a seminar held on 15 September 2016; notes that the seminar focused on examining some of the barriers certain groups face in accessing palliative care; understands that 11,000 people who need palliative care in Scotland each year are not accessing it, meaning that one in four people who die in Scotland miss out on the palliative care they need; further understands that certain groups of people receive less palliative care than others with a comparable need and that this is now the responsibility of health and social care partnerships; considers that more effort should be made to identify triggers for palliative care in older people, particularly those with frailty; further considers the need for planning, developing and commissioning services to identify and reflect the palliative and end of life care needs of black and Asian people and other ethnic minorities; understands that there is still a lack of data on the level of need for palliative care for LGBT people in Scotland; further understands that people living in socially deprived areas are much less likely to access health and social care services; considers that more research must be done to understand the obstacles to palliative care in socially deprived areas; notes the report's finding of the need for greater recognition of the issues relating to isolation, loneliness and spiritual needs in the delivery of palliative and end of life care; notes the view that more research needs to be done around certain groups who are less likely to access palliative care, and further notes the vision set out in the Scottish Government's *Strategic Framework for Action on Palliative and End of Life Care (2016-2021)* that everyone who needs palliative care in the South Scotland region and across the country has access to it by 2021.

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

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3396—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 18 January 2017—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Education and Skills

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering an Enhanced Trauma Network for Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 19 January 2017—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Funding for Rural Development

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Draft Climate Change Plan

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Funding for Rural Development

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 63, Tuesday 17 January 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Maureen Sier, Director, Interfaith Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Protecting Scotland's Interests in Negotiating our Future Relationship with Europe: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-3427—That the Parliament notes the publication on 20 December 2016 by the Scottish Government of *Scotland's Place in Europe*, setting out options for the future of the UK and Scotland's relationship with Europe; understands the detrimental social and economic impact on Scotland and the UK of losing their current place in the European single market; welcomes the options set out in the paper, including on free movement of workers; agrees that the UK as a whole should retain its place in the single market, ensuring rights not just for business but for citizens, and that, in the event that the UK opts to leave the single market, alternative approaches within the UK should be sought that would enable Scotland to retain its place within the single market and the devolution of necessary powers to the Scottish Parliament; agrees that further devolution to the Scottish Parliament is required to mitigate the impact of the UK's decision to leave the EU, and endorses the Scottish Government discussing these proposals with the UK Government in order to secure the protection of Scotland's interests as part of the Article 50 process.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-3427.3 to motion S5M-3427—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3427 in the name of Michael Russell (Protecting Scotland's Interests in Negotiating our Future Relationship with Europe), leave out from "the detrimental" to end and insert "that the whole of the UK, as the member state, will be leaving the EU following the UK-wide EU referendum held on 23 June 2016; recognises that trade within the UK domestic market is four times as important to Scotland compared to trade with the EU's single market; encourages all parties and the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government and other devolved governments in the UK to achieve the best possible negotiated outcome for Scotland and for the UK, and urges the Scottish Government to stop using the outcome of the EU referendum to campaign for Scottish independence."

After debate, amendment S5M-3427.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-3427.1 to motion S5M-3427—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3427 in the name of Michael Russell (Protecting Scotland's Interests in Negotiating our Future Relationship with Europe), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish Government to further engage with the UK Government on arrangements that might apply after the

invocation of Article 50, with a view to maintaining as many as possible of the benefits of the UK's relationship with Europe in any transitional period.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3427.1 was agreed to (DT).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-3427.2 to motion S5M-3427—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3427 in the name of Michael Russell (Protecting Scotland's Interests in Negotiating our Future Relationship with Europe), leave out from “welcomes the options” to end and insert “regrets that the paper does not countenance the UK remaining a full member of the EU; considers that voting for a departure is not the same as voting for a destination; believes that this democratic decision cannot end with a ‘blank-cheque Brexit’ and a deal that nobody voted for being imposed by a Conservative administration still unable to provide any certainty and beset by contradictions, and calls on the UK Government to agree to a referendum on the final terms of Brexit and all of Scotland's MPs in the House of Commons to vote against the triggering of Article 50 unless this is guaranteed.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3427.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 5, Against 117, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 36, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the publication on 20 December 2016 by the Scottish Government of *Scotland's Place in Europe*, setting out options for the future of the UK and Scotland's relationship with Europe; understands the detrimental social and economic impact on Scotland and the UK of losing their current place in the European single market; welcomes the options set out in the paper, including on free movement of workers; agrees that the UK as a whole should retain its place in the single market, ensuring rights not just for business but for citizens, and that, in the event that the UK opts to leave the single market, alternative approaches within the UK should be sought that would enable Scotland to retain its place within the single market and the devolution of necessary powers to the Scottish Parliament; agrees that further devolution to the Scottish Parliament is required to mitigate the impact of the UK's decision to leave the EU; endorses the Scottish Government discussing these proposals with the UK Government in order to secure the protection of Scotland's interests as part of the Article 50 process, and calls on the Scottish Government to further engage with the UK Government on arrangements that might apply after the invocation of Article 50, with a view to maintaining as many as possible of the benefits of the UK's relationship with Europe in any transitional period.

4. Appointment of Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland: Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-3375—That the Parliament agrees, under section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to the appointment of Michael McCormick and Tricia Stewart as Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. A Sea of Opportunity: The Parliament debated S5M-2438 in the name of Stewart Stevenson—That the Parliament commends the Scottish Fishermen’s Federation’s (SFF) A Sea of Opportunity campaign; considers that full control over fishing in the offshore economic zone represents an opportunity to reinvigorate coastal communities; recognises that appropriate conservation measures must also be in place for all fishing activity; welcomes indications that arrangements for ownership and exploitation of existing quota will not be changed to adversely affect existing investments in them; believes that the ownership structures and economic benefits derived from new quota arising from full control of the offshore economic zone must be of value to adjacent communities, and notes calls on all political parties to consider whether they can agree with the SFF that UK fishing interests can best be protected in upcoming negotiations by the lead minister being from Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

No. 64, Wednesday 18 January 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Delivering an Enhanced Trauma Network for Scotland.

3. Retain the HIE Board: Donald Cameron moved S5M-3438—That the Parliament opposes the Scottish Government’s plans to abolish the board of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE); recognises the vital work that HIE carries out for businesses and communities across the Highlands and Islands, and calls on the Scottish Government to reverse this decision and ensure that the HIE board continues to take all strategic, operational and budgetary decisions.

The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved amendment S5M-3438.2 to motion S5M-3438—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3438 in the name of Donald Cameron (Retain the HIE Board), leave out from “opposes” to end and insert “recognises the vital work that Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) carries out for businesses and communities across the Highlands and Islands: welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to retain HIE, its legal status, chief executive, management team, local base and local decision-making powers, and expects that the Governance Review being undertaken by the chair of HIE, Professor Lorne Crerar, and others will provide for the work of HIE to be supported by, and more closely aligned with, the other agencies within the Enterprise and Skills Review to drive the changes needed to further improve the economy of the Highlands and Islands and the rest of Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3438.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-3438.1 to motion S5M-3438—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3438 in the name of Donald Cameron (Retain the HIE Board), insert at end “, and recognises the impact that the Scottish Government’s plans for centralisation will have on HIE’s unique social remit.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3438.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament opposes the Scottish Government’s plans to abolish the board of Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE); recognises the vital work that HIE carries out for businesses and communities across the Highlands and Islands; calls on the Scottish Government to reverse this decision and ensure that the HIE board continues to take all strategic, operational and budgetary decisions, and recognises the impact that the Scottish Government’s plans for centralisation will have on HIE’s unique social remit.

4. Health: Brian Whittle moved S5M-3440—That the Parliament believes that health inequalities are a serious problem in Scotland; considers that preventative health measures could reduce the pressures placed on the NHS; notes the BMA’s opinion that “prevention requires interventions that are essentially non-medical if the differences in health and wellbeing are to be reduced”; understands that education and early years intervention are key to improving Scotland’s health, and believes that enabling people to have an active lifestyle and make healthy choices will reduce both health inequalities and preventable health problems.

Aileen Campbell moved amendment S5M-3440.4 to motion S5M-3440—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3440 in the name of Brian Whittle (Health), insert at end “; believes that the forthcoming Scottish Government strategy on diet and obesity will be strengthened from contributions across the Parliament, and welcomes that the new strategy will be subject to consultation in 2017 to ensure that it is informed by the best evidence from across Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3440.4 was agreed to (DT).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-3440.1 to motion S5M-3440—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3440 in the name of Brian Whittle (Health), insert at end “; further believes that tackling health inequalities requires well-resourced local services; considers that the Scottish Government’s £327 million of cuts to local council budgets will only further increase health inequalities rather than tackle them, and believes that it should use its tax powers to stop these damaging cuts in the Scottish budget.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3440.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that health inequalities are a serious problem in Scotland; considers that preventative health measures could reduce the pressures placed on the NHS; notes the BMA’s opinion that “prevention requires interventions that are essentially non-medical if the differences in health and wellbeing are to be reduced”; understands that education and early years intervention are key to improving Scotland’s health; believes that enabling people to have an active lifestyle and make healthy choices will reduce both health inequalities and preventable health problems; believes that the forthcoming Scottish Government strategy on diet and obesity will be strengthened from

contributions across the Parliament, and welcomes that the new strategy will be subject to consultation in 2017 to ensure that it is informed by the best evidence from across Scotland.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3457—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 January 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Draft Scottish Energy Strategy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Forestry in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 January 2017

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 26 January 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Hate Crime

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Scotland's Planning: Improving Scotland's Places

followed by Legislative Consent Memorandum: UK Children and Social Work Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 January 2017

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 1 February 2017

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 2 February 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3458—That the Parliament agrees that—

Bill Bowman be appointed to replace Liam Kerr as a member of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee; and

Liam Kerr be appointed to replace Dean Lockhart on the Finance and Constitution Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. 30th Anniversary of Workers' Occupation of Caterpillar Plant in Tannochside: The Parliament debated S5M-2865 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament celebrates what it sees as the courageous stance taken by workers at the Caterpillar Plant in Tannochside who staged a 103-day occupation in defence of jobs, beginning on 14 January 1987; recognises the support given to the occupation by the labour and trades union movement across the UK and internationally; regrets the decision of the company to seek an eviction notice from the courts; notes that this action by the workers resulted in improved pay-offs for the workforce, and believes that this occupation serves as a reminder of the value of workers standing together in the common interest against corporate greed.

9. 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 6.37 pm.

No. 65, Thursday 19 January 2017

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. Closure of Glasgow Jobcentres:** The Parliament debated S5M-2971 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that eight jobcentres in Glasgow are facing closure, including in Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn; believes that the closure of these jobcentres would have a devastating impact on jobseekers who rely on the service, and would be incompatible with the ambition of supporting people into work, and further believes that the social security system should have dignity and respect at its heart.
- 4. Motion Without Notice:** Bob Doris 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 the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on the Draft Climate Change Plan.
- 6. The Future of Funding for Rural Development:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-3463—That the Parliament acknowledges the importance of public funding for rural development to help drive forward Scotland's rural economy and continue to carry out works to protect and enhance the natural environment; notes the significant contribution made by EU funding and welcomes the continuation of that funding until 2020; regrets that the current UK Government has failed to provide Scotland with its fair share of funding for rural interests; is concerned at recent statements by UK ministers on their intentions for future funding for rural development; notes the substantial potential adverse impact that such changes could have on rural Scotland after 2020; is further concerned at UK ministers' apparent desire to create a UK-wide policy approach on devolved rural matters without consultation with, or the agreement of, the Scottish Parliament and Scottish ministers, and resolves to continue to make the case for fair funding for rural development in Scotland that best meets its needs and interests and to ensure that the current devolution settlement is enhanced through repatriation of appropriate powers and the devolution of additional powers to protect rural Scotland's interests.

Peter Chapman moved amendment S5M-3463.3 to motion S5M-3463—

As an amendment to motion S5M-03463 in the name of Fergus Ewing (The Future of Funding for Rural Development), leave out from "continuation" to end and insert "UK Government's continuation of that funding until 2020; further notes the opportunity to cut bureaucracy and red tape on leaving the EU; welcomes the chance to design an agricultural support system more suited to

domestic needs, rather than those of the whole of the EU; understands that the UK Government is committed to working with the devolved administrations regarding the UK's exit from the EU; recognises NFU Scotland's view that significantly divergent agricultural policies across the UK could lead to distortion in agricultural markets, and recognises the uncertainty that delayed CAP payments by the Scottish Government has caused the agricultural sector."

After debate, amendment S5M-3463.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-3463.1 to motion S5M-3463—

As an amendment to motion S5M-03463 in the name of Fergus Ewing (The Future of Funding for Rural Development), leave out from "is further concerned" to end and insert "understands that the UK Government will require to draw up trade agreements with the EU and other countries; welcomes that it will consult widely with producers throughout the UK on this; urges it to also work with the devolved governments to ensure that the differing needs of all of devolved nations are met; believes that devolved powers over policy should not be centralised and, where powers are repatriated from the EU, should be devolved in line with the Scotland Act 1998, and further believes that producers will continue to require support and that this should be distributed fairly, taking into account natural and geographical disadvantage in order to create a level playing field for all producers in the UK, and to ensure that appropriate funding is available to support farmers, land managers and rural communities to meet biodiversity and climate change targets."

After debate, amendment S5M-3463.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 0, Abstentions 31).

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S5M-3463.2 to motion S5M-3463—

As an amendment to motion S5M-03463 in the name of Fergus Ewing (The Future of Funding for Rural Development), insert at end ", and calls on ministers to establish an independent group involving relevant stakeholders to provide advice as to the principles and policies that should underpin options for appropriate rural support beyond 2020, and, in the intervening period, provide as much certainty and information as possible to farmers, crofters and the wider rural economy."

After debate, amendment S5M-3463.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 119, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the importance of public funding for rural development to help drive forward Scotland's rural economy and continue to carry out works to protect and enhance the natural environment; notes the significant contribution made by EU funding and welcomes

the continuation of that funding until 2020; regrets that the current UK Government has failed to provide Scotland with its fair share of funding for rural interests; is concerned at recent statements by UK ministers on their intentions for future funding for rural development; notes the substantial potential adverse impact that such changes could have on rural Scotland after 2020; understands that the UK Government will require to draw up trade agreements with the EU and other countries; welcomes that it will consult widely with producers throughout the UK on this; urges it to also work with the devolved governments to ensure that the differing needs of all of devolved nations are met; believes that devolved powers over policy should not be centralised and, where powers are repatriated from the EU, should be devolved in line with the Scotland Act 1998; further believes that producers will continue to require support and that this should be distributed fairly, taking into account natural and geographical disadvantage in order to create a level playing field for all producers in the UK, and to ensure that appropriate funding is available to support farmers, land managers and rural communities to meet biodiversity and climate change targets, and calls on ministers to establish an independent group involving relevant stakeholders to provide advice as to the principles and policies that should underpin options for appropriate rural support beyond 2020, and, in the intervening period, provide as much certainty and information as possible to farmers, crofters and the wider rural economy.

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

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

No. 66, Tuesday 24 January 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Jessica Reid and Callum Docherty, pupils at Braes High School, Reddingmuirhead, Falkirk, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3602—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 24 January 2017—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Developing Forestry in Scotland

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on ScotRail Performance Improvement Plan

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 25 January 2017—

after

followed by Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Supreme Court Judgement on Triggering of Article 50

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed.

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on the Draft Scottish Energy Strategy.

5. Developing Forestry in Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-3573—That the Parliament acknowledges the contribution that woods and forests make to Scotland’s people, communities, economy and environment; notes ministers’ intention to complete the devolution of forestry so that its management in Scotland is fully accountable to ministers and to the Parliament; welcomes the future increase in the Scottish Government’s annual target to create 15,000 hectares of woodland per year; recognises that forestry has an important role to play in achieving Scotland’s climate targets, and calls on the Scottish Government to take effective action in order to deliver the target and maintain the National Forest Estate as an asset for the nation.

Peter Chapman moved amendment S5M-3573.1 to motion S5M-3573—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3573 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Developing Forestry in Scotland), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “recognises the importance of retaining local expertise and cross-border joint working and urges that the end result of this process is not needless centralisation; welcomes the future increase in the Scottish Government’s annual target to create 15,000 hectares of woodland per year, but notes that it is not meeting current, lower targets; recognises that forestry has an important role to play in achieving Scotland’s climate targets; calls on the Scottish Government to take effective action in order to deliver the target and maintain the National Forest Estate as an asset for the nation, and recognises that forestry is a long-term project that requires a long-term vision for a thriving sector.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3573.1 was agreed to (DT).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-3573.2 to motion S5M-3573—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3573 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Developing Forestry in Scotland), insert at end “; recognises the opportunities that forestry provides for community action and in tackling climate change; notes the importance of cross-border working to tackle issues of research and development and disease prevention in any proposed structure; welcomes the recommendations in the report, *Analysis of Current Arrangements for the Consideration and Approval of Forestry Planting Proposals* (Mackinnon report), after a series of failed planting targets; encourages the new strategy to take account of the diversification of forest land use into areas such as recreation and leisure; notes serious concerns about the need for more robust deer management, and recognises the importance of a strong transport infrastructure for forestry products through continuing to support the Timber Support Fund.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3573.2 was agreed to (DT).

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-3573.3 to motion S5M-3573—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3573 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Developing Forestry in Scotland), leave out from “calls on” to end and insert “; further recognises that forestry expansion should form part of the land reform agenda to increase social and co-operative forest ownership, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward proposals for reform of the governance of the National Forest Estate to enable a wider range of bodies to manage it.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3573.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 4, Against 86, Abstentions 18).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the contribution that woods and forests make to Scotland’s people, communities, economy and environment; notes ministers’ intention to complete the devolution of forestry so that its management in Scotland is fully accountable to ministers and to the Parliament; recognises the importance of retaining local expertise and cross-border joint working and urges that the end result of this process is not needless centralisation; welcomes the future increase in the Scottish Government’s annual target to create 15,000 hectares of woodland per year, but notes that it is not meeting current, lower targets; recognises that forestry has an important role to play in achieving Scotland’s climate targets; calls on the Scottish Government to take effective action in order to deliver the target and maintain the National Forest Estate as an asset for the nation; recognises that forestry is a long-term project that requires a long-term vision for a thriving sector; recognises the opportunities that forestry provides for community action and in tackling climate change; notes the importance of cross-border working to tackle issues of research and development and disease prevention in any proposed structure; welcomes the recommendations in the report, *Analysis of Current Arrangements for the Consideration and Approval of Forestry Planting Proposals* (Mackinnon report), after a series of failed planting targets; encourages the new strategy to take account of the diversification of forest land use into areas such as recreation and leisure; notes serious concerns about the need for more robust deer management, and recognises the importance of a strong transport infrastructure for forestry products through continuing to support the Timber Support Fund.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Update on ScotRail Performance Improvement Plan.

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

8. World Cancer Day, an Opportunity to Tackle Obesity: The Parliament debated S5M-3275 in the name of Donald Cameron—That the Parliament notes that 4 February 2017 marks World Cancer Day; understands that it is estimated that one-in-two people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives; notes that

Cancer Research UK highlights that four-in-ten cancers are preventable and that obesity, after smoking, is the single biggest cause of preventable cancer in Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands region, and that it is linked to 13 types of cancer; understands that figures show that two thirds of adults and over one quarter of children in Scotland are now overweight or obese; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to take bold action in its new diet and obesity strategy to help tackle the problem; considers that tackling obesity would help to “scale down cancer”, and notes that MSPs can show their support for World Cancer Day through the wearing of its unity band.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm.

No. 67, Wednesday 25 January 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on UK Supreme Court Judgement on Triggering of Article 50.
- 3. Scottish Budget:** Alex Rowley moved S5M-3576—That the Parliament does not support the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18 in its current form.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S5M-3576.4 to motion S5M-3576—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3576 in the name of Alex Rowley (Scottish Budget), leave out from “does” to end and insert “notes that the Budget Bill will be introduced to the Parliament on 26 January 2017 and that it will then be subject to a three-stage Parliamentary scrutiny process; accepts that government amendments to the budget reflecting the outcome of discussions with other parties can be made at any time during that scrutiny process, and agrees that constructive discussions on the 2017-18 budget are continuing between the Scottish Government and other political parties with the objective of securing Parliamentary support for it.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3576.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 58, Abstentions 5).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-3576.1 to motion S5M-3576—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3576 in the name of Alex Rowley (Scottish Budget), insert at end “, and considers that families and businesses in Scotland should not be taxed more than those elsewhere in the UK.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3576.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-3576.2 to motion S5M-3576—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3576 in the name of Alex Rowley (Scottish Budget), insert at end “, and believes that changes to income tax policy must be made, both in order to raise revenue to protect public services, and to reduce income inequality in Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3576.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-3576.3 to motion S5M-3576—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3576 in the name of Alex Rowley (Scottish Budget), insert “, and believes that the budget requires changes to support the long-term Scottish economy through additional investment in school education and colleges, new mental health services and transport links to the northern isles, and additional investment in Police Scotland to mitigate the failure of the centralisation programme.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3576.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 5, Against 121, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 63, Abstentions 0); motion disagreed to on casting vote.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3603—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 January 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating Our Past: Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology
followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Gender Balance on the Parliamentary Bureau and SPCB
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 February 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Communities, Social Security and Equalities
followed by Ministerial Statement: Review of Legal Aid
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Prevention and Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation and all Other Forms of so-called Honour-based Violence
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 February 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill 2017-18
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 February 2017

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 8 February 2017

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 9 February 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

5. Parliamentary Bureau Motions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3604—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 Digital Economy Bill (UK legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. Celebrating Burns and the Scots Language: The Parliament debated S5M-3351 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament welcomes the annual celebration of Scotland’s national poet, Robert Burns, which is held on 25 January each year to mark the Bard’s birthday; considers that Burns was one of the greatest poets and that his work has influenced thinkers across the world; notes that Burns’ first published collection, *Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*, also known as the “Kilmarnock Edition”, published in 1786, did much to popularise and champion the Scots language, and considers that this is one of his most important legacies; believes that the celebration of Burns Night is an opportunity to raise awareness of the cultural significance of Scots and its status as one of the indigenous languages of Scotland, and further believes in the importance of the writing down of the Scots language to ensure its continuation through written documentation, as well as oral tradition.

The member has provided the following translation in Scots:

That the Pairlament walcomes the annual celebration o Scotland’s national makar, Robert Burns, whilk is haudit oan January 25th ilka year tae mark the Bard’s birthday; conseeders that Burns waes ane o the greatest makars, an that his wark haes influenced thinkers the warld o’er; notes that Burns’ first setten furth collection, *Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect*, kent tae as the “Kilmarnock Edition”, setten furth in 1786, did muckle tae mak better kent an tae forder the Scots leid, an conseeders that this bides among his maist important legacies; believes that the celebration o Burns Nicht is an opportunity tae heize fowk’s kennin o the cultural significance o Scots an its status as ane o the indigenous leids o Scotland, an believes forby in the importance o the scribing doon o the Scots leid fur tae mak siccar its bidin throu scrievit documentation, as weel as oral tradeetion.

