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## **Journal of the Scottish Parliament**

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## **Foreword**

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

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

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

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## Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliament

### No. 1, Tuesday 16 May 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Joan Lyon, Priest at St Ninian's Scottish Episcopal Church, Aberdeen, and Episcopal chaplain to the Aberdeen hospitals, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05626—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 16 May 2017—

after

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Impact on and Response by the NHS