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 6.41 pm.

No. 68, Thursday 26 January 2017

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. Holocaust Memorial Day 2017: The Parliament debated S5M-3204 in the name of Jackson Carlaw—That the Parliament recognises that 27 January 2017 marks Holocaust Memorial Day; believes that the day should serve as an opportunity for learning institutions, faith groups and communities across Scotland, including in Eastwood, to remember the six million men, women and children murdered by the Nazi regime in occupied Europe; notes that the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 is “How can life go on?”; understands that this theme aims to look at the aftermath of the Holocaust, subsequent acts of genocide and the challenging questions that such actions continue to raise for individuals, communities and nations about their responsibilities in the wake of such criminal acts; values the Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz project, which gives two post-16 students from every school and college in Scotland the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; celebrates the Holocaust survivors who subsequently made Scotland their home and thanks them for their contribution to Scotland as a nation, and recommits to ensuring that anti-Semitism in all its forms is challenged without fear or favour.

4. Motion Without Notice: Jackson Carlaw 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 Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Hate Crime.

6. Improving Scotland's Planning: Improving Scotland's Places: The Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-3612—That the Parliament recognises that improving Scotland's planning process will require making the planning system more plan-led and accessible, increasing the influence of local people on decisions about the future of their communities and ensuring the delivery of the high quality homes and infrastructure that Scotland needs; agrees that, together with developing skills, smarter resourcing and digital transformation of the planning service, as well as removing any unnecessary procedures and practices that do not add value, planners can focus on delivering great places for people to live and work, and notes the publication of *Places, people and planning: A consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system*, which includes steps being taken to ensure that the planning system plays a proactive and positive role in attracting investment and creating great places in Scotland.

Graham Simpson moved amendment S5M-3612.1 to motion S5M-3612—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3612 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Improving Scotland's Planning: Improving Scotland's Places), leave out from "which includes" to end and insert "and urges the Scottish Government to put greater emphasis on protecting green spaces in its final proposals, noting their importance to the environment, quality of life, health and wellbeing."

After debate, amendment S5M-3612.1 was agreed to (DT).

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-3612.4 to motion S5M-3612—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3612 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Improving Scotland's Planning: Improving Scotland's Places), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "believes that the central purpose of the planning system is to regulate the use of land in the public interest; values transparency, efficiency and openness in all aspects of the system and welcomes steps to improve the experience of all interested parties, including applicants, developers and communities; notes the publication of *Places, people and planning – a consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system*, which includes steps being taken to ensure that the planning system plays a proactive and positive role in attracting investment and creating great places and homes in which to live in Scotland; believes that the operation of the statutory planning system has been undermined by cuts to local government; recognises concerns about the barriers facing individuals and communities to fully engage in the planning process, despite a shift towards frontloading, and notes their limited rights to challenge decisions, and believes that reforming the system is an opportunity to put communities and people at the heart of decision-making and that the proposed planning bill presents an opportunity to help tackle inequality and improve public health."

After debate, amendment S5M-3612.4 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 57, Abstentions 27).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 19, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that improving Scotland's planning process will require making the planning system more plan-led and accessible, increasing the influence of local people on decisions about the future of their communities and ensuring the delivery of the high quality homes and infrastructure that Scotland needs; agrees that, together with developing skills, smarter resourcing and digital transformation of the planning service, as well as removing any unnecessary procedures and practices that do not add value, planners can focus on delivering great places for people to live and work; notes the publication of *Places, people and planning: A consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system*, and urges the Scottish Government to put greater emphasis on protecting green spaces in its final proposals, noting their importance to the environment, quality of life, health and wellbeing.

7. Children and Social Work Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-3461—That the Parliament agrees

that amendments to the Children and Social Work Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 7 December 2016, which relate to the cross-border placement of children in secure accommodation, so far as these provisions fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3706—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 31 January 2017—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government response to the Independent Review of the circumstances surrounding the death of Bailey Gwynne

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

No. 69, Tuesday 31 January 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mr Ron McLaren, Chair, Humanism in 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 Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government response to the Independent Review of the circumstances surrounding the death of Bailey Gwynne.

4. Celebrating Our Past: Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-3748—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that Scotland's Themed Years play in celebrating and promoting some of its greatest assets; welcomes the 2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and the opportunities that it provides to celebrate Scotland's rich and vibrant history and heritage with the people of Scotland and visitors alike, and acknowledges the social, cultural and economic benefits that can be realised by harnessing the opportunities offered by the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology to raise the profile of Scotland, both nationally and internationally, as a world-class tourism destination.

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S5M-3748.2 to motion S5M-3748—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3748 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Celebrating Our Past: Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology), insert at end “; commends the leading role that VisitScotland is playing alongside other partners in promoting Scotland in the year of History, Heritage and Archaeology, and encourages the Scottish Government to ensure that tourism and development agencies are adequately funded and resourced.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3748.2 was agreed to (DT).

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-3748.1 to motion S5M-3748—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3748 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Celebrating Our Past: Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology), insert at end “, and considers that adequate funding of local authorities, Historic Environment Scotland and other relevant agencies will be essential to maintain the quality and accessibility of museums, galleries and heritage sites in 2017 and beyond.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3748.1 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that Scotland's Themed Years play in celebrating and promoting some of its greatest assets; welcomes the 2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and the opportunities that it provides to celebrate Scotland's rich and vibrant history and heritage with the people of Scotland and visitors alike; acknowledges the social, cultural and economic benefits that can be realised by harnessing the opportunities offered by the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology to raise the profile of Scotland, both nationally and internationally, as a world-class tourism destination; commends the leading role that VisitScotland is playing alongside other partners in promoting Scotland in the year of History, Heritage and Archaeology; encourages the Scottish Government to ensure that tourism and development agencies are adequately funded and resourced, and considers that adequate funding of local authorities, Historic Environment Scotland and other relevant agencies will be essential to maintain the quality and accessibility of museums, galleries and heritage sites in 2017 and beyond.

5. Gender Balance on the Parliamentary Bureau and SPCB: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-3514—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 1st Report 2017 (Session 5), *Gender balance on the Parliamentary Bureau and SPCB* (SP Paper 58), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 2 February 2017.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3777—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 2 February 2017—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill 2017-18

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Ferry Services

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill 2017-18

The motion was agreed to.

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

8. Scotland's Veterans: The Parliament debated S5M-2578 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report by the

Scottish Veterans Commissioner, *The Veterans Community: Employability, Skills and Learning*; understands that the study looks at the crucial issue of veterans' employability and makes recommendations that both seek to promote the skills, experience and attributes of veterans more vigorously and remove barriers to civilian employment; acknowledges that this is the third report published by the commissioner; understands that the commissioner believes that there is an increasingly enlightened attitude towards ex-military personnel, and welcomes the part that it hopes this report can play in the formulation of policy pertaining to skills, training and employment for veterans in Angus South and across the country

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

No. 70, Wednesday 1 February 2017

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. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on a Review of Legal Aid.

3. Prevention and Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation and all Other Forms of so-called Honour-based Violence: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-3761—That the Parliament recognises 6 February as the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM); is clear that FGM, along with all other forms of violence perpetrated against women under the guise of gender, culture or religion, so-called honour-based violence, is a violation of the human rights of women and girls; acknowledges that a preventative, supportive and legislative approach is crucial to tackling, preventing and eradicating FGM; recognises that communities and individuals affected by honour-based violence must be at the heart of work to effect significant social, cultural and attitudinal change over the long term, and welcomes the positive engagement and ongoing partnership approach across the police, NHS, education, social services, third sector and community-based organisations, in taking forward the actions from Scotland’s National Action Plan to Prevent and Eradicate FGM.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-3761.1 to motion S5M-3761—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3761 in the name of Angela Constance (Prevention and Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation and all Other Forms of so-called Honour-based Violence), insert at end “, and recognises the international work of the UK Government, which has allocated £35 million to reduce FGM by 30% in 17 countries across Africa.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3761.1 was agreed to (DT).

Mary Fee moved amendment S5M-3761.2 to motion S5M-3761—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3761 in the name of Angela Constance (Prevention and Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation and all Other Forms of so-called Honour-based Violence), after “long term” insert “; further recognises that faith leaders of communities potentially affected by FGM and so-called honour-based violence have a role to play in working to change cultural attitudes”.

After debate, amendment S5M-3761.2 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises 6 February as the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM); is clear that FGM, along with all other forms of violence perpetrated against women under the guise of gender, culture or religion, so-called honour-based violence, is a violation of the human rights of women and girls; acknowledges that a preventative, supportive and legislative approach is crucial to tackling, preventing and eradicating FGM; recognises that communities and individuals affected by honour-based violence must be at the heart of work to effect significant social, cultural and attitudinal change over the long term; further recognises that faith leaders of communities potentially affected by FGM and so-called honour-based violence have a role to play in working to change cultural attitudes; welcomes the positive engagement and ongoing partnership approach across the police, NHS, education, social services, third sector and community-based organisations, in taking forward the actions from Scotland's National Action Plan to Prevent and Eradicate FGM, and recognises the international work of the UK Government, which has allocated £35 million to reduce FGM by 30% in 17 countries across Africa.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3780—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 February 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of the Jobcentre Plus Network in Scotland

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Appointment of Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

followed by Legislative Consent Memorandum: Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 February 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;

Finance and the Constitution

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy: 2016-2026

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 February 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Patient Safety Programme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 February 2017

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 22 February 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Rural Economy and Connectivity;
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 23 February 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3778—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 12 May 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Variation of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3779—That the Parliament agrees that, subject to its agreement to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) Bill, for the purposes of consideration of the Bill at stage 2, in Rule 9.10.2 of Standing Orders—

- the word “third” be substituted for the word “fourth” in both places where it occurs, and
- “16:30” be substituted for “12:00”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. WASPI Campaign: The Parliament debated S5M-3344 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament acknowledges what it considers the injustice facing women affected by the acceleration of the increase in the state pension age; welcomes the Landman Economics report on the impact of the changes to pension arrangements for women born in the 1950s, which identifies an affordable solution that would slow down that increase in order to give adequate time for women in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency and across Scotland who are affected to make alternative arrangements, and notes the calls on the UK Government to work with Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) to explore transitional protection for those affected.

9. 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 5.59 pm.

No. 71, Thursday 2 February 2017

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. The Awards for Valour (Protection) Bill:** The Parliament debated S5M-3302 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the Parliament notes the view that people in North East Scotland and across the country who falsely wear medals claiming to have earned them deserve punishment; understands that a survey suggested that almost two thirds of members of the forces' community had personally come across people wearing medals or insignia awarded to someone else; notes the Awards for Valour (Protection) Bill, which has been introduced in the House of Commons by Gareth Johnston MP as a private member's bill; understands that this aims to give adequate protection to close family members of service personnel who have died or been injured and to allow them to wear their decorations at special commemorations, effectively on the family member's behalf, and notes the calls for MPs of all parties to vote for the bill.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Ferry Services.
- 5. Budget (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-3768—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) Bill.

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S5M-3768.1 to motion S5M-3768—

As an amendment to motion S5M-03768 in the name of Derek Mackay (Budget (Scotland) Bill), insert “, and, in so doing, believes that Scottish income tax rates should be set as follows for 2017-18 to invest in public services: basic rate at 21p above £11,500, higher rate at 41p above £42,385 and additional rate at 50p above £150,000.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3768.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 103, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

- 6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3839—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 7 February 2017—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of the Jobcentre Plus Network in Scotland
and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Article 50

(b) Wednesday 8 February 2017—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy: 2016-2026

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of the Jobcentre Plus Network in Scotland

(c) Thursday 9 February 2017—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Patient Safety Programme

and insert

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy: 2016-2026

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

No. 72, Tuesday 7 February 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Jack Graham, Minister, Parkhead Congregational Church, Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Article 50:** The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) moved S5M-3858—That the Parliament agrees with all but one of Scotland's MPs that the UK Government's European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill should not proceed, as the UK Government has set out no provision for effective consultation with the devolved administrations on reaching an agreed UK approach to the negotiations on implementing Article 50, has refused to give a guarantee on the position of EU nationals in the UK, has left unanswered a range of detailed questions covering many policy areas regarding the full implications of withdrawal from the single market, and has provided no assurance that a future parliamentary vote on the outcome of the negotiations will be anything other than irrelevant, as withdrawal from the EU follows two years after the invoking of Article 50 if agreement is not reached in the forthcoming negotiations, unless they are prolonged by unanimity.

John Lamont moved amendment S5M-3858.3 to motion S5M-3858—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3858 in the name of Michael Russell (Article 50), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “believes that the Scottish Government should respect the result of the UK-wide EU Referendum; recognises the formation of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) as an effective way of engaging with devolved administrations on implementing Article 50; urges EU countries to give mutual assurances on UK nationals’ right to remain, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government to make the most of the opportunities that leaving the EU presents, to stop using the EU Referendum result as a means of creating division, and to rule out a second independence referendum.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3858.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 92, Abstentions 1).

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-3858.1 to motion S5M-3858—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3858 in the name of Michael Russell (Article 50), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “recognises that a majority in Scotland voted for the UK to remain in the EU, and that a majority also voted for Scotland to remain in the UK; agrees that the UK single market is more important to the Scottish economy than the European single market and therefore that there should be no move to put in place any barriers that would damage Scottish trade with the rest of the UK; believes that many people voted against leaving the EU for the same reasons that they voted to remain in the

UK, in order to secure jobs, opportunities and social and civil rights; believes that the majority of the people of Scotland want to remain inside the UK, with as close a relationship with Europe as possible; agrees there should not be a second Scottish independence referendum; respects the outcome of the EU referendum and accepts that, as a result, the UK will leave the EU; agrees that the UK Government's European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill should not proceed until it has set out detail on the full range of unanswered questions covering many policy areas where its proposals would have a detrimental effect on the jobs and opportunities of people across Scotland; further believes that the UK Government must consult the Scottish Government and other devolved administrations on the process of exiting the EU, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with other devolved administrations on the range of relevant issues, including to protect workers' rights, to ensure that the UK does not become a bargain-basement tax haven, to guarantee legal rights for EU citizens living in the UK and to seek to retain all existing EU tax avoidance and evasion measures post-Brexit."

After debate, amendment S5M-3858.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 102, Abstentions 2).

Ross Greer moved amendment S5M-3858.2 to motion S5M-3858—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3858 in the name of Michael Russell (Article 50), insert at end “; notes the widespread scepticism that an agreement on the future relationship of the UK and EU can be reached within two years; is concerned by the lack of any proposed transitional arrangements until such an agreement is in place, and believes that the decision to proceed with the bill does not respect the majority vote to remain part of the EU that was returned in every council area in Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3858.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72, Against 33, Abstentions 18).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-3858.4 to motion S5M-3858—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3858 in the name of Michael Russell (Article 50), insert at end “; believes that a democratic decision cannot end with a ‘blank cheque-Brexit’ and a deal that nobody voted for being imposed by the UK Conservative administration, and calls for the bill to be rejected unless the UK Government agrees to a referendum on the final terms of Brexit.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3858.4 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 5, Against 119, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 34, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees with all but one of Scotland's MPs that the UK Government's European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill should not proceed, as the UK Government has set out no provision

for effective consultation with the devolved administrations on reaching an agreed UK approach to the negotiations on implementing Article 50, has refused to give a guarantee on the position of EU nationals in the UK, has left unanswered a range of detailed questions covering many policy areas regarding the full implications of withdrawal from the single market, and has provided no assurance that a future parliamentary vote on the outcome of the negotiations will be anything other than irrelevant, as withdrawal from the EU follows two years after the invoking of Article 50 if agreement is not reached in the forthcoming negotiations, unless they are prolonged by unanimity; notes the widespread scepticism that an agreement on the future relationship of the UK and EU can be reached within two years; is concerned by the lack of any proposed transitional arrangements until such an agreement is in place, and believes that the decision to proceed with the bill does not respect the majority vote to remain part of the EU that was returned in every council area in Scotland.

4. Appointment of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Bob Doris, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S5M-3830—That the Parliament nominates Rosemary Agnew to Her Majesty The Queen for appointment as the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman under section 1 of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S5M-3631—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 September 2016, relating to the costs of health service medicines, medical supplies and other related products, and specifically those relating to information powers, 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).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Blackhillock to Kintore Transmission Line: The Parliament debated S5M-3637 in the name of Mike Rumbles—That the Parliament notes the concern that has been expressed by communities in proximity to Scottish and Southern Electricity Network's proposed Blackhillock to Kintore transmission reinforcement regarding the development's potential visual impact; understands that the National Assembly for Wales unanimously passed a motion on 18 January 2017 endorsing the use of underground cables and alternatives to pylons where feasible, with a view to minimising the visual impact of such infrastructure; reiterates what it sees as the need for effective community consultation and the importance of incorporating feedback as a means for addressing such concerns; believes that the outstanding natural beauty of this countryside, for example the area around Bennachie, must be protected, and notes what it considers are the communities' urgent calls for the

existing plans to be the subject of substantial change and mitigation action in order for this to be achieved.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

No. 73, Wednesday 8 February 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. The Future of the Jobcentre Plus Network in Scotland: The Minister for Employability and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-3873—That the Parliament is concerned at the impact that the announced closure of up to 23 Jobcentre Plus sites across Scotland by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) will have on people and communities; recognises the negative outcomes on those who need to access Jobcentre Plus sites that these closures will bring; calls on the DWP to provide more detail on the timing, scope and rationale for these closures, alongside equality impact assessments; believes that the terms of paragraph 58 of the Smith Commission Agreement, which sets out that “the UK and Scottish Government will identify ways to further link services through methods such as co-location wherever possible and establish more formal mechanisms to govern the Jobcentre Plus network in Scotland” should have triggered more meaningful dialogue between the DWP and the Scottish Government on the future of Jobcentre Plus sites in Scotland, and calls on the DWP to halt the closures to allow the Scottish Government to bring forward substantive co-location proposals to save these jobcentres.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-3873.1 to motion S5M-3873—

As an amendment to motion S5M-03873 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (The Future of the Jobcentre Plus Network in Scotland), leave out from “will have” to end and insert “may have on people and communities; calls on the DWP to provide more detail on the timing and scope of these closures, alongside equality impact assessments; believes that the terms of paragraph 58 of the Smith Commission Agreement, which sets out that ‘the UK and Scottish Government will identify ways to further link services through methods such as co-location wherever possible and establish more formal mechanisms to govern the Jobcentre Plus network in Scotland’ should have triggered more meaningful dialogue between the DWP and the Scottish Government; recognises that such dialogue is a two-way process, and calls on the Scottish Government to make plain its proposals as to how Skills Development Scotland or the proposed Scottish social security agency could co-locate or otherwise link with the existing Jobcentre Plus network.”

After debate, amendment S5M-3873.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-3901—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 February 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Review of Maternity and Neonatal Services

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 February 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to Social Security Consultation

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Patient Safety Programme

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Digital Economy Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 February 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 February 2017

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 1 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

 Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;

 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 2 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am	General Questions
12.00 pm	First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm	Members' Business
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm	Scottish Government Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-3902: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Social Housing Charter be approved.

S5M-3904: Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 9.10.2A of Standing Orders be suspended and the following be substituted as alternative provision for the purposes of consideration of the Budget (Scotland) Bill at Stage 3—

“2A. Subject to paragraph 6, where a member of the Scottish Government or a junior Scottish Minister intends to move an amendment to the Budget (Scotland) Bill at Stage 3, that member shall give notice of the amendment by lodging it with the Clerk no later than 16:30 on Friday 10 February 2017. Amendments may be lodged until 16:30 on any day when the office of the Clerk is open.”

S5M-3903: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

S5M-3906: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Farriers (Registration) Bill (UK Legislation).

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

6. The Jimmy Reid Foundation Report, Trident and its Successor

Programme: The Parliament debated S5M-2776 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament welcomes the recent report by the Jimmy Reid Foundation, *Trident and its Successor Programme*, and congratulates its joint-authors, Mike Danson, Karen Gilmore and Geoff Whittam; believes that it succinctly puts the case for non-renewal of Trident; understands that the authors based this on employment diversification and the moral, philosophical, economic and defence case for abandoning any proposal for what the UK Government terms as the successor weapons programme, which it plans to continue at HMNB Faslane/Coulport, and believes that its continued presence would be a threat to Glasgow and the majority of Scotland's population.

7. 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 6.22 pm.

No. 74, Thursday 9 February 2017

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. Barnardo's Scotland, Nurture Week: The Parliament debated S5M-3336 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament welcomes Barnardo's Scotland Nurture Week, which runs from 13 to 19 February 2017; understands that this is a week-long series of events and activities aimed at showcasing the importance of nurture and attachment in child development; notes that Barnardo's works in Inverclyde in partnership with schools and nurseries and takes a unique approach to health and wellbeing by working to embed nurture principles in early years settings and the classroom; further notes that this approach provides wrap-around support to families with the aim of using nurture principles to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people as well as help raise attainment, and notes calls for all parties to come together to support this approach.

4. Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy: 2016-2026: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-3898—That the Parliament values the work of Scotland's social enterprises to reduce disadvantage and inequality through their work with communities and individuals; acknowledges the excellent partnership-working of organisations across the public and third sectors to deliver Scotland's world-leading support for the social enterprise sector; recognises the work of the many committed individuals who embrace this more inclusive way of doing business and who work together to find new avenues towards social improvement; notes the ambitions of the Scottish Government and social enterprise sector over the next 10 years, as set out in *Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy 2016-26*, which focuses on the three priorities of stimulating the sector, developing stronger organisations and realising market opportunities; supports the Scottish Government's commitment to the internationalisation of the social enterprise sector, and looks forward to 2018, when Edinburgh will again host the international Social Enterprise World Forum, marking 10 years since the inaugural event in Scotland.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-3898.2 to motion S5M-3898—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3898 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy 2016-26), after "social improvement" insert "; acknowledges that the Scottish public sector now has the legal framework and, if it chooses to do so, can revolutionise the way it contracts goods and services from social enterprises; looks forward to the development of a robust, cost-effective, accessible and independently verifiable social impact measurement tool; recognises the preventative spend impact of social enterprises and notes that more work must be done to fully understand this in relation to the innovation of public sector services".

After debate, amendment S5M-3898.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 95, Against 12, Abstentions 0).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-3898.1 to motion S5M-3898—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3898 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy 2016-26), after "market opportunities" insert "; welcomes the role that social enterprise can play in rebuilding the economy and creating new forms of local ownership in energy, land and the mainstream economy; is concerned that cuts to local government and enterprise agency budgets may lead to pressure to reduce the level of support for social enterprise; believes that, in order to develop, effectively deliver and monitor the new social enterprise strategy, the Scottish Government should set clear targets, timescales, actions and resources for all aspects of the strategy and report regularly to the Parliament on how these are being met".

After debate, amendment S5M-3898.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-3898.3 to motion S5M-3898—

As an amendment to motion S5M-3898 in the name of Angela Constance (Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy 2016-26), after "Parliament" insert "believes that social enterprises, cooperatives and employee-owned businesses should be at the heart of the economy, challenging the status quo of current business models that do not put people before profit; agrees that government support for businesses must be conditional on the delivery of social and environmental goods such as the living wage, environmental responsibility, the recognition of trade unions and equal pay;".

After debate, amendment S5M-3898.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 32, Abstentions 59).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament values the work of Scotland's social enterprises to reduce disadvantage and inequality through their work with communities and individuals; acknowledges the excellent partnership-working of organisations across the public and third sectors to deliver Scotland's world-leading support for the social enterprise sector; recognises the work of the many committed individuals who embrace this more inclusive way of doing business and who work together to find new avenues towards social improvement; acknowledges that the Scottish public sector now has the legal framework and, if it chooses to do so, can revolutionise the way it contracts goods and services from social enterprises; looks forward to the development of a robust, cost-effective, accessible and independently verifiable social impact measurement tool; recognises the preventative spend impact of social enterprises and notes that more work must be done to fully understand this in relation to the innovation of public sector services; notes the ambitions of the Scottish Government and social enterprise sector over the next 10 years, as set out in *Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy 2016-26*, which

focuses on the three priorities of stimulating the sector, developing stronger organisations and realising market opportunities; supports the Scottish Government's commitment to the internationalisation of the social enterprise sector, and looks forward to 2018, when Edinburgh will again host the international Social Enterprise World Forum, marking 10 years since the inaugural event in Scotland.

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

No. 75, Tuesday 21 February 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Right Reverend Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4157—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 21 February 2017—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Review of Maternity and Neonatal Services

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Support for Business and the Economy

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Health and Sport (Aileen Campbell) made a statement and answered questions on the National Review of Maternity and Neonatal Services.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Support for Business and the Economy.

5. Scottish Rate Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-3912—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 2017-18 are as follows—

(a) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income up to a Scottish basic rate limit of £31,500,

(b) a Scottish higher rate of 40%, charged on income above that Scottish basic rate limit and up to a Scottish higher rate limit of £150,000, and

(c) a Scottish additional rate of 45%, charged on income above that Scottish higher rate limit.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 61, Against 55, Abstentions 6).

6. Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-3889—That the Parliament supports the recommendation of the Finance and Constitution Committee that the Scottish Government nominations to the commission be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4083—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 22 February 2017—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Patient Safety Programme

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: MND: Gordon's Fightback

The motion was agreed to.

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

9. LGBT History Month Scotland 2017: The Parliament debated S5M-3713 in the name of Annie Wells—That the Parliament celebrates and raises awareness of LGBT History Month Scotland 2017; notes that the nationwide event, which is coordinated by LGBT Youth Scotland, takes place in February each year and is aimed at promoting equality and diversity in society with the specific goals of increasing the visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their lives, history and experiences in educational, political and cultural institutions as well as the wider community; recognises the importance of raising awareness of the issues effecting LGBTI+ people so that every individual reaches their full potential and leads a fulfilling life, and notes that LGBT Youth Scotland is encouraging as many people as possible to get involved in the full programme of events, which will be delivered by a wide range of people, partners, community groups, schools, universities, colleges and local authorities.

The meeting closed at 6.06 pm.

No. 76, Wednesday 22 February 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. 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.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government Response to Social Security Consultation.
- 3. MND: Gordon's Fightback:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S5M-4122—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of Gordon Aikman in improving care, services and research in Motor Neurone Disease (MND); pays tribute to his work to raise awareness of MND and the challenges faced by those who live with debilitating neurological conditions; recognises the many committed individuals who continue to work on improving quality of life for people who live with MND, and believes that the legacy of Gordon's Fightback campaign will bring benefit and comfort to the lives of people with MND, and their loved ones, for many years to come.

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S5M-4122.1 to motion S5M-4122—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4122 in the name of Shona Robison (MND, Gordon's Fightback), insert at end “; recognises that MND is a terminal illness for which there is no cure, and believes that there is every possibility that a cure could be found by ground-breaking clinicians and researchers in Scotland, working collaboratively with experts across the globe.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4122.1 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of Gordon Aikman in improving care, services and research in Motor Neurone Disease (MND); pays tribute to his work to raise awareness of MND and the challenges faced by those who live with debilitating neurological conditions; recognises the many committed individuals who continue to work on improving quality of life for people who live with MND; believes that the legacy of Gordon's Fightback campaign will bring benefit and comfort to the lives of people with MND, and their loved ones, for many years to come; recognises that MND is a terminal illness for which there is no cure, and believes that there is every possibility that a cure could be found by ground-breaking clinicians and researchers in Scotland, working collaboratively with experts across the globe.

- 4. Digital Economy Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-3925—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Digital Economy Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 5 July 2016, relating to the Scottish Ministers laying down

fees and rules for the Lands Tribunal for Scotland in cases concerning the Electronic Communications Code and Part 5 (Digital government), 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.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4161— That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 February 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee Debate: Report on the Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;

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 2 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Child Protection Improvement Programme

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Patient Safety Programme

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Criminal Finances Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 March 2017

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 8 March 2017

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 9 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-4162: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4163: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

8. Industrial Strategy for a More Prosperous, Fairer Britain: The Parliament debated S5M-2976 in the name of Colin Beattie—That the Parliament notes the publication of the report, *Industrial Strategy for a more prosperous, fairer Britain*, in August 2016 by the Industrial Communities Alliance; considers that the strategy is a significant step forward in providing a context for debate that acknowledges the demise of Scotland's industrial base where whole sectors, including coal, steel, textiles, shipbuilding and heavy engineering, have disappeared entirely or have been reduced to a shadow of their former selves; regrets the impact on communities in

Midlothian and across Scotland, which it considers have been left behind and now often have to get by on low-paid work in call centres or warehousing, or on benefits as a main source to top up income; considers that a revival of British industry would be especially beneficial to the economies of the Midlands, the north of England, Wales and Scotland; believes that the adoption of an effective industrial strategy would enhance competitiveness and help deliver a high-wage, high-employment economy, and notes the views that the industrial strategy document, with its focus on the economy, manufacturing, trade, procurement, finance, business support, skills, infrastructure, energy costs and research and development, would benefit from a Scottish dimension, with the aim of finding a consensus on how to best address what it considers are significant issues within communities and agreeing on a progressive and sustainable way forward.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

No. 77, Thursday 23 February 2017

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. Co-investment in the UK Oil and Gas Sector: The Parliament debated S5M-2310 in the name of Lewis Macdonald—That the Parliament understands that the number of jobs lost as a result of the downturn in the UK oil and gas sector could be over 120,000 by the end of 2016; considers that the sector is of vital economic interest and cannot be left exclusively to market forces; further considers that the sector needs to have confidence that it can invest for the future; supports the use of Scottish and UK Government borrowing powers to leverage money into the sector, including active consideration of strategic public stakes in infrastructure investment, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to facilitate and take part in discussions with the UK Government, industry and trade unions to create a plan for co-investment that will support jobs, including in the north east, increase confidence and create returns to the public sector.

4. Budget (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-4168—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-4168.2 to motion S5M-4168—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4168 in the name of Derek Mackay (Budget (Scotland) Bill), insert “, but, in so doing, regrets the damage that will be caused to the Scottish economy and public finances by making Scotland the highest taxed part of the UK.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4168.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

No. 78, Tuesday 28 February 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Mohammad Ali Shomali, resident Imam and Director of the Islamic Centre of England, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Report on the Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union: Gordon Lindhurst, on behalf of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, moved S5M-4193—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee's 2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5), *Report on the Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union* (SP Paper 80).

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

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

5. It's OK to Talk. Period.: The Parliament debated S5M-3354 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes that Endometriosis Awareness Week 2017 will run from 6 to 12 March and have the theme, It's OK to Talk. Period.; recognises that the aim of the week is to draw attention to the impact of the condition on the lives of the 10% of women of reproductive age who are living with it, including what it understands is a significant number in both Cunninghame North and across Scotland; believes that it can be exceptionally difficult to diagnose, with the average time for diagnosis after the first symptoms are experienced being 7.5 years; acknowledges that this year's theme was chosen to specifically encourage women and girls to seek medical help if they experience painful, heavy, difficult or irregular periods, as this can be a sign of the condition; appreciates that half of all women with it experience the first symptoms in their teenage years; is aware that it causes physical pain and can lead to infertility and depression; believes that, although endometriosis is the second most common gynaecological condition, there is not enough debate and awareness about it, and notes the view that urgent work is required to see what can be done to achieve both earlier diagnosis and better treatment options for the many women in Scotland and beyond with endometriosis.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

No. 79, Wednesday 1 March 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs and then on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Abolition of the Scottish Funding Council Board: Liz Smith moved S5M-4286—That the Parliament recognises the key role and legal status of the current Scottish Funding Council board with regard to the financial and strategic management of Scotland’s colleges and universities; is deeply concerned by the Scottish Government’s proposals to abolish the board, given the limited evidence and consultation on this proposal; notes the proposals in *The Crerar Review*, which recommend that the Scottish Government should retain the current board; demands that the Scottish Funding Council retains its important functions beyond enterprise and skills, and therefore believes that the Scottish Funding Council must not just be a “delivery board” but also have the powers to act on its own initiative and to challenge government as well as to challenge further and higher education institutions.

The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved amendment S5M-4286.1 to motion S5M-4286—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4286 in the name of Liz Smith (Abolition of the Scottish Funding Council Board), leave out from “key” to end and insert “role played by the Scottish Funding Council as the statutory national body with responsibility for funding for teaching and research in universities and colleges; welcomes the report by Professor Lorne Crerar on governance and notes the conclusions, which will be considered as part of phase two of the Scottish Government’s Enterprise and Skills Review; agrees that the Haldane Principle, which says that decisions about what to spend research funds on should be made by researchers rather than politicians, must remain the foundation of research funding, and further agrees that there continues to be a need for a national body for further and higher education that works within this wider framework for enterprise and skills to allocate funding independently of the Scottish Ministers and to provide government with advice and challenge on issues relating to further and higher education.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4286.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

3. New BBC Scotland Digital Channel: Jackson Carlaw moved S5M-4287—That the Parliament welcomes the decision of the Director-General of the BBC, Lord Hall, to maintain a national UK news bulletin at 6pm on BBC 1; supports the announcement of a new daily BBC Scotland digital channel from Autumn 2018, which demonstrates the willingness and ability of the BBC to both respond positively and adapt to the broadcasting needs of a devolved Scotland within the UK; notes

that the schedule will include an international news hour at its core, together with three hours of comedy, drama and documentary programming; understands that 60% of the schedule will be new commissioning; calls on the BBC to ensure that the new channel is adequately resourced and reflects the traditions and culture of all regions in Scotland; believes that the Scottish Ministers should reinvigorate the structural relationships between Scottish Enterprise, Creative Scotland and the Scottish Government to promote opportunities for the creative arts in film and television generally and the independent sector in particular, and considers that there is a need to act to ensure that, in light of the burgeoning growth in the film and digital television sector and the new studio capacity being developed elsewhere in the UK, new studio capacity is urgently identified and developed in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved amendment S5M-4287.3 to motion S5M-4287—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4287 in the name of Jackson Carlaw (New BBC Scotland Digital Channel), leave out from “maintain” to second “UK” and insert “create a new BBC Scotland TV channel from Autumn 2018, to invest in 80 new journalist posts and to increase funding for BBC Alba; believes that the BBC must have editorial and commissioning independence to determine its output”.

After debate, amendment S5M-4287.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 73, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-4287.4 to motion S5M-4287—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4287 in the name of Jackson Carlaw (New BBC Scotland Digital Channel), insert at end “; welcomes the announcement by the BBC that the creation of a new channel in Scotland will lead to an additional 80 journalist posts, as well as other additional staff; calls for the new investment and jobs in news, radio, TV factual and online services to be distributed equitably across Scotland, reflecting the skills and expertise at existing production centres and ensuring that the country is better reflected to itself and to the wider world; welcomes additional funding for BBC Alba, and calls for appropriate prominence to be given to public service broadcasters, such as BBC Alba and the new BBC Scotland, in electronic programme guides across all providers.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4287.4 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the decision of the Director-General of the BBC, Lord Hall, to create a new BBC Scotland TV channel from Autumn 2018, to invest in 80 new journalist posts and to increase funding for BBC Alba; believes that the BBC must have editorial and commissioning independence to determine its output; notes that the schedule will include an international news hour at its core, together with three hours of comedy, drama and documentary programming; understands that 60% of the schedule will be new

commissioning; calls on the BBC to ensure that the new channel is adequately resourced and reflects the traditions and culture of all regions in Scotland; believes that the Scottish Ministers should reinvigorate the structural relationships between Scottish Enterprise, Creative Scotland and the Scottish Government to promote opportunities for the creative arts in film and television generally and the independent sector in particular; considers that there is a need to act to ensure that, in light of the burgeoning growth in the film and digital television sector and the new studio capacity being developed elsewhere in the UK, new studio capacity is urgently identified and developed in Scotland; welcomes the announcement by the BBC that the creation of a new channel in Scotland will lead to an additional 80 journalist posts, as well as other additional staff; calls for the new investment and jobs in news, radio, TV factual and online services to be distributed equitably across Scotland, reflecting the skills and expertise at existing production centres and ensuring that the country is better reflected to itself and to the wider world; welcomes additional funding for BBC Alba, and calls for appropriate prominence to be given to public service broadcasters, such as BBC Alba and the new BBC Scotland, in electronic programme guides across all providers.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4327—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 March 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

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 9 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Biodiversity

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 March 2017

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 15 March 2017

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 16 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-4328: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Sale of Tobacco (Registration of Moveable Structures and Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4329: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Clinic) Amendment Order 2017 [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. Safe Drive, Stay Alive Project: The Parliament debated S5M-4086 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament recognises the Safe Drive, Stay Alive project, which has been actively educating teenagers and young adults on the

seriousness of complacency, recklessness or dangerous activity behind the wheel; understands that, during the last 11 years, around 40,000 young people from across Forth Valley have attended these events, which are specially crafted and engineered to contribute towards a real reduction in the number of youngsters killed or who have had life-changing injuries in road traffic accidents in the area; believes that, despite these tremendous successes, the project, which has been in Scotland since 2006 and is diligently organised by the Central Safe Drive Group, remains under threat due to ongoing funding issues; notes that all three Central Scotland councils previously funded the show, which it understands costs around £23,000 to put on, however this funding is no longer available due to cuts to local government budgets, with the project experiencing great difficulty in raising funds for 2018; further notes that the Safe Drive, Stay Alive roadshows present to their mainly young audiences the harrowing reality of dangerous driving and the lasting impact that it can have on people, their families and communities; welcomes that members of the emergency services give presentations in their own time based on their personal experiences, and that some of those who have had their lives completely changed after being involved in road accidents also come forward and share their experiences and how they are dealing with debilitating injuries from day to day; understands that the Central Safe Drive Group says that in the years that the project has been running, road deaths in the 16 to 25 age group dropped from an average of 11 between 2006 and 2008 to an astonishing zero count during 2014-15; considers that it is important to maintain zero deaths, and notes the view that active assistance is necessary in any way possible to help sustain the survival of what it sees as this excellent project into the future.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

No. 80, Thursday 2 March 2017

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. Apprenticeship Week: The Parliament debated S5M-3731 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament notes that Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2017 will take place from 6 to 10 March with the theme, Apprenticeships are Changing; understands that it aims to celebrate the benefits that apprenticeships and work-based learning bring to employers and businesses in Coatbridge and across Scotland, with events and activity taking place throughout the week; recognises the achievements made by apprentices and the value they add to the country's workforce; notes that the week supports targets to create 30,000 modern apprenticeship places each year as well as the introduction of foundation and graduate level apprenticeships; notes the encouragement given to members to get involved by visiting an apprenticeship employer or training provider in their area, and wishes success to all of the employers, training providers and apprentices involved in the week's activities.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Mark McDonald) made a statement and answered questions on the Child Protection Improvement Programme.

5. Scottish Patient Safety Programme: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S5M-4324—That the Parliament recognises that the work of the Scottish Patient Safety Programme, which is the first programme of its kind to be implemented on a national basis, is world leading and represents the international benchmark for safe care; notes the efforts of the many staff throughout the NHS in a variety of care settings all over the country to ensure that the people of Scotland can undergo safe and effective treatment; acknowledges the huge challenges that face the NHS in meeting the demands of an ageing population and those of integrating health and social care services, and recognises the role that innovative improvement approaches can play in helping to meet those challenges.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-4324.1 to motion S5M-4324—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4324 in the name of Shona Robison (Scottish Patient Safety Programme), insert at end “; notes that staffing levels are essential to patient safety; believes that, across a range of clinical specialities and across the country, the NHS is facing severe workforce and staffing issues, and therefore believes that to sustain further progress on patient safety, further action on staffing must be a priority.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4324.1 was agreed to (DT).

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-4324.2 to motion S5M-4324—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4324 in the name of Shona Robison (Scottish Patient Safety Programme), insert at end “; thanks Scotland’s health and care staff for all that they do, but understands from listening to the workforce that services are facing a situation in which demand is often outstripping supply, with rising vacancy rates in key areas, key standards missed and a situation that the BMA Scotland has described as being ‘near breaking point’.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4324.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-4324.3 to motion S5M-4324—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4324 in the name of Shona Robison (Scottish Patient Safety Programme), insert at end “, and believes that action to reduce harmful and avoidable incidents would be strengthened by ending the NHS recruitment crisis, following warnings from frontline professionals that shortages pose a risk to patient safety, developing a national falls strategy and delivering a step change in mental health services.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4324.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that the work of the Scottish Patient Safety Programme, which is the first programme of its kind to be implemented on a national basis, is world leading and represents the international benchmark for safe care; notes the efforts of the many staff throughout the NHS in a variety of care settings all over the country to ensure that the people of Scotland can undergo safe and effective treatment; acknowledges the huge challenges that face the NHS in meeting the demands of an ageing population and those of integrating health and social care services; recognises the role that innovative improvement approaches can play in helping to meet those challenges; notes that staffing levels are essential to patient safety; believes that, across a range of clinical specialities and across the country, the NHS is facing severe workforce and staffing issues; therefore believes that to sustain further progress on patient safety, further action on staffing must be a priority; thanks Scotland’s health and care staff for all that they do, but understands from listening to the workforce that services are facing a situation in which demand is often outstripping supply, with rising vacancy rates in key areas, key standards missed and a situation that the BMA Scotland has described as being ‘near breaking point’, and believes that action to reduce harmful and avoidable incidents would be strengthened by ending the NHS recruitment crisis, following warnings from frontline professionals that shortages pose a risk to patient safety, developing a national falls strategy and delivering a step change in mental health services.

6. Criminal Finances Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-3924—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Criminal Finances Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 13 October 2016, relating to amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001, 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).

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

S5M-4332: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4333: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2017 be approved.

S5M-4335: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 (Modification) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 81, Tuesday 7 March 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Alasdair Symington, former Minister of Troon Old Parish Church and former Chaplain to the Queen and Convener of HM Forces' chaplains, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4474—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 7 March 2017—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Information Sharing Provisions in relation to Part 4 and Part 5 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 79, Against 0, Abstentions 16).

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Information Sharing Provisions in relation to Part 4 and Part 5 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

5. International Women's Day: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-4440—That the Parliament unites, ahead of UN International Women's Day on 8 March 2017, to reaffirm its commitment to upholding and protecting the rights of women, which are fundamental human rights; welcomes this year's theme, Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030, which seeks to ensure that women are empowered to take up the opportunities of work and ensure that the barriers to women entering and progressing in the workplace at all levels and in all sectors are addressed; notes the work of the Scottish Government to ensure and increase equality in the workplace, and welcomes research that shows that increasing female leadership and gender equality in the workforce can benefit the workplace, society and the economy.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-4440.1 to motion S5M-4440—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4440 in the name of Angela Constance (International Women’s Day), insert “, and recognises the work of the UK Government in reducing the gender pay gap and increasing equality in the workplace.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4440.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-4440.2 to motion S5M-4440—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4440 in the name of Angela Constance (International Women’s Day), after second “workplace” insert “; regrets that the gender pay gap means that women earn significantly less than men, which over the course of a working life is likely to represent hundreds of thousands of pounds of lost income, impacting pension contributions and the ability to save; acknowledges that women remain under-represented in senior roles across politics, business, the public sector, the media, culture and sport, with 73% of leadership roles in Scotland held by men; recognises the Engender report, *Sex and Power in Scotland 2017*, which lays bare these statistics; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to a bill on gender representation on public boards; agrees that the lack of progress towards gender equality in the Parliament, councils and public boards is unacceptable; commends the Women 50:50 campaign and its evidenced-based call for legislative gender quotas”.

After debate, amendment S5M-4440.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament unites, ahead of UN International Women’s Day on 8 March 2017, to reaffirm its commitment to upholding and protecting the rights of women, which are fundamental human rights; welcomes this year’s theme, Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030, which seeks to ensure that women are empowered to take up the opportunities of work and ensure that the barriers to women entering and progressing in the workplace at all levels and in all sectors are addressed; notes the work of the Scottish Government to ensure and increase equality in the workplace; regrets that the gender pay gap means that women earn significantly less than men, which over the course of a working life is likely to represent hundreds of thousands of pounds of lost income, impacting pension contributions and the ability to save; acknowledges that women remain under-represented in senior roles across politics, business, the public sector, the media, culture and sport, with 73% of leadership roles in Scotland held by men; recognises the Engender report, *Sex and Power in Scotland 2017*, which lays bare these statistics; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to a bill on gender representation on public boards; agrees that the lack of progress towards gender equality in the Parliament, councils and public boards is unacceptable; commends the Women 50:50 campaign and its evidenced-based call

for legislative gender quotas, and welcomes research that shows that increasing female leadership and gender equality in the workforce can benefit the workplace, society and the economy.

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

7. Local Government Finance and the State of the Debt: The Parliament debated S5M-2900 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament welcomes the work of Unite the Union Scotland in producing its paper, *Local Government Finance and the State of the Debt*; understands that the paper estimates that Scotland's local authorities, which includes Fife Council, have around £2.4 billion of pre-Scottish devolution debt liabilities owed to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB), with an average rate of return of 8%; further understands that post-devolution interest rates paid to PWLB are only around half this; notes that pre-devolution interest rates were not independently set by the Bank of England but by the then UK Government; believes that there is a growing consensus regarding the need for action to tackle local authority debt owed to PWLB; considers that Scottish devolution was intended to be a new beginning for Scotland, and notes the view that the time has come for this historic financial burden to be dropped by the UK Government.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm.

No. 82, Wednesday 8 March 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. The Scottish Government and Education, 10 Years of Letting Down Teachers, Parents and Pupils: Iain Gray moved S5M-4456—That the Parliament notes the evidence submitted to the Education and Skills Committee that many teachers have lost confidence in Education Scotland and the SQA; notes Scottish Government figures, which show falling numbers of teachers and support staff; is disappointed in the results of the OECD's PISA worldwide survey, which show a decline in reading, maths and science scores in Scotland in both absolute and relative terms; notes a number of significant responses to the Scottish Government review of the governance of schools, which question its thrust and direction, and believes that its stewardship of education is failing teachers, parents and pupils.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-4456.2 to motion S5M-4456—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4456 in the name of Iain Gray (The Scottish Government and Education, 10 Years of Letting Down Teachers, Parents and Pupils), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “congratulates pupils and teachers on their achievements during the period of curriculum reform including, in 2016, the record number of Advanced Higher passes and second highest number of Higher passes ever achieved by young people; notes the most recent statistics, which show a continued increase in the positive destinations for young people leaving school in 2015-16, including a record figure of 88.7% of young people from deprived communities continuing their education, entering training or getting a job after they leave school; acknowledges that, despite this progress, there remain significant challenges in closing the attainment gap and raising standards for all; further acknowledges the wider challenges that exist within Scottish education, including budget pressures, the wider impacts of poverty on educational opportunity, teacher recruitment, teacher workload and the role of key agencies, such as the SQA and Education Scotland; recognises that Scottish education has always been a collaborative effort involving local government, the Scottish Government, key agencies, professional organisations, teachers, parents, pupils and educationalists, and believes that the recommendations made by the OECD in its 2015 review of Scottish education should form the basis for the way ahead in Scottish education.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4456.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4485—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 March 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Inclusive Tourism, Promoting Accessible Tourism and Changing Lives Through the Visitor Economy

followed by Cross-party Selection Panel Motion: Appointment of the new Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

followed by Committee Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee: Report on The Draft Climate Change Plan - The Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Farriers (Registration) Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 March 2017

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 22 March 2017

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 23 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm	First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm	Members' Business
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm	Scottish Government Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4486—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 2 June 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4487—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 2 June 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-4334: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4488: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 (Scottish Land Court) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4489: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Fiscal Commission (Modification of Functions) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4490: 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 Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

S5M-4491: Justice Committee meetings—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Justice Committee can meet, if necessary, at 1.00pm on a Thursday, between 9 and 30 March 2017

(inclusive), for the purpose of considering a draft report on its inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and that any meeting held under this Rule is concluded before the commencement of a meeting of the Parliament that afternoon.

S5M-4492: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]—
That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

8. Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal: The Parliament debated S5M-3214 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal, which is now in its 31st year and runs throughout March 2017; understands that Marie Curie provides care and support for over 8,000 people and their families every year in Scotland in their own homes, in 31 local authorities and in Marie Curie hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow; highlights the vital contribution that volunteers make to provide this care; acknowledges that in 2015-16, 1,863 people across Scotland volunteered for Marie Curie in their community fundraising groups, the Helper service, shops and offices; recognises the dedication and hard work of fundraising volunteers that means the annual Great Daffodil Appeal has so far raised over £80 million pounds since 1986 to enable and support the work of the charity; applauds what it sees as the substantial contribution made by over 80 local Marie Curie fundraising groups to the Great Daffodil Appeal every year to support Marie Curie services across Scotland; further recognises that trained volunteers from the Marie Curie Helper service, currently available in Dumfries and Galloway, Fife, Lothian, Grampian and Argyll and Bute, provide one-to-one emotional support, companionship and information for people living with a terminal illness and their families; considers that terminal illness can be a lonely and isolating experience and that the Helper service can help tackle social isolation, loneliness and associated mental health issues; recognises the role of volunteers in Marie Curie's 37 shops in Scotland who it considers provide excellent customer service and are involved in a wide range of activities to support the running of each shop; acknowledges that volunteering or joining a fundraising group can be very rewarding and every volunteer's gift of time and skills helps Marie Curie to make a real difference to the lives of people living with a terminal illness, and their families, as well as raising vital local funds; applauds the work of staff and volunteers across Marie Curie who work toward its vision of a better life for people and their families living with a terminal illness, and notes calls to encourage as many people as possible to support the campaign.

8. 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.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

No. 83, Thursday 9 March 2017

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. Community Jobs Scotland: The Parliament debated S5M-3984 in the name of Adam Tomkins—That the Parliament recognises and celebrates the continued success of the Community Jobs Scotland employability programme, which is run by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO); understands that Community Jobs Scotland is not a training programme, but provides a paid job for young people in the third sector, with targeted efforts to help hard-to-reach and vulnerable young people into employment; notes that it was established in 2011 when levels of youth unemployment were high and, since this time, phases 1 to 5 of the programme have created paid jobs for 7,049 young people, with an average of 52% being retained by their employer after their job had ended, and a total of 68% positive outcomes into jobs, volunteering or education; welcomes that Community Jobs Scotland adopts a competitive application and interview process before a young person is offered a job and considers that this, alongside compliance with employer policies and procedures, is extremely important for young people in terms of instilling a sense of belonging and collaboration in a real work environment; notes that phase 6, which is currently underway, will support a further 700 job opportunities for vulnerable young unemployed people aged 16 to 29 through a range of third sector organisations across all 32 local authority areas; welcomes the recent announcement of the 7,500th Community Jobs Scotland job, which will see Ryan Brown from Glasgow take on the role of Trainee Development Worker with Move On for one year, and looks forward to welcoming further phases of Community Jobs Scotland long into the future, to help support vulnerable young people in the Glasgow region and across Scotland who have been left behind but who wish to play their full role in Scottish society.

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

5. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-4472—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-4472.1 to motion S5M-4472—

As an amendment to motion S5M-04472 in the name of Derek Mackay (Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]), insert at end “but, in so doing, regrets that the Scottish Government has chosen to cut funding for local services; notes the concerns of the Chair of the Accounts Commission who highlights the use of reserves by councils to balance the books, along with

increased charges and reducing employee numbers in order to make savings, stating that ‘these are neither sufficient not sustainable solutions for the scale of the challenge facing councils’.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4472.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 26, Abstentions 31).

6. Scotland’s Biodiversity: The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-4493—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland’s biodiversity is one of its most precious and valuable assets, has intrinsic value and underpins a strong economy and healthy communities; agrees that significant progress has been made to protect and enhance Scotland’s biodiversity, and notes that, by working in partnership, Scotland can collectively achieve more for its biodiversity, help meet its international obligations and ensure that its biodiversity has a secure and healthy future.

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-4493.1 to motion S5M-4493—

As an amendment to motion S5M-04493 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Scotland’s Biodiversity), after “and enhance Scotland’s biodiversity” insert “in certain areas; looks forward to delivering the ambitious targets that have been set”.

After debate, amendment S5M-4493.1 was agreed to (DT).

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-4493.2 to motion S5M-4493—

As an amendment to motion S5M-04493 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Scotland’s Biodiversity), insert at end “; agrees that the Scottish Government must redouble its efforts if Scotland is to contribute robustly to its UN Convention on Biological Diversity 2020 Aichi targets; recognises that reference to the Land Use Strategy is an appropriate way to embed biodiversity in all relevant decisions; agrees that the Scottish Government should take more robust action to develop the National Ecological Framework with partners, and recognises the importance of protection and enhancement of marine biodiversity”.

After debate, amendment S5M-4493.2 was agreed to (DT).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-4493.4 to motion S5M-4493—

As an amendment to motion S5M-04493 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Scotland’s Biodiversity), leave out “and notes that” and insert “while recognising the scale of the challenge remaining to address the decline in over half of Scotland’s species since 1970, as noted by the *State of Nature Report 2016*, and considers that, by fully implementing a National Ecological

Network, embedding the principles and objectives of the Land Use Strategy across all sectors of government and”.

After debate, amendment S5M-4493.4 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland’s biodiversity is one of its most precious and valuable assets, has intrinsic value and underpins a strong economy and healthy communities; agrees that significant progress has been made to protect and enhance Scotland’s biodiversity in certain areas; looks forward to delivering the ambitious targets that have been set, while recognising the scale of the challenge remaining to address the decline in over half of Scotland’s species since 1970, as noted by the *State of Nature Report 2016*; considers that, by fully implementing a National Ecological Network, embedding the principles and objectives of the Land Use Strategy across all sectors of government and, by working in partnership, Scotland can collectively achieve more for its biodiversity, help meet its international obligations and ensure that its biodiversity has a secure and healthy future; agrees that the Scottish Government must redouble its efforts if Scotland is to contribute robustly to its UN Convention on Biological Diversity 2020 Aichi targets; recognises that reference to the Land Use Strategy is an appropriate way to embed biodiversity in all relevant decisions; agrees that the Scottish Government should take more robust action to develop the National Ecological Framework with partners, and recognises the importance of protection and enhancement of marine biodiversity.

7. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4529—That the Parliament agrees that Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Donald Cameron as a substitute member of the Justice Committee.

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 5.03 pm.

No. 84, Tuesday 14 March 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Jenny M Adams, Minister of Duffus, Spynie and Hopeman Church, Moray, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: A question was answered by a Minister.

3. Inclusive Tourism, Promoting Accessible Tourism and Changing Lives Through the Visitor Economy: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-4576—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that tourism plays in Scotland’s prosperity, not only in its direct economic impact, but in the many ways that it can help to tackle the inequalities that exist in society; notes the recent collaboration by VisitScotland, the Family Holiday Association, Historic Environment Scotland and the many industry partners to provide ScotSpirit Breaks for families in difficult circumstances, which has shown the positive impact that the industry can have on improving the lives and life-chances of people who are not able to step outside their everyday routine; commends organisations such as Euan’s Guide for their work with public partners and private sectors in making tourism more inclusive through the development of access statements for facilities and services, along with accessible travel itineraries; congratulates destinations and individual businesses, right across Scotland, on how they are making use of these tools to help widen opportunities, not only for people with permanent disabilities, but also parents with young children, senior travellers and people with temporary injuries and their travel companions; considers that tourism is for everyone, and welcomes the continued support of public and private partners and the tourism industry itself in their willingness to work together, aiming to further develop inclusive tourism as an overarching approach so that all of Scotland can reap the many social and economic benefits that it can bring.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-4576.1 to motion S5M-4576—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4576 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Inclusive Tourism, Promoting Accessible Tourism and Changing Lives Through the Visitor Economy), insert at end “and to further promote Scotland as an accessible visitor destination for all tourists from other parts of the UK and worldwide.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4576.1 was agreed to (DT).

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-4576.2 to motion S5M-4576—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4576 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Inclusive Tourism, Promoting Accessible Tourism and Changing Lives Through the Visitor Economy), insert at end “, and looks forward to the implementation of section 179 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010, which will make reporting on accessibility a condition of licensing applications and renewals.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4576.2 was agreed to (DT).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-4576.3 to motion S5M-4576—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4576 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Inclusive Tourism, Promoting Accessible Tourism and Changing Lives Through the Visitor Economy), insert at end “; acknowledges that the cost of travel to and from the Northern Isles serves as a barrier for many families and individuals; notes, for example, that households with at least one disabled family member are more likely to live in poverty, and agrees that a reduction in ferry fares to Orkney and Shetland would extend the potential of accessible tourism to the whole of Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4576.3 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that tourism plays in Scotland’s prosperity, not only in its direct economic impact, but in the many ways that it can help to tackle the inequalities that exist in society; notes the recent collaboration by VisitScotland, the Family Holiday Association, Historic Environment Scotland and the many industry partners to provide ScotSpirit Breaks for families in difficult circumstances, which has shown the positive impact that the industry can have on improving the lives and life-chances of people who are not able to step outside their everyday routine; commends organisations such as Euan’s Guide for their work with public partners and private sectors in making tourism more inclusive through the development of access statements for facilities and services, along with accessible travel itineraries; congratulates destinations and individual businesses, right across Scotland, on how they are making use of these tools to help widen opportunities, not only for people with permanent disabilities, but also parents with young children, senior travellers and people with temporary injuries and their travel companions; considers that tourism is for everyone; welcomes the continued support of public and private partners and the tourism industry itself in their willingness to work together, aiming to further develop inclusive tourism as an overarching approach so that all of Scotland can reap the many social and economic benefits that it can bring and to further promote Scotland as an accessible visitor destination for all tourists from other parts of the UK and worldwide; looks forward to the implementation of section 179 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010, which will make reporting on accessibility a condition of licensing applications and renewals; acknowledges that the cost of travel to and from the Northern Isles serves as a barrier for many families and individuals; notes, for example, that households with at least one disabled family member are more likely to live in poverty, and agrees that a reduction in ferry fares to Orkney and Shetland would extend the potential of accessible tourism to the whole of Scotland.

4. Appointment of the Commissioner for Children and Young People: James Dornan, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S5M-4535—That the Parliament nominates Bruce Adamson to Her Majesty The Queen for appointment as the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland under section 2 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. Welcoming Play Scotland's Play Charter: The Parliament debated S5M-3584 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament welcomes the promotion of Scotland's first inclusive Play Charter by Play Scotland, a group which works to promote the importance of play for all children and young people in Cunninghame South and across Scotland, and campaigns to create increased play opportunities in the community; understands that the charter describes a collective commitment to play for all babies, children and young people in Scotland, in line with the right of children to play as set in out in Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC); further understands that the charter builds on the Scottish Government's National Play Strategy and the Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) approach to supporting children, young people and their families; notes the charter's aims of highlighting that every child has the right to play and the importance of play, ensuring that a commitment to play is more strongly embedded within policies, strategies, key qualifications and Continuous Professional Development training, ensuring that children and young people are supported in their right to play and that play spaces are valued within communities, inspiring individuals, play providers and organisations to promote a range of inclusive play opportunities, and to bringing back the sight and sound of children playing in communities; notes that all MSPs have been encouraged to become Play Champions by pledging their support to the charter, and wishes Play Scotland every success in its ongoing campaign.

7. Motion Without Notice: Ruth Maguire 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. 85, Wednesday 15 March 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Reports on the Implications of the European Union Referendum on Scotland: Joan McAlpine, on behalf of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee, moved S5M-4570—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee's 1st Report, 2016 (Session 5), *The EU referendum result and its implications for Scotland: Initial Evidence* (SP Paper 5); 1st Report, 2017 (Session 5), *Brexit: What Scotland thinks: summary of evidence and emerging issues* (SP Paper 64); 3rd Report (Session 5), *EU Migration and EU Citizens' Rights* (SP Paper 84) and 4th Report, 2017 (Session 5), *Determining Scotland's future relationship with the European Union* (SP Paper 99).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4609—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 March 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Choice

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Choice

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion:
Acting Conveners

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Expansion of Free Early Learning and Childcare

followed by Scottish Government Debate: British Sign Language (BSL)
Consultation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 March 2017

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 29 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and the Constitution;

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrat Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4610—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 25 May 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

5. First Minister's Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4611—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

- lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Thursday 20 April should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 18 April;
- submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 April should end at noon on Monday 10 April; and
- lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 18 April should be 9.30am on Tuesday 18 April.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. Commonwealth Day 2017: The Parliament debated S5M-4048 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament celebrates the importance of Commonwealth Day 2017; acknowledges that Commonwealth Day is an opportunity for the Parliament to focus beyond Scotland's borders and draw attention to the connections it has made across the globe; notes that Commonwealth Day is held on the second Monday in March each year and is an opportunity for individuals, communities and

organisations to promote the Commonwealth's shared values of peace, democracy and equality, and to celebrate the association's rich diversity; acknowledges that, at a time of increasing instability and uncertainty in the world, the Commonwealth family of nations in its rich diversity becomes an ever more needed source of strength and hope for all its members; understands that the theme of an Inclusive Commonwealth highlights the values of tolerance, respect and understanding, as well as equity and fairness, set out in the Commonwealth Charter; further notes that the theme informs events organised by governments, schools, community groups and individuals to celebrate Commonwealth Day, and helps to guide activities by Commonwealth organisations throughout the year, and further recognises that, in celebrating Commonwealth Day, the Parliament also celebrates the role of democracy in the positive relationships forged within the Commonwealth.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

No. 86, Thursday 16 March 2017

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 on North East Businesses of the Hike in Non-domestic Rates: The Parliament debated S5M-3651 in the name of Ross Thomson—That the Parliament understands that, as a result of the 2015 revaluation, businesses across the North East Scotland region are facing enormous increases in their non-domestic rates; believes that this impacts on companies across a range of sectors, including hospitality, oil and gas, engineering and retail, with some being subjected to increases in excess of 200%; considers that this represents a substantial hike in charges that will render it extremely difficult for some to avoid liquidation; welcomes the *Press & Journal* campaign, which, it understands, aims to highlight a number of compelling examples of businesses that will be adversely affected by the increase, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to take expedient and meaningful action to address this issue and to seek a solution to ease the impact of this.

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

5. Reports on Draft Climate Change Plan – The Draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, moved S5M-4534—That the Parliament notes the reports of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, the Local Government and Communities Committee and the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on the Scottish Government document, *Draft Climate Change Plan - the Draft Third Report on Policies and Proposals 2017-2032*.

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. Farriers (Registration) Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-4445—That the Parliament agrees that the Farriers (Registration) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 29 June 2016, so far as this matter falls within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alters the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, 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.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

No. 87, Tuesday 21 March 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mr Gordon MacRae, Chief Executive, Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4763—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 21 March 2017—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 22 March 2017—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Scotland's Choice: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-4710—That the Parliament acknowledges the sovereign right of the Scottish people to determine the form of government best suited to their needs and therefore mandates the Scottish Government to take forward discussions with the UK Government on the details of an order under section 30 of the Scotland Act 1998 to ensure that the Scottish Parliament can legislate for a referendum to be held that will give the people of Scotland a choice over the future direction and governance of their country at a time, and with a question and franchise, determined by the Scottish Parliament, which would most appropriately be between the autumn of 2018, when there is clarity over the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, and around the point at which the UK leaves the EU in spring 2019.

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S5M-4710.2 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "declines the Scottish Government's proposal for a referendum on independence before April 2019; believes that it would be unfair to ask this question while the process of leaving the EU is still ongoing and while the Scottish Government has failed to set out its own position on independence; considers that no referendum should take place while there is no public or political consent for

one, and urges the Scottish Government to focus its efforts on working with the UK Government to secure the best possible new relationship with the EU.”

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S5M-4710.4 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland’s Choice), leave out from “and therefore mandates” to end and insert “; believes that a strong Scottish Parliament within a federal UK would meet these needs; recognises that the overwhelming will of the Scottish people is that there should be no second divisive independence referendum; believes that far from giving Scots a choice, a second independence referendum would only increase uncertainty and cause greater division as the UK faces a hard Tory Brexit, and asserts that there should be no second independence referendum.”

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-4710.5 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland’s Choice), insert at end “; believes that this gives people in Scotland a choice at a time when there is both the most information and most opportunity to act; further believes that 16 and 17-year-olds and EU citizens, who were excluded from the EU referendum, should be entitled to vote, and considers that this referendum is necessary given the Prime Minister’s decision to negotiate a hard exit from the EU, including leaving the single market, which conflicts with assurances given by the UK Government and prominent Leave campaigners, and which takes no account of the overwhelming Remain vote in Scotland.”

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-4710.3 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland’s Choice), leave out from “and therefore mandates” to end and insert “; believes that a second referendum on Scottish independence would only compound the uncertainty of Brexit and its risk to the economy, environment and security; notes that all measures of public opinion show that there is no appetite for such a vote; further believes that there is no mandate for another Scottish independence referendum on the basis of the UK leaving the EU when there are no cast-iron guarantees that full membership of the EU will be sought or granted, and supports the development of a positive future for Scotland inside a federal UK.”

Decisions to be taken on Wednesday 22 March 2017.

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

5. Triggers for Loneliness: The Parliament debated S5M-3950 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament notes the growing interest in dealing with the problem of loneliness, including in areas of the Highlands and Islands; notes the launch of the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness; welcomes the publication of

Trapped in a bubble: An Investigation into the Triggers for Loneliness in the UK by the British Red Cross and the Co-operative Group; notes the biological, psychological and behavioural impacts of loneliness; believes that the problem of loneliness requires a society-wide response, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government and others to take action on this issue.

The meeting closed at 6.22 pm.

No. 88, Wednesday 22 March 2017

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. Scotland's Choice: The Parliament continued to debate S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon—That the Parliament acknowledges the sovereign right of the Scottish people to determine the form of government best suited to their needs and therefore mandates the Scottish Government to take forward discussions with the UK Government on the details of an order under section 30 of the Scotland Act 1998 to ensure that the Scottish Parliament can legislate for a referendum to be held that will give the people of Scotland a choice over the future direction and governance of their country at a time, and with a question and franchise, determined by the Scottish Parliament, which would most appropriately be between the autumn of 2018, when there is clarity over the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, and around the point at which the UK leaves the EU in spring 2019.

The motion and the following amendments were moved on Tuesday 21 March 2017.

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S5M-4710.2 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "declines the Scottish Government's proposal for a referendum on independence before April 2019; believes that it would be unfair to ask this question while the process of leaving the EU is still ongoing and while the Scottish Government has failed to set out its own position on independence; considers that no referendum should take place while there is no public or political consent for one, and urges the Scottish Government to focus its efforts on working with the UK Government to secure the best possible new relationship with the EU."

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S5M-4710.4 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "and therefore mandates" to end and insert "; believes that a strong Scottish Parliament within a federal UK would meet these needs; recognises that the overwhelming will of the Scottish people is that there should be no second divisive independence referendum; believes that far from giving Scots a choice, a second independence referendum would only increase uncertainty and cause greater division as the UK faces a hard Tory Brexit, and asserts that there should be no second independence referendum."

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-4710.5 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), insert at end "; believes that this gives people in Scotland a choice at a time when there is both the most information and most opportunity

to act; further believes that 16 and 17-year-olds and EU citizens, who were excluded from the EU referendum, should be entitled to vote, and considers that this referendum is necessary given the Prime Minister's decision to negotiate a hard exit from the EU, including leaving the single market, which conflicts with assurances given by the UK Government and prominent Leave campaigners, and which takes no account of the overwhelming Remain vote in Scotland."

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-4710.3 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "and therefore mandates" to end and insert "; believes that a second referendum on Scottish independence would only compound the uncertainty of Brexit and its risk to the economy, environment and security; notes that all measures of public opinion show that there is no appetite for such a vote; further believes that there is no mandate for another Scottish independence referendum on the basis of the UK leaving the EU when there are no cast-iron guarantees that full membership of the EU will be sought or granted, and supports the development of a positive future for Scotland inside a federal UK."

The Presiding Officer suspended the meeting under Standing Orders Rule 7.4.1 at 3.57 pm.

The meeting closed at 3.57 pm under Standing Orders Rule 7.4.3.

No. 89, Thursday 23 March 2017

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4845—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 23 March 2017—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Consultation on the Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Acting Conveners

The motion was agreed to.

2. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

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

4. Justice for Yazidi People: The Parliament debated S5M-4130 in the name of Ben Macpherson—That the Parliament is mindful that genocide is a crime under international law and the law of all civilised nations; is further mindful that the UN has identified genocide as an odious scourge, which has inflicted great losses on humanity and from which people must be liberated; reiterates Scotland's commitment to human dignity, human rights and equality, to celebrating cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic diversity, and to promoting tolerance and upholding fundamental freedoms for all people; recognises and condemns the genocide perpetrated against the Yazidi people by Daesh; acknowledges the great human suffering and loss that have been inflicted by bigotry, brutality and religious intolerance; further acknowledges and condemns the crimes perpetrated by Daesh against Muslims, Christians, Arabs, Kurds and all of the religious and ethnic communities of Iraq and Syria; welcomes the actions of the US Congress, the European Parliament, the French Senate, the UN and others in formally recognising the genocide; draws attention to the unopposed motion agreed by the UK Parliament on 20 April 2016; notes the calls from people in Edinburgh Northern and Leith and across the country for the UK Government to take immediate and resolute action in support of international efforts to prevent further atrocities, and to meet its international obligation to provide refuge to those at risk of persecution, and further notes the calls on the UK Government to request that the UN Security Council refer the genocide committed against the Yazidi people to the International Criminal Court.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Mark McDonald) made a statement and answered questions on the Expansion of Free Early Learning and Childcare.

6. Consultation on the Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan: The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Mark McDonald) moved S5M-4789—That the Parliament welcomes the consultation on the first draft BSL National Plan; expresses its thanks to the BSL National Advisory Group whose knowledge and experience have informed and influenced the content of the plan; acknowledges the support and input from across the Parliament to develop and pass the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill in 2015; recognises that this is the first time that the Scottish Government has published a bilingual consultation in BSL and English; encourages people whose first or preferred language is BSL to respond to the consultation, and looks forward to the publication of the final version of the plan in October 2017.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Acting Conveners – Standing Order rule changes: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-4661—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 2nd Report 2017 (Session 5), *Acting Conveners – Standing Order rule changes* (SP Paper 106), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 23 March 2017.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4776—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 March 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Choice
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 29 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Finance and the Constitution;
 Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
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 30 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Mental Health Strategy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transvaginal Mesh Implants

followed by Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

followed by Ministerial Statement: Enterprise and Skills Review

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 April 2017

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 April 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Rural Economy 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 20 April 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-4777: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2016 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4778: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the First-tier Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4779: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4780: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4781: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Ancillary Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4782: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Upper Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 90, Tuesday 28 March 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Andrew Frearson, Rector, St James the Great Church, Dollar, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Scotland's Choice: The Parliament continued to debate S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon—That the Parliament acknowledges the sovereign right of the Scottish people to determine the form of government best suited to their needs and therefore mandates the Scottish Government to take forward discussions with the UK Government on the details of an order under section 30 of the Scotland Act 1998 to ensure that the Scottish Parliament can legislate for a referendum to be held that will give the people of Scotland a choice over the future direction and governance of their country at a time, and with a question and franchise, determined by the Scottish Parliament, which would most appropriately be between the autumn of 2018, when there is clarity over the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, and around the point at which the UK leaves the EU in spring 2019.

The motion and the following amendments were moved on Tuesday 21 March 2017.

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S5M-4710.2 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "declines the Scottish Government's proposal for a referendum on independence before April 2019; believes that it would be unfair to ask this question while the process of leaving the EU is still ongoing and while the Scottish Government has failed to set out its own position on independence; considers that no referendum should take place while there is no public or political consent for one, and urges the Scottish Government to focus its efforts on working with the UK Government to secure the best possible new relationship with the EU."

After debate, amendment S5M-4710.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S5M-4710.4 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "and therefore mandates" to end and insert "; believes that a strong Scottish Parliament within a federal UK would meet these needs; recognises that the overwhelming will of the Scottish people is that there should be no second divisive independence referendum; believes that far from giving Scots a choice, a second independence referendum would only increase uncertainty and cause greater division as the UK faces a hard Tory Brexit, and asserts that there should be no second independence referendum."

Amendment S5M-4710.4 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-4710.5 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), insert at end “; believes that this gives people in Scotland a choice at a time when there is both the most information and most opportunity to act; further believes that 16 and 17-year-olds and EU citizens, who were excluded from the EU referendum, should be entitled to vote, and considers that this referendum is necessary given the Prime Minister's decision to negotiate a hard exit from the EU, including leaving the single market, which conflicts with assurances given by the UK Government and prominent Leave campaigners, and which takes no account of the overwhelming Remain vote in Scotland.”

Amendment S5M-4710.5 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-4710.3 to motion S5M-4710—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from “and therefore mandates” to end and insert “; believes that a second referendum on Scottish independence would only compound the uncertainty of Brexit and its risk to the economy, environment and security; notes that all measures of public opinion show that there is no appetite for such a vote; further believes that there is no mandate for another Scottish independence referendum on the basis of the UK leaving the EU when there are no cast-iron guarantees that full membership of the EU will be sought or granted, and supports the development of a positive future for Scotland inside a federal UK.”

Amendment S5M-4710.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the sovereign right of the Scottish people to determine the form of government best suited to their needs and therefore mandates the Scottish Government to take forward discussions with the UK Government on the details of an order under section 30 of the Scotland Act 1998 to ensure that the Scottish Parliament can legislate for a referendum to be held that will give the people of Scotland a choice over the future direction and governance of their country at a time, and with a question and franchise, determined by the Scottish Parliament, which would most appropriately be between the autumn of 2018, when there is clarity over the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, and around the point at which the UK leaves the EU in spring 2019; believes that this gives people in Scotland a choice at a time when there is both the most information and most opportunity to act; further believes that 16 and 17-year-

olds and EU citizens, who were excluded from the EU referendum, should be entitled to vote, and considers that this referendum is necessary given the Prime Minister's decision to negotiate a hard exit from the EU, including leaving the single market, which conflicts with assurances given by the UK Government and prominent Leave campaigners, and which takes no account of the overwhelming Remain vote in Scotland.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament, under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3, took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. Included in the Main?! The Parliament debated S5M-4016 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament recognises the campaign, Included in the Main?!, and the conclusion of a national conversation about the reality of educational experiences for children and young people who have learning disabilities, by ENABLE Scotland, which, it understands, is the largest voluntary organisation in the country for children and adults with learning disabilities and their families; notes that the national conversation looked at inclusive education and what it means for pupils who have learning disabilities; understands that the campaign has since engaged with over 800 young people, their parents and carers, and the education workforce, to talk about their experiences and consider what makes education truly inclusive; believes that the country has come a long way from when people with learning disabilities were viewed as “ineducable” but considers that inclusive education is still far from a reality for many and that this can have whole-life consequences; acknowledges that a report, *22 Steps on the Journey to Inclusion*, has been published as a result of the national conversation, which makes 22 recommendations and acknowledges that inclusive education is not about school setting or placement, but rather that all children should receive an inclusive education in a setting that best meets their educational and developmental needs, and notes the view that it is time to talk about how to make that vision a reality in Angus South and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

No. 91, Wednesday 29 March 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Education: Tavish Scott moved S5M-4920—That the Parliament understands that the Scottish Government’s next steps document on educational governance is to be published in June 2017 and, in advance of this, calls for the inspection and policy functions of Education Scotland to be separated and for a reorganisation of the SQA in recognition of the concerns expressed by the teaching profession to the Education and Skills Committee.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-4920.1 to motion S5M-4920.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4920 in the name of Tavish Scott (Education), after “calls for” insert “serious consideration to be given to”.

After debate, amendment S5M-4920.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament understands that the Scottish Government’s next steps document on educational governance is to be published in June 2017 and, in advance of this, calls for serious consideration to be given to the inspection and policy functions of Education Scotland to be separated and for a reorganisation of the SQA in recognition of the concerns expressed by the teaching profession to the Education and Skills Committee.

3. Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement: Willie Rennie moved S5M-4919—That the Parliament notes that 21 March 2017 marked one year since the First Minister signed a memorandum of understanding with the Chinese companies, SinoFortone and China Railway No.3 Engineering Group; notes that extensive parliamentary questioning has revealed that Scottish ministers did not undertake basic checks on the companies prior to signing; further notes that China Railway Group was blacklisted by the Norwegian state pension fund and condemned by Amnesty International, and SinoFortone has been exposed as having no serious investment record; censures the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work for failing to exercise basic diligence initially and then subsequently criticising opposition MSPs for raising basic questions; calls on the Scottish Government to apologise and take steps to alert public bodies in the UK that they may have gained false assurance about the financial credibility of SinoFortone from the First Minister’s signature on the memorandum of understanding one year ago, and further calls for the working practices of the department and the sign-off protocols of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work to be revised to make sure that basic checks on the human rights record and financial underpinning of potential investors are made at an earlier stage.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved amendment S5M-4919.2 to motion S5M-4919—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4919 in the name of Willie Rennie (Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement), leave out from “notes that extensive” to end and insert “recognises that Scotland has a strong track record in attracting investment as evidenced by the fact that Scotland has ranked as the best place for inward investment outside London for five of the last six years; further recognises that the memorandum of understanding (MoU) was about developing a working relationship to explore potential investment and that no legal, contractual or funding obligations on behalf of the Scottish Government have been made and there has been no engagement with the company since September 2016; notes with concern the human rights record of China Railway No.3 Engineering Group’s parent company, China Railway Group; regrets that the signing of the MoU gave rise to concerns, and commits to considering and taking account of these concerns in any future such situations; agrees that the Scottish Government must always consider the human rights implications of its engagement with countries and business; believes that investment agreements should only be signed where appropriate due diligence, including on the human rights record of companies involved, has been undertaken; welcomes Scottish Government engagement with Amnesty International and other organisations on human rights ahead of international engagements, and believes that, with appropriate care, it is possible for international trade to co-exist with support for human rights around the world.”

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-4919.1 to motion S5M-4919—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4919 in the name of Willie Rennie (Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement), leave out from “further notes” to end and insert “censures the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work for failing to exercise basic diligence initially and then subsequently criticising opposition MSPs for raising basic questions; calls on the Scottish Government to apologise; further calls for the working practices of the department and the sign-off protocols of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work to be revised to make sure that basic checks on the human rights record and financial underpinning of potential investors are made at an earlier stage; considers that investment by Chinese companies in other parts of the UK has made a significant and positive contribution to the economies and infrastructure of the regions involved, and calls on the Scottish Government to take further action to promote Scotland as a top destination for investment by global investors, including from China, with counter-parties and on terms that are in the best interests of Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4919.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 55, Abstentions 3). As a result, amendment S5M-4919.1 was pre-empted.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-4919.3 to motion S5M-4919—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4919 in the name of Willie Rennie (Censure and Apology on the Anniversary of the Chinese Agreement), insert at end “;

recognises that inward investment can be a beneficial part of a broad economic development and growth strategy for Scotland; acknowledges the concern about the record of the companies party to the memorandum of understanding with the Scottish Government; regrets that the Scottish Government did not fully inform the public about this deal; believes that public funds and investment agreements with companies that do not pay their workers fairly or pay their fair share of taxes are wrong, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop a transparent approach to attracting investment to Scotland, which provides added value by creating jobs.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4919.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 3).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that 21 March 2017 marked one year since the First Minister signed a memorandum of understanding with the Chinese companies, SinoFortone and China Railway No.3 Engineering Group; recognises that Scotland has a strong track record in attracting investment as evidenced by the fact that Scotland has ranked as the best place for inward investment outside London for five of the last six years; further recognises that the memorandum of understanding (MoU) was about developing a working relationship to explore potential investment and that no legal, contractual or funding obligations on behalf of the Scottish Government have been made and there has been no engagement with the company since September 2016; notes with concern the human rights record of China Railway No.3 Engineering Group’s parent company, China Railway Group; regrets that the signing of the MoU gave rise to concerns, and commits to considering and taking account of these concerns in any future such situations; agrees that the Scottish Government must always consider the human rights implications of its engagement with countries and business; believes that investment agreements should only be signed where appropriate due diligence, including on the human rights record of companies involved, has been undertaken; welcomes Scottish Government engagement with Amnesty International and other organisations on human rights ahead of international engagements, and believes that, with appropriate care, it is possible for international trade to co-exist with support for human rights around the world.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4940—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 April 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Health and Sport Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Preventative Health Agenda

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 April 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Rural Economy and Connectivity

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 April 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 April 2017

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 April 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers;

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 April 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm 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

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-4941: First Minister's Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 April should end at 3.00pm on Thursday 13 April;

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Wednesday 3 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 28 April;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 28 April;

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 2 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 2 May;

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Thursday 1 June should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 30 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 June should end at 12 noon on Thursday 25 May; and

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 30 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 30 May.

S5M-4942: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4943: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4944: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 5 as noted above.

7. Congratulations to Rotary District 1020 and Other Champions of Change Winners: The Parliament debated S5M-3750 in the name of John Lamont—That the Parliament praises the excellent work of Rotary clubs across Scotland in delivering projects to improve their local area and beyond, as well as providing friendship and support for their members; congratulates Rotary District 1020 on being awarded two out of 12 Rotary Champions of Change awards in 2016 for humanitarian service; understands that Grant Stephen of the Rotary Club of Duns was commended for setting up and running the Dementia Café in Duns and Robin Hamilton of the Rotary Club of Dunbar received an award for his project in India providing sanitation at schools in the Kalimpong district; notes that the 2017 Champions of Change awards ceremony will be taking place in April and will once again recognise unsung heroes in domestic and international categories; further notes that the Rotary Club of Galashiels has recently delivered 15 analogue breast screening lorries to India, in partnership with Indian Rotaries and led by local Rotarians, Patricia Paterson and Peter Croan; believes that the fantastic work of groups such as District 1020 and other Rotarians across Scotland makes a huge difference to local communities across Scotland and worldwide, and congratulates Rotary International, which is celebrating its 112th anniversary in 2017.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

No. 92, Thursday 30 March 2017

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. The Future of Elmwood Campus:** The Parliament debated S5M-4703 in the name of Willie Rennie—That the Parliament understands that Elmwood College in Cupar was the first regional farm centre to be established in Scotland; recognises its work in rural education including its worldwide expertise in golf education and training; understands that the college functions were divided between the Scottish Rural University College and Fife College in November 2013, before Fife College vacated the Elmwood Campus in summer 2016; notes with concern that there are now fewer students studying at Elmwood and fewer courses available; welcomes the discussions between Fife College, SRUC and the Scottish Funding Council on a plan for the future, and notes the hope that this will result in a sustainable partnership delivering more courses for more students.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Mental Health (Maureen Watt) made a statement and answered questions on the Mental Health Strategy.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Transvaginal Mesh Implants.
- 6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Unconventional Oil and Gas.
- 7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on the Enterprise and Skills Review.
- 8. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S5M-4783: Committee membership—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jenny Gilruth be appointed to replace Richard Lyle as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Richard Lyle be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

Clare Haughey be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor on the Education and Skills Committee;

Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Richard Lochhead on the Education and Skills Committee;

Jenny Gilruth be appointed to replace Ruth Maguire on the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Fulton MacGregor be appointed to replace Mairi Evans on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee;

Willie Coffey be appointed to replace Gail Ross on the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee;

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Clare Haughey on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Mairi Evans be appointed to replace Emma Harper on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee; and

Gail Ross be appointed to replace to replace Willie Coffey on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

S5M-4784: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that—

Christina McKelvie be appointed to replace George Adam as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee; and

George Adam be appointed to replace Christina McKelvie as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Justice Committee.

S5M-4945: Acting Conveners—That, under rule 12.1A, the Parliament agrees that—

(a) Jackie Baillie be appointed as a member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee; and

(b) an acting convener of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee shall be chosen for the period 16 April 2017 to 20 October 2017.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 4.45 pm.

No. 93, Tuesday 18 April 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Very Reverend Andrew Swift DL, Dean of Argyll and The Isles, Rector of Holy Trinity, Dunoon and Rector of St Paul's, Rothesay, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Inquiry into the Preventative Health Agenda: Neil Findlay, on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee, moved S5M-04948—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the work of the Health and Sport Committee in its inquiry into the preventative health agenda; welcomes its examination of policies and actions, which prioritise and build in actions to reduce demand on health in the longer term following on the work of the Christie Commission on the Future Delivery of Public Services, and the Finance Committee in 2010; notes that the cross-cutting nature of health inequalities also encompasses housing, education, justice, transport, the environment and other portfolios, and welcomes attempts to meet the growing demand for public services by preventing health problems before they occur by early interventions and by tackling causes as well as their effects.

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

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05181—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 20 April 2017—

after

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

insert

followed by Members' Business

after

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Super-Majorities - Standing Order Rule Changes

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. Addaction: The Parliament debated S5M-03632 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament commends the work undertaken by the drug, alcohol and mental health charity, Addaction; notes that Addaction has 23 regional sites in Scotland, including Galashiels, and is the largest organisation of its kind; further

notes its ethos that the wellbeing, health and happiness of people, families and communities is paramount and its assertion that people with substance misuse problems should be supported through health and social care agencies and diverted away from the criminal justice system; recognises the dedication and work that the staff and volunteers of Addaction undertake every day to support sustainable recovery in people with addiction issues, and looks forward to hearing more about their work at their exhibition in the Parliament from 21 to 23 February 2017.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

No. 94, Wednesday 19 April 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Scotland's Economy: Murdo Fraser moved S5M-05172—That the Parliament notes with concern that the Scottish economy contracted in the final quarter of 2016, while the wider UK economy experienced strong growth; notes that business confidence in Scotland is lower than in any other part of the UK; further notes commentary from the Fraser of Allander Institute that it is hard to argue that Scotland's weaker economic performance can be explained by the outcome of the EU referendum; recognises that recent policies of the Scottish Government, including on income tax, business rates, the large business supplement and the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax will further undermine growth; considers that in prioritising its aim of separation from the UK above all else, the Scottish Government has neglected and mismanaged the economy; further considers that the threat of a second referendum is causing further economic damage, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to set aside its campaign for a second referendum and take urgent action on the economy instead.

The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) moved amendment S5M-05172.3 to motion S5M-05172—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05172 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Scotland's Economy), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "recognises the strength of the Scottish economy, with unemployment now lower than in the UK as a whole, productivity growing four times faster in Scotland than the UK, and the number of people in employment up by 45,000 since 2008, with the number of registered businesses having grown by 15% since 2007 to an all-time high; notes that most powers over the economy are reserved to the UK Government; acknowledges the resilience of the Scottish economy in the face of the slowdown in the oil and gas sector and welcomes the measures that the Scottish Government is taking, including the Energy Jobs Taskforce and the Decommissioning Challenge Fund; further acknowledges the wider measures that it is taking to grow the Scottish economy, including investment in transport and digital infrastructure and financial support for private sector business investment through the Scottish Growth Scheme, and believes that the main risk facing Scottish households and companies is the UK Government's plans to adopt a hard Brexit, against the wishes of the Scottish people, impacting negatively on business growth and leading to skills shortages, which will in turn reduce employment, investment and public spending across the country."

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-05172.1 to motion S5M-05172—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05172 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Scotland's Economy), leave out from "recognises" to "undermine growth" and insert "believes that the Scottish Government has not fully utilised the new

powers of the Scottish Parliament, which could boost economic growth; further believes that the economic strategy requires urgent review to turn around the fortunes of the Scottish economy, as well as to deal with the impact of Brexit”.

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-05172.4 to motion S5M-05172—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05172 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Scotland’s Economy), leave out from “contracted” to end and insert “has been affected so profoundly by the fall in oil prices, and that inequality of wealth and income remains high; considers that the ongoing failure to transition Scotland’s economy away from a dependency on fossil fuels has risked the jobs and livelihoods of people in Scotland, and that poverty and inequality are causing severe damage to people’s health and quality of life; notes commentary from the Fraser of Allander Institute that the low oil price continues to have a significant impact on the wider Scottish economy; considers that narrow metrics, which ignore the inequalities in the economy are inadequate; notes that the economic powers necessary to react to an asymmetric shock to the Scottish economy, such as oil price fluctuations, are reserved to the UK Parliament; considers that collaboration on green energy targets and global climate agreements through the EU to be vital, and calls on the UK and Scottish governments to start a rapid transition to a low carbon economy in order to protect livelihoods, reduce wealth and income inequalities, and prevent the worst effects of climate change.”

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S5M-05172.2 to motion S5M-05172—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05172 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Scotland’s Economy), leave out from “strong” to end and insert “growth, placing Scotland on the brink of a recession; notes the string of warnings about the fragility of the Scottish economy, business confidence and skills shortages; believes that these necessitate a transformational investment in education and skills, building a high-wage, high-skill economy; further believes that the profound dangers posed to the Scottish and UK economies by Brexit are only compounded by the uncertainty created by the threat of a second referendum on Scottish independence, and therefore relishes the opportunity presented by a snap General Election to change the direction of the whole UK and work towards securing Scotland’s economic future by avoiding a hard Brexit and keeping Scotland in both the UK and EU single markets.”

After debate, amendment S5M-05172.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendments S5M-05172.1, S5M-05172.4, S5M-05172.2 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the strength of the Scottish economy, with unemployment now lower than in the UK as a whole, productivity growing four times faster in Scotland than the UK, and the number of people in employment up by 45,000 since 2008, with the number of registered

businesses having grown by 15% since 2007 to an all-time high; notes that most powers over the economy are reserved to the UK Government; acknowledges the resilience of the Scottish economy in the face of the slowdown in the oil and gas sector and welcomes the measures that the Scottish Government is taking, including the Energy Jobs Taskforce and the Decommissioning Challenge Fund; further acknowledges the wider measures that it is taking to grow the Scottish economy, including investment in transport and digital infrastructure and financial support for private sector business investment through the Scottish Growth Scheme, and believes that the main risk facing Scottish households and companies is the UK Government's plans to adopt a hard Brexit, against the wishes of the Scottish people, impacting negatively on business growth and leading to skills shortages, which will in turn reduce employment, investment and public spending across the country.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05210—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 April 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Child Tax Credit Cuts

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 April 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers;

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

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 27 April 2017

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: Social Security Agency
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 May 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Deer Management in Scotland
followed by Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Debate: Review of Priorities for Crofting Law Reform
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 May 2017

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
1.30 pm First Minister's Questions
2.15 pm General Questions
2.35 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
3.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05189—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 September 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05190—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 12 May 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-05191: Establishment of Private Bill Committee—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: The Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill.

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

Number of members: 3.

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

Membership: Tom Arthur, Mary Fee, Alison Harris.

S5M-05192: Establishment of Private Bill Committee— That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: The Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill.

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

Number of members: 3.

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

Membership: Tom Arthur, Mary Fee, Alison Harris.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

8. Time for Inclusive Education (TIE) Campaign: The Parliament debated S5M-03945 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament notes that recent research has found that 90% of LGBT people experience homophobia, biphobia or transphobia at school; recognises that, despite the repeal of Section 28, 17 years ago, many schools in the Central Scotland region and across the country still do not discuss LGBT issues; notes the calls by Time for Inclusive Education (TIE) for LGBT-inclusive education to be commonplace in all schools as a method of tackling prejudice-based behaviours; further notes the view that Scotland has to do more to ensure that LGBT young people are safe at school, and understands that TIE has outlined five strategic steps to achieve LGBT-inclusive education, including new legislation, teacher training specifically on LGBT issues, the recording of homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying incidents, inclusion of LGBT issues within relevant curricular areas and the monitoring of any steps taken with regards to LGBT inclusivity in schools.

9. Motion Without Notice: Monica Lennon 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. 95, Thursday 20 April 2017

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. International Workers Memorial Day 2017: The Parliament debated S5M-04358 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament recognises International Workers Memorial Day on 28 April 2017, and every year, as a day to remember those who have lost their lives as a result of incidents at work, occupational disease or ill health, and as a day for the STUC, affiliated trade unions, Scottish Hazards, employers and enforcement agencies to reaffirm their commitment to making workplaces safer for workers today and in the future; notes that this year's theme is tackling inequalities in occupational health, a theme designed to raise awareness of poor health and safety in precarious employment and the so-called gig economy; considers that there is a need for workers in these areas to enjoy the trade union-effect where evidence shows that workers protected by trade unions are less likely to suffer injury; notes the benefits for employers and organisations already working with trade unions to strive for improved workplace health, safety and occupational health, and considers that effective and meaningful enforcement is vital in improving health and safety across Scottish workplaces.

4. Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved S5M-05185—That the Parliament expresses concern about the impact on Scotland of the military base closures announced by the Ministry of Defence as part of its Estate Optimisation Strategy; supports local community opposition to closures, and calls on the UK Government to engage fully with the Scottish Government, local authorities and local communities as a matter of urgency.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S5M-05185.3 to motion S5M-05185—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05185 in the name of Keith Brown (Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland), leave out from “expresses” to end and insert “understands that the Ministry of Defence’s Estate Optimisation Strategy has the sensible aims of updating the defence estate to be more capability focused and better suited to the needs of modern armed forces; believes that the UK Government should continue to engage fully with the Scottish Government, local authorities and local communities on the review; notes that the defence estate in Scotland will still remain considerable; acknowledges that the UK Government has made wider investment in defence in Scotland supporting thousands of jobs, and believes that an independent Scotland would have a very limited military, which would weaken the defence of the nation and damage its proud military traditions.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

David Stewart moved amendment S5M-05185.1 to motion S5M-05185—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05185 in the name of Keith Brown (Defence Basing Reforms and the Impact on Scotland), insert at end “; further notes the crucial economic and social contribution of military bases in Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to halt all and any base closures until it has prepared and consulted on full economic assessment and employment diversification plans.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 36, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 37, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament expresses concern about the impact on Scotland of the military base closures announced by the Ministry of Defence as part of its Estate Optimisation Strategy; supports local community opposition to closures; calls on the UK Government to engage fully with the Scottish Government, local authorities and local communities as a matter of urgency; further notes the crucial economic and social contribution of military bases in Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to halt all and any base closures until it has prepared and consulted on full economic assessment and employment diversification plans.

5. Super-Majorities – Standing Order Rule Changes: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-05176—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 4th Report, 2017 (Session 5), *Scotland Act 2016 - Standing Order rule changes* (SP Paper 115), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from the day on which section 11 of the Scotland Act 2016 comes into force.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05250—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 25 April 2017—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Criminal Finances Bill – UK Legislation

(b) Thursday 27 April 2017—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

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

S5M-5193: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-5194: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

No. 96, Tuesday 25 April 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Derek Lamont, Senior Minister, St Columba's Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Child Tax Credit Cuts: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-05282—That the Parliament is fundamentally opposed to the UK Government's imposition of the two-child limit on child tax credits and universal credit, which will push families into poverty; notes that the Institute of Fiscal Studies states that, across the UK, these cuts will lead to around 600,000 three-child families being £2,500-a-year worse off, and 300,000 families with four or more children being £7,000-a-year worse off, with on average two thirds of the families affected having at least one adult in paid work; utterly condemns the disgraceful and repugnant "rape clause", which will force victims of rape seeking to claim child tax credits to prove to the UK Government that their third child was born as a result of non-consensual sex; believes this policy to be unfair, unequal, morally unacceptable and deeply harmful to women and their children and a fundamental violation of women's human rights; supports those third sector and healthcare organisations that will not be third party assessors on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions, and calls on the UK Government to urgently change its position and remove the two-child cap and therefore scrap the "rape clause".

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S5M-05282.4 to motion S5M-05282—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05282 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Child Tax Credit Cuts), leave out from "is fundamentally" to end and insert "notes that the UK Government has a duty to manage public finances carefully for future generations; considers that the UK Government has sought to curb increasing welfare spending by reducing benefits to those on higher incomes, such as child benefit; notes that the two-child limit on child tax credits will not apply to current recipients; considers that the Scottish Government has the power to reverse the two-child limit on tax credits by using newly devolved powers if it so chooses; further considers that exemptions to the two-child policy, such as that given to women who are victims of rape, must be implemented as compassionately as possible and monitored closely, and believes that more must be done to help women in Scotland in these circumstances by, for example, increasing the number of sexual assault referral centres that are available."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S5M-05282.1 to motion S5M-05282—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05282 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Child Tax Credit Cuts), leave out from "supports those" to "Pensions" and insert

“further condemns any government that forces women to relive a horrific event in their lives to access social security for a third child; notes the many organisations that have called for a reverse of the two-child cap, including the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which states that these changes will result in an additional 200,000 children in the UK being pushed into poverty; supports those third sector and healthcare organisations that will not be third party assessors on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions, and condemns the pressure being put on them to carry out a procedure for which many will not be trained”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-05282.2 to motion S5M-05282—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05282 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Child Tax Credit Cuts), after “Pensions” insert “; agrees with Rape Crisis Scotland, Engender and Scottish Women’s Aid’s view that these changes are ethically unjustifiable; believes that women’s rights and equality are integral to developing a social security system in Scotland that is just and fair; condemns the two-child cap as yet another welfare cut that the UK Government knows will hit women hardest”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is fundamentally opposed to the UK Government’s imposition of the two-child limit on child tax credits and universal credit, which will push families into poverty; notes that the Institute of Fiscal Studies states that, across the UK, these cuts will lead to around 600,000 three-child families being £2,500-a-year worse off, and 300,000 families with four or more children being £7,000-a-year worse off, with on average two thirds of the families affected having at least one adult in paid work; utterly condemns the disgraceful and repugnant “rape clause”, which will force victims of rape seeking to claim child tax credits to prove to the UK Government that their third child was born as a result of non-consensual sex; believes this policy to be unfair, unequal, morally unacceptable and deeply harmful to women and their children and a fundamental violation of women’s human rights; further condemns any government that forces women to relive a horrific event in their lives to access social security for a third child; notes the many organisations that have called for a reverse of the two-child cap, including the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, which states that these changes will result in an additional 200,000 children in the UK being pushed into poverty; supports those third sector and healthcare organisations that will not be third party assessors on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions; agrees with Rape Crisis Scotland, Engender and Scottish Women’s Aid’s view that these changes are ethically unjustifiable; believes that women’s rights and equality are integral to developing a social security system in Scotland that is just and fair; condemns the two-child cap as yet another

welfare cut that the UK Government knows will hit women hardest; condemns the pressure being put on them to carry out a procedure for which many will not be trained, and calls on the UK Government to urgently change its position and remove the two-child cap and therefore scrap the “rape clause”.

4. Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-05283—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 4, Abstentions 6).

5. Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-04995—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Air Departure Tax (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) by division: For 111, Against 4, Abstentions 6)).

6. Criminal Finances Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-05286—That the Parliament agrees that provisions of the Criminal Finances Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 13 October 2016, relating to Unexplained Wealth Orders, the seizure and forfeiture of cash in the form of betting receipts, discharged confiscation orders, the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 and powers to make consequential provision, 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).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. WWF Earth Hour 2017: The Parliament debated S5M-04248 in the name of Maurice Golden—That the Parliament welcomes the World Wide Fund for Nature’s (WWF) Earth Hour 2017, which will start at 8.30 pm on 25 March; recognises that Earth Hour is a global effort and that Scotland and the rest of the UK will join more than 175 countries taking part; further welcomes the continued cross-party support for tackling climate change; notes that all of the country’s local authorities will participate, including those in the West Scotland region; welcomes the action that is being planned nationwide by people and groups across a diverse range of communities, faiths and organisations; notes the view that everyone should take part to help raise awareness of climate change and the need to tackle it and the hope

that as many landmarks as possible join in by switching off their lights for the hour, and wishes everyone participating in it every success.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

No. 97, Wednesday 26 April 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and the Lord Advocate.

2. Carers and Social Care: Alison Johnstone moved S5M-05312—That the Parliament believes that there remains a vast gap between the value of care and the support or pay that carers receive; further believes that nobody should face poverty because of the care they give; supports calls for the Scottish Government to provide more practical support to young carers, greater financial support to young adult carers in education and a carers allowance for unpaid carers that is increased in value, available more widely and does not count as income when assessing benefits and care charges; believes that quality social care is essential to many people’s health, dignity and control; agrees to ensure that all who work in social care, including people working with children, are paid at least a “Living Wage Plus”; considers that better conditions and career opportunities are essential to recruiting and retaining experienced staff, particularly in light of Brexit, and commits to funding high-quality social care that is ultimately free at the point of use, and paid for by local tax reform and progressive national taxation, and not by care charges.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S5M-05312.2 to motion S5M-05312—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05312 in the name of Alison Johnstone (Carers and Social Care), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “welcomes that work to explore the extension of free personal care to people under 65 who would benefit from it is underway; notes recent investments to make care charges fairer and calls on all local authorities to ensure that they are as flexible as possible in the withdrawal of charges; believes that all local authorities should ensure that all staff providing social care are paid at least the real Living Wage, as set by the independent Living Wage Foundation, with a view to providing better conditions and structures for career development to help recruit and retain staff, and further believes that, if Scotland loses access to the single market due to Brexit, and with it freedom of movement, that this will pose a serious recruitment challenge for social care.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-05312.1 to motion S5M-05312—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05312 in the name of Alison Johnstone (Carers and Social Care), leave out from “, available more widely” to end and insert “; calls on the Scottish Government to take action on Frank’s Law;

believes that quality social care is essential to many people's health, dignity and control; considers that better conditions and career opportunities are essential to recruiting and retaining experienced staff, and, following Audit Scotland's 2015 report, *Health and social care integration*, which concluded that 'current approaches...will not be sustainable in the long term', commits to developing new models of care to ensure that Scotland's social care system is fit for the future."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-05312.3 to motion S5M-05312—

As an amendment to Motion S5M-05312 in the name of Alison Johnstone (Carers and Social Care), leave out from "believes that quality" to "control" and insert "calls on the Scottish Government to give carers the certainty and respect that they deserve by confirming a date when carers allowance will be increased; believes that quality social care is essential to many people's health, dignity and control, and expresses concern at the impact on social care of cuts to local government budgets".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that there remains a vast gap between the value of care and the support or pay that carers receive; further believes that nobody should face poverty because of the care they give; supports calls for the Scottish Government to provide more practical support to young carers, greater financial support to young adult carers in education and a carers allowance for unpaid carers that is increased in value, available more widely and does not count as income when assessing benefits and care charges; believes that quality social care is essential to many people's health, dignity and control; welcomes that work to explore the extension of free personal care to people under 65 who would benefit from it is underway; notes recent investments to make care charges fairer and calls on all local authorities to ensure that they are as flexible as possible in the withdrawal of charges; believes that all local authorities should ensure that all staff providing social care are paid at least the real Living Wage, as set by the independent Living Wage Foundation, with a view to providing better conditions and structures for career development to help recruit and retain staff, and further believes that, if Scotland loses access to the single market due to Brexit, and with it freedom of movement, that this will pose a serious recruitment challenge for social care.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05332—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 May 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Deer Management in Scotland
followed by Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Debate: Review of Priorities for Crofting Law Reform
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 May 2017

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
1.30 pm First Minister's Questions
2.15 pm General Questions
2.35 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
3.15 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 May 2017

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 10 May 2017

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 11 May 2017
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

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05333—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

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

6. MS Awareness Week: The Parliament debated S5M-04021 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament notes that MS Awareness Week 2017 will run from 23 April to 1 May; welcomes this opportunity to put multiple sclerosis (MS) on the agenda and raise awareness and understanding of the neurological condition that affects more than 11,000 people in Scotland, including in Paisley; celebrates the significant role that health professionals play in helping people with MS manage their condition, in particular the MS-specialist nurses who often provide frontline support; understands that, due to factors such as improved diagnosis, consensus around early treatment, and increased monitoring requirements, the role of the nurse has changed significantly over the years; believes that the provision of these nurses is vital to ensuring that there is appropriate support for people across the country; is concerned that some areas however might not have adequate provision; commends charities such as the MS Society Scotland and the MS Trust for championing the cause of people living with the condition, and notes the calls for members of all parties to get loud for tackling MS during the awareness week.

7. Motion Without Notice: George Adam 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 6.08 pm.

No. 98, Thursday 27 April 2017

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. Flawed Airport Consultation: The Parliament debated S5M-04708 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the growing concerns about Edinburgh Airport's plan to introduce new flight paths; understands that around 120 people attended the latest in a series of public meetings in Livingston to voice their opposition; believes that a number of flaws within the consultation have been identified, including the lack of inclusion of a health impact assessment of the proposed changes to airspace use since 2014, despite a number of residents reporting mental and physical health effects due to increased noise over their homes, the lack of evidence for the assertion that 25,000 fewer properties will be overflowed as a result of the changes, that Winchburgh and East Calder residents were informed through the first consultation that they would not be affected by any proposed changes but have since found that they will be affected by new plans, and the use of outdated census data from 2011 as the basis for the consultation, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to urge the Civil Aviation Authority to demand that Edinburgh Airport scraps what is considered this flawed consultation and begins the process again with up-to-date information and a more robust and credible consultation process.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Social Security Agency.

5. Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) moved S5M-05290—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill.

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

6. Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-03812—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (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).

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

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

No. 99, Tuesday 2 May 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Alison Britchfield, Minister, Tillicoultry Parish Church, Tillicoultry, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
3. **Deer Management in Scotland: Report to the Scottish Government from Scottish Natural Heritage 2016:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, moved S5M-05351—That the Parliament notes the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee's 5th Report, 2017 (Session 5), *Report on Deer Management in Scotland: Report to the Scottish Government from Scottish Natural Heritage 2016* (SP Paper 117).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Report on a Review of Priorities for Crofting Law Reform:** Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, moved S5M-05245—That the Parliament notes the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee's 4th Report, 2017 (Session 5), *Review of Priorities for Crofting Law Reform* (SP Paper 100).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 and 4 as noted above.
6. **Ship-to-ship Oil Transfers in the Cromarty and Moray Firths:** The Parliament debated S5M-04581 in the name of John Finnie—That the Parliament notes the lodging of Public Petition PE01637 regarding at-sea ship-to-ship oil transfers in areas such as the Cromarty and Moray firths; considers the Cromarty and Moray firths to be areas of environmental significance, which are completely unsuitable for operations such as at-sea ship-to-ship oil transfers; further considers that even a minimal spillage would have catastrophic effects for marine life, including the iconic pod of bottlenose dolphins in the Moray Firth, and for coastal communities, threatening the tourism industry, which it believes is the most important employer in the Highlands and Islands; congratulates Cromarty Rising on reaching over 100,000 signatures from people across the region and the world for its petition to the UK Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling; notes the calls for the devolution of powers over licences for at-sea ship-to-ship oil transfers, and further notes the view that any oil transfers that are considered necessary should continue to take place in the relative safety of the Cromarty Port.
7. **Motion Without Notice:** John Finnie 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. 100 , Wednesday 3 May 2017

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05428—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 May 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Ministerial Statement: Forensic Examination
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 May 2017

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 11 May 2017

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: Keeping Children Safe Online
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 May 2017

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 17 May 2017

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 18 May 2017

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

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05429—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 May 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05430—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 2 June 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 3.17 pm.

No. 101, Tuesday 9 May 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Jemma Skelding, pupil at Falkirk High School and British Sign Language user, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05508—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 9 May 2017—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Forensic Examination

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Literacy in Scottish Education

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

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 Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Forensic Examination.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Improving Literacy in Scottish Education.

6. Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-05423—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

7. Motion title: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05507—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 11 May 2017—

after

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Keeping Children Safe Online

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 - Standing Order Rule Changes

The motion was agreed to.

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

9. Food Banks, Scotland's Hunger Crisis: The Parliament debated S5M-05314 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament understands that the number of people in Scotland experiencing hunger is at crisis level, with figures from the Trussell Trust suggesting that more than 100,000 visited its food banks in the last year; believes that, as there are many charities and organisations providing such services, the number of families relying on these will be far higher; condemns what it sees as the benefit cuts and unfair sanctions that are being imposed by the UK Government, which it believes have been a significant factor in the dramatic increase in the use of foodbanks; notes the support for policies that aim to prevent hunger and ensure the provision of food through working with food banks until they are no longer required; further notes the view that there should be sustained and improved access to emergency financial support through the Scottish Welfare Fund; understands that existing schemes where social services work with voluntary organisations have been successful in helping people access the services and support to which they are entitled and that by providing this has reduced foodbank use, and notes the view that this approach of joint public and voluntary sector working provides the greatest chance of eradicating the need for food banks in Glasgow and across Scotland.

10. Motion Without Notice: Pauline McNeill 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 6.32 pm.

No. 102, Wednesday 10 May 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Scrap the NHS Pay Cap: Anas Sarwar moved S5M-05479—That the Parliament believes that the NHS pay cap should be scrapped and that NHS staff should be given a real terms pay rise.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S5M-05479.3 to motion S5M-05479—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05479 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Scrap the NHS Pay Cap), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that the NHS Independent Pay Review body helps determine NHS pay on a UK-wide basis, and that the Scottish Government has consistently implemented the body’s recommendations; further notes that, as a result of recommended pay uplifts being passed on in full in Scotland, unlike other parts of the UK, band 5 Agenda for Change staff members in Scotland will be up to £312 better paid than their counterparts in England and Wales; welcomes that, over and above the pay recommendations, due to Scottish Government action for the lowest paid, entry level NHS support staff in Scotland are paid more than £1,128 more than their counterparts in England; further welcomes that no compulsory redundancies, free nurse student tuition and nurse student bursaries are being retained in Scotland, but is concerned about the impact of their loss on the NHS in other parts of the UK; however, recognises that NHS staff in Scotland have faced real challenges as a result of inflation outpacing uplifts at the top of pay bands; believes that the best resolution will be found by the Scottish Government working in partnership with NHS staff representatives; therefore calls on the Scottish Government to seek agreement with the staff side, through their representatives and unions, to jointly commission work, developing an evidence base to assess the impact of pay restraint, using this evidence as part of the submission to the next pay round of the NHS Independent Pay Review body; remains concerned that Brexit is continuing to be a cause of uncertainty for staff from other parts of the EU working in the NHS, and believes that the rights of these committed staff should be guaranteed immediately, and that maintaining freedom of movement within the EU is vital to sustain the health service for the future.”

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-05479.2 to motion S5M-05479—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05479 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Scrap the NHS Pay Cap), leave out from “the NHS pay cap” to end and insert “NHS staff deserve to be valued and supported; notes that the Scottish Government has let down NHS staff by failing to carry out long-term workforce planning; acknowledges that nearly half of the NHS workforce believes that there are not enough staff for them to do their job properly; believes that widespread short staffing is damaging for staff morale and patient safety; considers that

recruitment and retention issues are in large part due to working conditions; calls for efficiencies to be made in areas such as spending on agency and locum staff, and notes concerns from groups such as the Royal College of Nursing over staffing levels in NHS Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S5M-05479.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-05479.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the NHS Independent Pay Review body helps determine NHS pay on a UK-wide basis, and that the Scottish Government has consistently implemented the body’s recommendations; further notes that, as a result of recommended pay uplifts being passed on in full in Scotland, unlike other parts of the UK, band 5 Agenda for Change staff members in Scotland will be up to £312 better paid than their counterparts in England and Wales; welcomes that, over and above the pay recommendations, due to Scottish Government action for the lowest paid, entry level NHS support staff in Scotland are paid more than £1,128 more than their counterparts in England; further welcomes that no compulsory redundancies, free nurse student tuition and nurse student bursaries are being retained in Scotland, but is concerned about the impact of their loss on the NHS in other parts of the UK; however, recognises that NHS staff in Scotland have faced real challenges as a result of inflation outpacing uplifts at the top of pay bands; believes that the best resolution will be found by the Scottish Government working in partnership with NHS staff representatives; therefore calls on the Scottish Government to seek agreement with the staff side, through their representatives and unions, to jointly commission work, developing an evidence base to assess the impact of pay restraint, using this evidence as part of the submission to the next pay round of the NHS Independent Pay Review body; remains concerned that Brexit is continuing to be a cause of uncertainty for staff from other parts of the EU working in the NHS, and believes that the rights of these committed staff should be guaranteed immediately, and that maintaining freedom of movement within the EU is vital to sustain the health service for the future.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05517—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 May 2017

2.00 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Topical Questions (if selected)
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish Government Debate: A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 May 2017

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

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 18 May 2017

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: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 May 2017

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 24 May 2017

1.15 pm Members' Business

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 25 May 2017
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

The motion was agreed to.

4. Committee Meeting: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05521—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Public Petitions Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 11.40am to noon on 18 May 2017 for the purpose of hearing evidence on petition PE1517.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. Celebrating International Nurses Day on 12 May 2017: The Parliament debated S5M-05165 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament recognises International Nurses Day 2017, which is celebrated around the world every year on 12 May; acknowledges that this date is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth; considers that Mary Seacole also contributed immensely to furthering the caring for ill and recuperating patients; understands that nurses are the single largest group of healthcare professionals in the UK; acknowledges that nursing encompasses the autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families and communities in all settings, and includes the promotion of health, prevention of illness and care of people who are ill, disabled and who are dying; considers that advocacy, promotion of a safe environment, research, participation in shaping health policy and education are also key roles in nursing, and notes calls for everyone to mark International Nurses Day in some way, whether it be by sharing messages of support on social media, learning more about the hard work nurses do, or fundraising for a charity that supports nursing staff.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 103, Thursday 11 May 2017

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. 12 May, International ME Day: The Parliament debated S5M-05038 in the name of Gail Ross—That the Parliament acknowledges that 12 May 2017 marks the international awareness day for myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), which is commonly known as chronic fatigue syndrome; understands that ME is often labelled as a “silent” illness but can bring great mental and physical exhaustion to those living with it; believes that over 20,000 adults and children in Scotland have the condition and that the effects include cognitive impairment, poor short-term memory, muscle and joint pain, gastrointestinal problems and food intolerance; commends the work of the various charities across Scotland and beyond in highlighting the circumstances faced by people with ME, and commends them on the support that they offer.

4. Keeping Children Safe Online: The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Mark McDonald) moved S5M-05515—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Government's *National Action Plan on Internet Safety for Children and Young People*; supports the right of children and young people to be safe and supported online; recognises the positive uses of the internet for children and young people, including the vast opportunities for learning and communication, and agrees that everyone has a role to play in keeping children safe online.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-05515.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05515 in the name of Mark McDonald (Keeping Children Safe Online), after first “Young People;” insert “expects that the Scottish Government will update the Parliament regularly on the progress of the implementation of the plan;”.

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

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-05515.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05515 in the name of Mark McDonald (Keeping Children Safe Online), insert at end “; is concerned that teacher training does not adequately cover online safety for children and young people, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with education institutions to rectify this emerging requirement in training classroom teachers.”

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 publication of the Scottish Government's *National Action Plan on Internet Safety for Children and Young People*; expects that the Scottish Government will update the Parliament regularly on the progress of the implementation of the plan; supports the right of children and young people to be safe and supported online; recognises the positive uses of the internet for children and young people, including the vast opportunities for learning and communication; agrees that everyone has a role to play in keeping children safe online; is concerned that teacher training does not adequately cover online safety for children and young people, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with education institutions to rectify this emerging requirement in training classroom teachers.

5. Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 – Standing Order Rule Changes: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-05456—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 5th Report, 2017 (Session 5), *Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 - Standing Order rule changes* (SP Paper 125), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 18 May 2017.

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.

Annex A: Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

15 November 2016

Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to remove the limitation period for actions of damages in respect of personal injuries resulting from childhood abuse. (SP Bill 1) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 1-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 1-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 1-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 1-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

8 December 2016

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the arrangements for the Police Service of Scotland to police railways and railway property; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 2) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 2-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 2-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 2-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 2-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

19 December 2016

Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill — A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to remove the limitation period for actions of damages in respect of personal injuries resulting from childhood abuse. (SP Bill 3) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Derek Mackay

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 3-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 3-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 3-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 3-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

26 January 2017

Budget (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2017/18, 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 2018/19, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes (SP Bill 4) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: Derek Mackay

Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon, Joe FitzPatrick

Accompanying documents (SP Bill 4-AD) were printed to accompany the Bill.

31 January 2017

Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish

Parliament to make provision about the enforcement of contractual terms by third parties. (SP Bill 5) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 5-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 5-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 5-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 5-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

9 February 2017

Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to set targets relating to the eradication of child poverty; and to make provision about plans and reports relating to the targets. (SP Bill 6) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 6-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 6-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 6-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 6-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

28 February 2017

Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to require that motor vehicles provided for the dedicated transport of pupils to and from establishments where they receive primary education or secondary education are fitted with seat belts. (SP Bill 7) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Gillian Martin

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 7-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 7-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 7-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 7-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

17 March 2017

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to create an offence with respect to the engaging by a person in a course of behaviour which is abusive of the person's partner or ex-partner; and to make rules of criminal procedure for that offence and also for offences subject to the statutory aggravation involving abuse of partners or ex-partners. (SP Bill 8) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 8-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 8-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 8-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 8-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to incorporate and reconstitute the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission; to make provision for its functions and for the appointment of Commissioners; to make provision for the calculation of the annual assessments payable by the owners of land benefited by the Pow; to make provision for meetings of the Commissioners and heritors; to make provision for the Commissioners to have access to the Pow over neighbouring land for necessary purposes and for the Commissioners' consent to be required for activities affecting the Pow and adjacent land etc.; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 9) (Private Bill)

Introduced by: The Pow of Inchaffray Commissioners
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 9-EN), a Promoter's Memorandum (SP Bill 9-PM), a Promoter's Statement (SP Bill 9-PS) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 9-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

20 March 2017

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to incorporate and reconstitute the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission; to make provision for its functions and for the appointment of Commissioners; to make provision for the calculation of the annual assessments payable by the owners of land benefited by the Pow; to make provision for meetings of the Commissioners and heritors; to make provision for the Commissioners to have access to the Pow over neighbouring land for necessary purposes and for the Commissioners' consent to be required for activities affecting the Pow and adjacent land etc.; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 10) (Private Bill)

Introduced by: The Trustees of the Widows' Scheme of the Incorporation of Bakers of the City of Edinburgh
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 10-EN), a Promoter's Memorandum (SP Bill 10-PM), a Promoter's Statement (SP Bill 10-PS) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 10-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

10 May 2017

Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about Scottish Ministers' functions in relation to forestry; to make provision about Scottish Ministers' functions in relation to the management of forestry land and other land; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 11) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Fergus Ewing
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 11-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 11-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 11-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 11-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make it an offence to use wild animals in travelling circuses. (SP Bill 12) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Roseanna Cunningham
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 12-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 12-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 12-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 12-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—

30 June 2016

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft]

laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

19 August 2016

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Scottish Tribunals (Offences in Relation to Proceedings) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(d) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Panel) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) and section 80(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Private Rented Housing Panel) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) and section 80(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) and section 80(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Private Rented Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) and section 80(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

24 August 2016

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Part 4 and Part 5 Complaints) Revocation Order 2016 [draft]

laid under section 99 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

31 August 2016

Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

5 September 2016

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Time for Compliance) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 72(2)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

7 September 2016

Council Tax (Substitution of Proportion) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]

laid under section 74(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Climate Change (Annual Targets) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change (Limit on Use of Carbon Units) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

8 September 2016

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Private Rented Housing Panel) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) and section 80(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Homeowner Housing Panel) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) and section 80(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Private Rented Housing Committees) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) and section 80(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

The draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on 8 September 2016.

8 September 2016

Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

9 September 2016

Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Fixed Penalty Notices) Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 5(2) of the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Act 2016

12 September 2016

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Scottish Fiscal Commission as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 33(6) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003

14 September 2016

Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

15 September 2016

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (No. 2) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 16(5) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

16 September 2016

Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 1(3) of the Court of Session Act 1988

Sheriff Court Simple Procedure (Limits on Award of Expenses) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 133(2)(a) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Relevant Officer and Consequential Provisions) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 133(2) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

21 September 2016

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 225(4)(a) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 and section 62(4) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002

Protected Trust Deeds (Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 225(4)(a) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

Protected Trust Deeds (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 72(2) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

23 September 2016

Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Excepted Proceedings) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 2(5) of the Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016

30 September 2016

Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Excepted Proceedings) Regulations 2016 [draft] (*withdrawn*)

7 October 2016

Home Detention Curfew Licence (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 45(3) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland)
Act 1993

21 October 2016

Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) Order 2017 [draft]
laid under section 36(11) of the Scotland Act 2016

24 October 2016

Air Weapons Licensing (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 85(2) of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act
2015

25 October 2016

Crofting Commission (Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 60(3)(b) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

28 October 2016

Aberdeen Harbour Revision Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 54A of the Harbours Act 1964

3 November 2016

Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010 (Transitional Provisions) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 33(3)(c) of the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010

10 November 2016

Asset Transfer Request (Designation of Relevant Authority) (Scotland) Order 2017
[draft]
laid under section 142(2) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act
2015

11 January 2017

Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017
[draft]
laid under section 77(4) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

17 January 2017

Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010 (Modification) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 20(6)(a) of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

23 January 2017

Sale of Tobacco (Registration of Moveable Structures and Fixed Penalty Notices)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 40(4) of the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services
(Scotland) Act 2010

26 January 2017

National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland)
Amendment Order 2017 [draft]

laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 (Scottish Land Court) Order 2017 [draft]
laid under section 71(4) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

27 January 2017

Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft]
laid under section 26A(11)(b) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Clinic) Amendment Order 2017 [draft]

laid under section 105(3) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Scottish Fiscal Commission (Modification of Functions) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 8(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

2 February 2017

Budget (Scotland) Act 2016 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2016

3 February 2017

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Upper Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the First-tier Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Ancillary Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 80(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

20 February 2017

Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 225(4)(a) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

The following draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on 16 February 2017—

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Upper Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the First-tier Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

21 February 2017

Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

27 February 2017

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft]
laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

1 March 2017

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

8 March 2017

Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

23 March 2017

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

The draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on 23 March 2017.

24 March 2017

Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 April 2017

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 69(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

28 April 2017

Public Services Reform (Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]

laid under section 25(2)(b)(i) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Cattle Identification (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/133)

laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/134)

laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/135)

laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/139)

laid under section 41(9) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

2 May 2017

Insolvency (Regulation (EU) 2015/848) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

4 May 2017

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Relevant Trafficking or Exploitation Offences and Relevant UK Orders) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 41(2) of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the negative procedure—

17 May 2016

Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/178)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

26 May 2016

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/187)

laid under section 138(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

Air Weapons Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/188)

laid under section 85(4) of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015

3 June 2016

Foods for Specific Groups (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/190)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

Food Information (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/191)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

9 June 2016

National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/195)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1 July 2016

Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendments) Rules Order of Council 2016 (SI 2016/693)
laid under article 42(3)(a) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

19 August 2016

Scottish Tribunals (Time Limits) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/231)
laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/232)
laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

24 August 2016

Named Persons (Training, Qualifications, Experience and Position) and the Child's Plan (Scotland) Revocation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/234)
laid under section 99 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

2 September 2016

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Highland Council) Designation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/245)
laid under paragraph (4) of schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (Highland Council Parking Area) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/246)
laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (Highland Council) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/247)
laid under section 82 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

5 September 2016

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Framework) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/249)
laid under section 88(3) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Water Environment (Shellfish Water Protected Areas: Designation) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/251)

laid under section 36 of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

7 September 2016

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/253)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

8 September 2016

Children's Services Planning (Specified Date) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/255)

laid under section 99(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/257)

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Acquisition of Land (Rate of Interest after Entry) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/258)

laid under section 40(2) of the Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1963

9 September 2016

Food Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/260)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Education (Student Loans) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/261)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

13 September 2016

General Dental Council (Fitness to Practice) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2016 (SI 2016/902)

laid under section 51(4) of the Dentists Act 1984

14 September 2016

Representation of the People (Variation of Limit of Candidates' Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/263)

laid under section 76A(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/264)

laid under section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

16 September 2016

Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/290)

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/292)

laid under section 63(3) of the Clean Air Act 1993

Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/293)

laid under section 63(2) of the Clean Air Act 1993

21 September 2016

Bankruptcy (Applications and Decisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/295)

laid under section 225(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

22 September 2016

Budget (Scotland) Act 2016 Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]

laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2016

29 September 2016

Additional Support for Learning (Sources of Information) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/299)

laid under section 34 of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004

5 October 2016

Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan and Performance Report (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/309)

laid under section 19(8) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

28 October 2016

Justices of the Peace (Training and Appraisal) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/329)

laid under section 28 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Court Fees (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/332)

laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

31 October 2016

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Rules of Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/333)

laid under paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Tenant Information Packs (Assured Tenancies) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/334)

laid under section 53(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/339)

laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014, section 53(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and section 53(3) of the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984

10 November 2016

Asset Transfer Request (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/357)
laid under section 142 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Asset Transfer Request (Review Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/358)
laid under section 142 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Asset Transfer Request (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/359)
laid under section 142 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Asset Transfer Request (Appeal Where No Contract Concluded) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/360)
laid under section 142 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Asset Transfer Request (Designation of Community Transfer Bodies) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/361)
laid under section 142 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Community Empowerment (Registers of Land) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/362)
laid under section 142(4) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Community Planning (Locality Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/364)
laid under section 142(4) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

11 November 2016

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/366)
laid under section 126(2)(j) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

14 November 2016

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Conservation Bodies) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/371)
laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Ministers Annual Plan Planning Period (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/373)
laid under section 3E(3) of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000

18 November 2016

Air Quality Standards (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/376)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

23 November 2016

Caseins and Caseinates (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/383)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

24 November 2016

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential and Saving Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/389)
laid under section 126(2)(j) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Lyon Court and Office Fees (Variation) (Devolved Functions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/390)
laid under section 5(3) of the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968

Tweed Regulation (Salmon Conservation) (No. 2) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/391)
laid under section 77(2) of the Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/392)
laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

25 November 2016

National Health Service (Dietitian Supplementary Prescribers and Therapeutic Radiographer Independent Prescribers) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/393)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1 December 2016

Patient Rights (Complaints Procedure and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/401)
laid under section 25 of the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011

Valuation for Rating (Decapitalisation Rate) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/402)
laid under section 6(8B)(c) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

15 December 2016

Police Service of Scotland (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/419)
laid under section 125(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Saving Provision) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/421)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Caseins and Caseinates (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/422)
laid under section 48 of the Food Safety Act 1990

16 December 2016

Gaelic Medium Education (Assessment Requests) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/425)

laid under section 31 of the Education (Scotland) Act 2016

19 December 2016

Civil Partnership, Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes and Same Sex Marriage (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/427)

laid under section 8(1G) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 and section 126 of the Civil Partnership Act 2004

22 December 2016

Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/431)

laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

Letting Agent Registration (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/432)

laid under section 101(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

Licensing of Relevant Permanent Sites (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/433)

laid under sections 32C(4), 32F(3), 32N(1) and 32Y(5) of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

Seed (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/434)

laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

13 January 2017

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/6)

laid under section 56 of the Finance Act 1973

18 January 2017

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/7)

laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003

19 January 2017

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/8)

laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Non-Domestic Rates (Levy) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/9)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

23 January 2017

Sale of Nicotine Vapour Products (Prescribed Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/13)

laid under section 40(3) of the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010

27 January 2017

Non-Domestic Rates (Rural Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/22)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

3 February 2017

National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/27)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/28)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

20 February 2017

Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/37)
laid under section 225(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

22 February 2017

Animal Feed (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/38)
laid under section 84 of the Agriculture Act 1970

23 February 2017

Participation Request (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/39)
laid under section 142 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/41)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/42)
laid under section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/43)
laid under sections 24(5), 24A(6) and 24B(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966

Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Outer Hebrides) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/48)
laid under section 9(2) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

27 February 2017

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/49)
laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Vapour Products by Persons Under 18 (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/50)
laid under section 40(3) of the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010

Sale of Tobacco (Register of Tobacco Retailers) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/51)

laid under section 40(3) of the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010

2 March 2017

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Amendment) (Pursuers' Offers) 2017 (SSI 2017/53)

laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Shellfish (Restrictions on Taking by Unlicensed Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/57)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

3 March 2017

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/58)

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

National Health Service (Payments and Remission of Charges) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/59)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Non-Domestic Rates (Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/60)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (District Heating Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/61)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

9 March 2017

Protection of Seals (Designation of Haul-Out Sites) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/63)

laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/64)

laid under section 61(4) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/66)

laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

10 March 2017

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/68)

laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/69)

laid under paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

15 March 2017

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications and Objections Procedure) Amendment Rules 2017 (SSI 2017/74)

laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and section 28 of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

16 March 2017

Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2017 (SSI 2017/77)

laid under section 20 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

Valuation Appeal Committee (Procedure in Appeals under the Valuation Acts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/78)

laid under section 15(4) of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1963

Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/85)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

24 March 2017

Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/95)

laid under section 78 of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

27 March 2017

Damages (Personal Injury) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/96)

laid under section 1(4) of the Damages Act 1996

Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/97)

laid under section 225(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

30 March 2017

Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/98)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

13 April 2017

Flood Risk Management (Flood Protection Schemes, Potentially Vulnerable Areas and Local Plan Districts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/112)

laid under section 94(2) of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

The Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/113)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

The Agriculture, Land Drainage and Irrigation Projects (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/114)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/115)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

20 April 2017

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/118)
laid under section 21(7) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

27 April 2017

Regulation of Scallop Fishing (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/127)
laid under section 20 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

M9/A90/M90 Trunk Road (Kirkliston to Halbeath) (Variable Speed Limits and Actively Managed Hard Shoulder) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/128)
laid under section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

M90/A90 Trunk Road (Admiralty Interchange to Dalmeny) (Variable Speed Limits, Actively Managed Hard Shoulder and Bus Lane) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/129)
laid under section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

10 May 2017

Academic Awards and Distinctions (University of the Highlands and Islands) (Scotland) Order of Council 2017 (SSI 2017/146)
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/149)
laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

11 May 2017

Road Works (Qualifications of Operatives and Supervisors) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/147)
laid under section 163 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Oaths) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/148)
laid under section 80(2) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

8 June 2016

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/193 (C.16))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 June 2016

Education (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/192 (C.15))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Appeal Court Rules 2015 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2016 (SSI 2016/194)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 June 2016

Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/196 (C.17))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 June 2016

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/199 (C.18))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure) 2016 (SSI 2016/200)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 June 2016

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (No. 3) (Instruction of Representation in the High Court) 2016 (SSI 2016/201)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 June 2016

Succession (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/210)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 July 2016

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Personal Injury Pre-Action Protocol) 2016 (SSI 2016/215)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 August 2016

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (No. 2) (Miscellaneous) 2016 (SSI 2016/229)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 August 2016

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 11) Partial Revocation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/233 (C.20))

laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 September 2016

Act of Sederunt (Registration Appeal Court) 2016 (SSI 2016/241)

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 Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (No. 3) (Miscellaneous) 2016 (SSI 2016/242)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Lay Representation for Non-Natural Persons) 2016 (SSI 2016/243)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Fitness Assessment Tribunal Rules) 2016 (SSI 2016/244)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 September 2016

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitory Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/250 (C.21))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 September 2016

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 12 and Saving Provision) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/254 (C.22))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement and Transitory Provision) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/256 (C.23))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 September 2016

Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/259 (C.24))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 September 2016

Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/262 (C.25))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 September 2016

Aberdeen City (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/265)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Aberdeenshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/266)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Angus (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/267)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Clackmannanshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/268)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Dumfries and Galloway (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/269)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

City of Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/270)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

East Ayrshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/271)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

East Dunbartonshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/272)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

East Lothian (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/273)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

East Renfrewshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/274)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Falkirk (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/275)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Fife (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/276)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Glasgow City (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/277)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Highland (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/278)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Inverclyde (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/279)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Midlothian (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/280)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Moray (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/281)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

North Ayrshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/282)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

North Lanarkshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/283)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Perth and Kinross (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/284)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Renfrewshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/285)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

South Ayrshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/286)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

South Lanarkshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/287)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Stirling (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/288)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

West Dunbartonshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/289)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 September 2016

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 7, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/291 (C.26))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 September 2016

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/294 (C.27))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 September 2016

Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/298 (C.28))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 September 2016

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (No. 3) (Supervision Default Orders) 2016 (SSI 2016/300)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 October 2016

Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 5 and Saving Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/307 (C.29))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 October 2016

Act of Sederunt (Electronic Authentication) 2016 (SSI 2016/306)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

26 October 2016

Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016 (Commencement and Transitory Provision)
Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/326 (C.30))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

27 October 2016

Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2016 (SSI
2016/327 (C.31))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

10 November 2016

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 4 and
Transitory Provision) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/363 (C.32))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

11 November 2016

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 3, Transitory and Saving
Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/365 (C.33))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

14 November 2016

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2016 (SSI
2016/367)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016
(Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Transitory Provision) Regulations 2016
(SSI 2016/370 (C.34))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 4, Transitional and Saving
Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/372 (C.35))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

24 November 2016

Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement, Transitory,
Transitional and Savings Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/382 (C.36))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 2 and
Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/385 (C.37))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Education (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI
2016/386 (C.38))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

25 November 2016

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules
Amendment) (No. 5) (Miscellaneous) 2016 (SSI 2016/384)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

28 November 2016

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2016
(SSI 2016/394 (C.39))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement and Transitory Provision)
Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/395 (C.40))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

7 December 2016

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 6) Order 2016
(SSI 2016/410 (C.41))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

14 December 2016

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Electronic Authentication) 2016
(SSI 2016/415)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1, Transitory and
Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/417 (C.43))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

19 December 2016

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 3 and Saving Provision)
Order 2016 (SSI 2016/426 (C.44))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

12 January 2017

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Leave to Appeal)
2017 (SSI 2017/4)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

23 January 2017

Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No.
1) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/12 (C.2))

laid under section 34(4) of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care)
(Scotland) Act 2016

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitory Provisions)
Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/20 (C.3))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

1 February 2017

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Temporary
Exclusion Orders) 2017 (SSI 2017/26)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

9 February 2017

Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and
Saving Provisions) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/33 (C. 4))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

23 February 2017

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2017
(SSI 2017/40 (C.5))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

2 March 2017

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993
Amendment) (Pursuers' Offers) 2017 (SSI 2017/52)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

23 March 2017

Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1
and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/93 (C.6))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

27 March 2017

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/94 (C.7))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 April 2017

Act of Sederunt (Fatal Accident Inquiry Rules) 2017 (SSI 2017/103)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 April 2017

Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provisions) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/119 (C.9))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 April 2017

Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/126 (C.10))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 April 2017

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Competition Proceedings) 2017 (SSI 2017/130)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Vexatious Actions) 2017 (SSI 2017/131)

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 Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Curators ad litem) 2017 (SSI 2017/132)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 May 2017

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/140 (C.11))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 May 2017

Act of Adjournment (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2017 (SSI 2017/144)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 May 2017

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (No.2) (Human Trafficking and Exploitation) 2017 (SSI 2017/145)
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—

23 June 2016

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs:
Legislative Consent Memorandum Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill (UK
Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-1)

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum
Investigatory Powers Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-2)

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum
Policing and Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-3)

20 September 2016

John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education: Legislative Consent Memorandum
on the Higher Education and Research Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-4)

6 October 2016

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Supplementary Legislative
Consent Memorandum on the Policing and Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation)
(LCM-S5-3a)

17 November 2016

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport: Legislative Consent
Memorandum Health Service Medical Supplies (Costs) Bill (UK Parliament
legislation) LCM-S5-5

22 November 2016

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum
on the Criminal Finances Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-6

15 December 2016

John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Education: Legislative Consent Memorandum
on the Children and Social Work Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-7)

19 January 2017

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity:
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Digital Economy Bill (UK Parliament
legislation) LCM-S5-8

2 February 2017

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and
Land Reform: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Farriers (Registration) Bill
(UK Parliament legislation) LCM-S5-9

30 March 2017

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Finances Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-6a)

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—

27 January 2017

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/23)
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

Documents subject to consultation

The following documents were laid before the Parliament for consultation on the dates indicated—

12 January 2017

Public Services Reform (Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] (SG/2017/8)
laid under section 26(2)(a)(i) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

Public Services Reform (Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy) (Scotland) Order 2017 [Explanatory Document] (SG/2017/9)
laid under section 26(2)(a)(ii) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

Other documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and were not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

18 May 2016

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2016 (SPSO/2016/04)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme – An Update (AGS/2016/03)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

19 May 2016

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2015 for the year ended 31 December 2015 (SG/2016/62)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board - Report of the Trustees and Accounts for the Year-ended 31 December 2015 (SG/2016/63)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

31 May 2016

Climate Ready Scotland: Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme Second Annual Progress Report (SG/2016/75)
laid under section 54 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

9 June 2019

Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 15/16 year ended 31 March 2016 and Independent Auditor's Report (SP Paper 1)
laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

14 June 2016

Historic Environment Scotland Corporate Plan 2016-19 (SG/2016/90)
laid under section 9(4)(b) of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014.

16 June 2016

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2015/16 (SCJC/2016/01)
laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2015/16 (SCJC/2016/01)
laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

21 June 2016

Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/97)
laid under section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

22 June 2016

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2016 (SPSO/2016/05)
laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

24 June 2016

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2015-2016 (SG/2016/71)
laid under section 18 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

27 June

Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) (HMICS/2016/03)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

28 June 2016

General Pharmaceutical Council Annual Report: Annual fitness to practise report and annual accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/104)

laid under paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010.

29 June 2016

Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with: Transport (Scotland) Act 2001
Section 70(4) Financial Year 2015-16 (SG/2016/82)

laid under section 70 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001.

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/106)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

The Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2014-2015: (SG/2016/19)

laid under Schedule 1, paragraph 5 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 and Schedule 2, paragraph 6 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993.

30 June 2016

Annual Review of Policing (SPA/2016/01)

laid under Section 39 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

Committee on Climate Change – Meeting Carbon Budgets – 2016 Progress Report to Parliament (SG/2016/105)

laid under section 36(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008.

Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012 Annual Report – 2016 (SG/2016/99)

laid under section 4(2) of the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012.

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Programme 2016/17 (SCJC/2016/02)

laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013.

Office of Gas and Electricity Market (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16 (SG/2016/85)

laid under section 5(5A) of the Utilities Act 2000.

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2015-16 Annual Accounts (SG/2016/70)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report 2015-16 (SG/2016/69)

laid under paragraph 8 of schedule 9A to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Review of professional regulation and registration and Annual Report and Accounts 2015/2016 (SG/2016/65)

laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002, as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

4 July 2016

HM Fire Service Inspectorate Annual Report 2015/16 (SG/2016/92)

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

Transport Focus annual report and accounts 2015-16 (SG/2016/74)

laid under schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

5 July 2016

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry - Statement by the Deputy First Minister (SG/2016/110)

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

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (UKSA/2016/01)

laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

6 July 2016

Audit of Higher Education in Scottish Universities (AGS/2016/4)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

7 July 2016

Annual Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to the Scottish Ministers for 2015-2016 (SG/2016/66)

laid under section 107(3A) of the Police Act 1997

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/76)

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Report of the Interception of Communications Commissioner - Review of directions given under section 94 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (SG/2016/67)

laid under section 58(6) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

The United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/79)

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

8 July 2016

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report & Accounts 2015-2016 (SG/2016/93)

laid under section 5 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

12 July 2016

BBC Annual Report & Accounts 2015/16 (BBC/2016/01)

laid under the Memorandum of Understanding

BBC Full Financial Statements 2015/16 (BBC/2016/02)

laid under the Memorandum of Understanding

13 July 2016

British Library Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/115)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements 2015/16
(SG/2016/94)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report & Accounts Financial Year: April
2015 to March 2016 (SG/2016/80)
laid under sections 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

The Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1 April
2015 to 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/114)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

Scottish Canals Annual Report & Accounts 2015/2016 (SG/2016/107)
laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962 and section 22(5) of the
Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Supporting Scotland's Economic Growth (AGS/2016/05)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

14 July 2016

British Tourist Authority trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland Annual Report and
Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/91)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Committee on Climate Change Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2015 to 31
March 2016 (SG/2016/83)
laid under paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008

General Dental Council Annual report and accounts 2015 (SG/2016/29)
laid under sections 2B and 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

Scottish Law Commission Review of Contract Law - Report on Third Party Rights:
(SG/2016/98)
laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

UK Anti-Doping Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/87)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

18 July 2016

Heritage Lottery Fund National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution Annual
Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/77)
laid under section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993.

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31
March 2016 (SG/2016/78)

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998.

19 July 2016

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/81)

laid under article 13 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/576).

Big Lottery Fund Annual report and accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/88)

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998.

HMICS inspection of custody centres at Aikenhead Road and London Road, Glasgow (HMICS/2016/03)

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

20 July 2016

Health and Care Professions Council Annual report and accounts 2015–16 (SG/2016/101)

laid under articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001.

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 2016 (SG/2016/103)

laid under sections 11 and 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982.

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/111)

laid under sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self–Regulation of the Press.

MG ALBA Aithisg Bhladhnaill & Aithris nan Cunntasan 2015-16: MG ALBA Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 2015-16 (SG/2016/118)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990.

21 July 2016

Annual report and Accounts 2015-16 (ELC/2016/02)

laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Electoral Commission under Paragraph 20A(1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2015-2016 (SG/2016/20)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995.

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2015–16 (SG/2016/119)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 2 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013.

22 July 2016

Risk Management Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2015–16 (SG/2016/121)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

26 July 2016

Queen's and Lords Treasurer's Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/116)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/117)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 July 2016

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2016 (SPSO/2016/06)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002—

- Volume 1 of 3 Case ref: 201507563, Lothian NHS Board
- Volume 2 of 3 Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
- Volume 3 of 3 Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/125)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 July 2016

Treasure Trove in Scotland - Report by Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer 2015/2016 (SG/2016/120)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

2 August 2016

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/126)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

3 August 2016

Audit of Maintaining Scotland's roads – A follow-up report - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission for Scotland (AGS/2016/6)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 August 2016

Forestry Commission Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16 (SG/2016/127)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

10 August 2016

Scotland's Population 2015: The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic
Trends - 161st Edition (SG/2016/86)
laid under section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages
(Scotland) Act 1965

Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16
(SG/2016/102)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

11 August 2016

Report for 2015 – 2016 of the Appointed Person for Scotland under sections 127I
and 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (SG/2016/128)

laid under sections 127I and 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

15 August 2016

Education Scotland Annual Accounts 2015-16 (SG/2016/84)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000.

16 August 2016

The Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Annual Report 2015-16
(SG/2016/123)

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

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2015/16 (SCfS/2016/02)

laid under paragraph 10f to schedule 1 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life
etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary
Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010.

24 August 2016

Scotland's Colleges 2016: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and
Accounts Commission for Scotland (AGS/2016/8)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

31 August 2016

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August
2016 (SPSO/2016/07)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

1 September 2016

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co. Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/145)

laid under paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 4 to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Report 2015-2016 (SG/2016/144)

under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000

7 September 2016

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/149)

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

The Climate Change (Annual Targets) (Scotland) Order 2016 - Statement under section 5(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 in respect of the annual targets set by the Order (SG/2016/146)

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

Maritime & Coastguard Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2015-2016 (SG/2016/147)

laid under section 56(1)(3) of the Scotland Act 2016

8 September 2016

Report of the Intelligence Services Commissioner for 2015 (SG/2016/96)

laid before the under section 60(4A) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

Report of the Interception of Communications Commissioner Annual Report for 2015 (covering the period January to December 2015) (SG/2016/68)

laid under section 58(6) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2016: Resource Accounts (RS/2016/01)

laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2016: Devolved Taxes Account (RS/2016/02)

laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SCTS/2016/01)

laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

9 September 2016

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/140)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

12 September 2016

National Records of Scotland - Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 Report by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland, 2016 (SG/2016/129)

laid under Section 12(1) of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

Registers of Scotland Annual Report 2015-2016 (SG/2016/112)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/152)

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

13 September 2016

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16 (SG/2016/108)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Reducing Emissions in Scotland 2016 Progress Report (SG/2016/151)

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

14 September 2016

Crofting Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2015-2016 (SG/2016/113)

laid under Section 2B and paragraph 19 of section 1 to the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 as amended by the Crofters Reform (Scotland) Act 2007 and the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 September 2016

Report of the Intelligence Services Commissioner Supplementary to the Annual Report for 2015 (SG/2016/95)

laid under section 60(4) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

20 September 2016

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2015/16 (CES/2016/02)

laid under section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

21 September 2016

HMICS Crime Audit 2016 Report (HMICS/2016/04)

laid under section 9(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

22 September 2016

Food Standards Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/64)

laid under section 15(5) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

Government Chemist Review 2015 (SG/2016/163)
laid under Section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Environment Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2015-2016 (SG/2016/89)
laid under section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2016-17 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2017 (SG/2016/148)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

23 September 2016

Scottish Public Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16 (SG/2016/166)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 September 2016

Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme: An independent assessment for the Scottish Parliament (SG/2016/158)
laid under section 55(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/131)
laid under section 46 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 September 2016

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2016 (SPSO/2016/08)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

29 September 2016

Scottish Housing Regulator Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (SG/2016/154)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 Annual Report on Transport and Works Orders (SG/2016/167)
laid under section 21 of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

30 September 2016

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16: SG/2016/155
laid under section 30(1) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016:
SG/2016/156

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 2016:
SG/2016/157

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts: SG/2016/159
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Scottish Tax Tribunals Annual Report 2015/16: SG/2016/168

laid Parliament under section 60(4)(b) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax
Powers Act 2014

Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local
Authorities' Functions – 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016: SG/2016/196

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 12 of the Disabled Persons'
Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

3 October 2016

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31
March 2016: SG/2016/169

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Borders Health Board Annual Accounts and Notes Final 2015/16: SG/2016/170

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31
March 2016: SG/2016/171

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Fife Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2016:
SG/2016/172

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016:
SG/2016/173

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2016-19: SG/2016/161

laid under section 41B(11) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

4 October 2016

Bord na Gaidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail 2015/2016 / Annual Report 2015/2016:
SG/2016/199

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

Grampian Health Board Annual Report & Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2016:
SG/2016/174

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 2016: SG/2016/176

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Lanarkshire Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016:
SG/2016/177

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/175

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2016:
SG/2016/178

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland: SG/2016/139

laid under section 33 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

5 October 2016

NHS Education for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/181

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 2016:
SG/2016/182

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2016: SG/2016/180

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2016:

SG/2016/179

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16:

SG/2016/137

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2015/16: SG/2016/165

laid under section 13(5) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Sentencing Council Business Plan 2015-18: SG/2016/164

laid under section 12(7) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

6 October 2016

The 2015/16 audit of NHS 24: Update on management of an IT contract:

SG/2016/186

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2015/16 audit of NHS Tayside: Financial sustainability: SG/2016/184

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Letter from the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform in response to the Committee on Climate Change's 2016 progress report on reducing emissions in Scotland: SG/2016/200

laid under section 9(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016:

SG/2016/185

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 2016:

SG/2016/188

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 2016: SG/2016/187

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 2016:

SG/2016/183

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Transport Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/124

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 October 2016

NHS in Scotland 2016: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland: AGS/2016/9

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

The Queen's Printer for Scotland: Report for period 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016: SG/2016/197

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

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) Annual Report 2015/16: SG/2016/209

laid under paragraphs 21 and 22 of Schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) Annual Accounts Year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/210

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 October 2016

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report 2015-2016: SCHR/2016/02
laid under section 15 of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report 2016: SPSO/2016/AR
laid under section 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

28 October 2016

Children's Hearings Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/204

laid under paragraph 23 of schedule 1 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Children's Hearings Scotland: National Convener's Annual Report to the Board 2015/16: SG/2016/205

laid under paragraph 24 of schedule 1 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/218

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

31 October 2016

The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2014:
SG/2016/203

laid under sections 33 and 38 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The Scottish Civil Estate: Efficiency and Sustainability 2015/16: The Sixth Report on
the Performance and Environmental Sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate:
SG/2016/122

laid under section 76(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

3 November 2016

National Galleries of Scotland Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March
2016: SG/2016/212

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 31st March 2016: SG/2016/211

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 2016: SG/2016/213

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

7 November 2016

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the 12 Months to 31 March
2016: SG/2016/219

laid under article 12(7) of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008 (SSI 2008/77)
and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

10 November 2016

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report 2015-16: SG/2016/142

laid under section 43(5) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice
(Scotland) Act 2006

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16:
SG/2016/143

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

11 November 2016

Argyll Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31
March 2016: SG/2016/135

laid under section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

CalMac Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended
31 March 2016: SG/2016/133

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 2016: SG/2016/134
laid under section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

David MacBrayne Limited Group Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/132
laid under section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16: SG/2016/216
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16: SG/2016/215
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 November 2016

General Teaching Council for Scotland annual report and accounts year to March 2016: GTCS/2016/12
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2015-16: SG/2016/217
laid under section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

21 November 2016

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016: SG/2016/206
laid under paragraph 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 2016: SG/2016/207
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

22 November 2016

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2016: SPSO/2016/10
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

25 November 2016

Wildlife Crime in Scotland 2015 Annual Report: SG/2016/221
laid under section 26B of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

29 November 2016

The Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016: SG/2016/222

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

Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2015-2016: SG/2016/220

laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceeding etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

1 December 2016

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16: SG/2016/72

laid under paragraph 15(2) of schedule 11 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Ministers' Code of Practice on the Discharge of Functions by Scottish Public Authorities under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004: SG/2016/225

laid under section 60(5) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and regulation 18(4) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

6 December 2016

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/242

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

9 December 2016

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016: SG/2016/230

laid under paragraph 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

Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2015-16: SG/2016/208

laid under section 5(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

12 December 2019

Creative Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/214

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/224

laid under section 34 of the National Lottery Etc. Act 1993 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 December 2016

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2015/2016:
SG/2016/160

laid under section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

14 December 2016

Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2015/16:
SG/2016/228

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Glasgow Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2015/16: SG/2016/229
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2015-16:
SG/2016/252
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2015/16: SG/2016/237
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2015/16:
SG/2016/231
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

National Strategy for Community Justice: SG/2016/254
laid under section 15(6) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2015/16:
SG/2016/233
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Northern Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2015/16: SG/2016/232
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/253
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2015/16:
SG/2016/234
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2015/16: SG/2016/235
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

15 December 2016

The Scottish Government: Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights
Portfolio: Non Domestic Rating Account 2015-16: SG/2016/227
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

16 December 2016

Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for year
ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/255
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

Sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March
2016: SG/2016/245
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 2016: SG/2016/246
laid under section 35 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and section 22(5) of
the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 December 2016

The Administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2015-16: Report by the
Comptroller and Auditor General: SG/2016/239
laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the Finance
Act 2014

20 December 2016

Scotland: The Hydro Nation 3rd Annual Report: SG/2016/249
laid under section 4 of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/248
laid under 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 2016: SG/2016/247
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

21 December 2016

Report to the Scottish Parliament in respect of changes to the National Health
Service Pension Scheme (Scotland): SG/2016/256

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for December 2016

SPSO/2016/11

laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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Case ref: 201508264, Lothian NHS Board - Acute Division

Case ref: 201507831, Forth Valley NHS Board

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22 December 2016

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2015-16: SG/2016/226

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority: SG/2016/257

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts 2015-2016:

SG/2016/251

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 42A(1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Annual Report and Accounts for the Scottish Police Authority for the year to 31 March 2016: SG/2016/243

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 7(5) and 15(3) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16: SG/2016/250

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Confidential Forum Annual Report 2016: SG/2016/195

laid before the Scottish Parliament under paragraph 12(5) of schedule 1A of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Administration for the year ended 31 March 2016: SG/2016/244

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16: SG/2016/258

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

11 January 2017

Code of Practice on the Exercise by Constables of Powers of Stop and Search of the Person in Scotland: SG/2017/7

laid under section 77(2) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

12 January 2017

Scottish Social Housing Charter (SG/2017/2)

laid under section 33(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

20 January 2017

Glasgow Prestwick Airport: TS Prestwick Holdco Ltd Annual Accounts Financial Year 2015-16: SG/2017/4

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

Draft Climate Change Plan: The draft third report on policies and proposals 2017-2032: SG/2017/13

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 35 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 for a 60-day period of Parliamentary consideration

23 January 2017

Scottish Water Interim Accounts for the six months to 30 September 2016: SG/2017/12

laid under Section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 January 2017

HMICS Independent Assurance Review: Police Scotland Call handling – Update Report: HMICS/2017/01

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

25 January 2017

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Compendium of Case Reports for January 2017: SPSO/2017/01

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

26 January 2017

Scotland's Budget Documents 2017-18: Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting Document for the year ending 31 March 2018: SG/2017/5

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

1 February 2017

Northern Lighthouse Board Report and Accounts to 31 March 2016: SG/2017/15
laid under paragraph 4A of schedule 8 to the Merchant Shipping Act 1995

2 February 2017

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2016-17 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2017: SG/2017/6

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

9 February 2017

Community Payback Order Scottish Government Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2015-16: SG/2017/11

laid under section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

15 February 2017

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2017: SPSO/2017/02

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

20 February 2017

Coping is difficult, but I feel proud - perspectives on mental health and wellbeing of young carers: CCYP/2017/1

laid under section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Young Start Annual Report 2015/16: SG/2017/19

laid under schedule 3, part 3, paragraph 9 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

21 February 2017

The Fifth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 66 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: SG/2017/20

laid under section 66(1) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

22 February 2017

HMICS Audit and Assurance Review of Stop and Search Phase 2 (HMICS/2017/02)

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

24 February 2017

Private Rented Housing Panel / Homeowner Housing Panel Annual Report 2015 SG/2017/16

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

27 February 2017

HM Revenue and Customs Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16 – Extract covering matters relating to Scottish rate of Income Tax: SG/2017/18

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

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2016: SG/2017/21

laid under Section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965.

28 February 2017

Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics 2015-16 SG/2017/14
laid under Section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

1 March 2017

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2017 – Report by the Scottish Ministers: SG/2017/23
laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

8 March 2017

I6: a review. A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland: AGS/2017/1
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Scottish Canals Annual Review 2016: SG/2017/26
laid under Section 27(8C) of the Transport Act 1962

13 March 2017

Children's Hearings Scotland – Feedback Loop 2014/15: SG/2017/27
laid under Section 181 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

14 March 2017

Review of Snaring for Scottish Government: SG/2017/3
laid under section 11F(5) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

16 March 2017

Security Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16: SG/2017/1
laid under paragraph 17 of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

16 March 2017

Security Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16: SG/2017/1
laid under paragraph 17 of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

22 March 2017

Managing new financial powers: an update – a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland: AGS/2017/2
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2017: SPSO/2017/03
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

23 March 2017

Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration - Supplement to the Forty-Fifth Report 2017 - Scotland: SG/2017/31
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

NHS Pay Review Body - Thirtieth Report 2017 - Scotland Supplement: SG/2017/30
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

30 March 2017

HMICS Strategic overview of provision of forensic medical services to victims of
sexual crime: HMICS/2017/03
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020:
SG/2017/24
laid under Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

Review of Legislation Governing Small Landholdings in Scotland: SG/2017/33
laid under section 124(1)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

The Scottish Government: Code of Conduct for Special Advisers: SG/2017/22
laid under section 8(9) of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

Seventh Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change
(Scotland) Act 2009: SG/2017/32
laid under section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

18 April 2017

City of Glasgow College Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16: SG/2017/43
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 2015 to 31 July 2016: SG/2017/44
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Glasgow Clyde College Report and Financial Statements - for financial period
2015/16: SG/2017/45
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16:
SG/2017/47
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Glasgow Kelvin College Annual Report & Financial Statements August 2015-July
2016: SG/2017/46
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 2016: SG/2017/48

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 April 2017

Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/49

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders College Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/50

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/51

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

North East Scotland College Finance Statements for the year to 31 July 2016: SG/2017/52

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands & Islands: Perth College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/53

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands & Islands: Perth College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/53

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West Lothian College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/54

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 April 2017

Scotland's Carbon Footprint 1998 – 2013: SG/2017/34

laid under Section 37 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Dundee & Angus College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/55

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife College Annual Accounts 2015-16: SG/2017/56

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 2016: SG/2017/58

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands & Islands: Inverness College Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/57

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 2016: SG/2017/59

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

21 April 2017

Edinburgh College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/60

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Lews Castle College, Annual Accounts Year to 31 July 2016: SG/2017/62

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

New College Lanarkshire Financial Statements year ended 31st July 2016: SG/2017/66

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands & Islands: Moray College Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2016: SG/2017/64

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2015/16 audit of Edinburgh College: SG/2017/61

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2015/16 audit of Lews Castle College: SG/2017/63

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2015/16 audit of Moray College: SG/2017/65

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 April 2017

Scottish Government Fifth Annual Report on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 / Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016: SG/2017/36
laid under Section 33(2)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

Fifth Annual Report on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 / First Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016: SG/2017/35
laid under Section 33(1)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

25 April 2017

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2017 – 30 June 2018: SLCC/2017/01
laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

26 April 2017

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for April 2017: SPSO/2017/04
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

27 April 2017

Report to the Scottish Parliament on Orders Regulating the Management of Shellfisheries under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967: SG/2017/39
laid under Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

28 April 2017

Explanatory Document - The Public Services Reform (Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy) (Scotland) Order 2017: SG/2017/71
laid under section 25(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Corporate Plan 2017-20: SCTS/2017/01
laid under section 66(4)(a) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

Scottish Information Commissioner - Proactive Publication: time for a rethink? : SG/2017/42
laid under Section 46(3) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Annex E: Committee Reports

The following reports were published on the dates indicated—

14 June 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 1st Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 2)

28 June 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 2nd Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 3)

7 September 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 3rd Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 4)

12 September 2016

European and External Relations Committee, 1st Report 2016 (Session 5): The EU
referendum result and its implications for Scotland: Initial Evidence (SP Paper 5)

14 September 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 6)

19 September 2016

Education and Skills Committee, 1st Report 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate
Legislation (SP Paper 7)

21 September 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 8)

22 September 2016

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 1st Report, 2016
(Session 5): Complaint against Sandra White MSP (SP Paper 10)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report, 2016
(Session 5): Complaint against Neil Findlay MSP (SP Paper 11)

23 September 2016

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2016
(Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 9)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 3rd Report, 2016
(Session 5): Mandatory Committee remits (SP Paper 12)

26 September 2016

The Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 13)

29 September 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 14)

5 October 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 17)

6 October 2016

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 2nd Report, 2016
(Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 20)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 4th Report, 2016
(Session 5): First Minister's Question Time – Standing Order rule changes (SP Paper
22)

7 October 2016

Education and Skills Committee, 2nd Report 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate
Legislation (SP Paper 21)

26 October 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 8th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 25)

27 October 2016

Health and Sport Committee, 1st Report 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation
(SP Paper 26)

Local Government and Communities Committee, 1st Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 27)

28 October 2016

Local Government and Communities Committee, 2nd Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 28)

3 November 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 9th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 [Secondary Legislation] and Subordinate Legislation
(SP Paper 29)

9 November 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 31)

10 November 2016

Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper
32)

Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Maximum Number of Judges
(Scotland) Order 2016 (SP Paper 33)

16 November 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 11th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Policing and Crime Bill (SP Paper 34)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 12th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 35)

23 November 2016

Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum
on the Policing and Crime Bill (SP Paper 38)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 36)

25 November 2016

Local Government and Communities Committee, 3rd Report 2016 (Session 5): Local
Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's Fifth Electoral Reviews (SP Paper
39)

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 3rd Report 2016
(Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 37)

29 November 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 14th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 41)

30 November 2016

Health and Sport Committee, 2nd Report 2016 (Session 5): Health and Social Care
Integration Budgets (SP Paper 44)

1 December 2016

The Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 3rd Report, 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 40)

Justice Committee, 7th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Home Detention Curfew Licence
(Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SP Paper 45)

Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2016 (Session 5): Air Weapons Licensing
(Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SP Paper 46)

5 December 2016

Education and Skills Committee, 3rd Report 2016 (Session 5): Legislative Consent
Memorandum on the Higher Education and Research Bill (LCM S5)4 (SP Paper 43)

Local Government and Communities Committee, 4th Report 2016 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 47)

8 December 2016

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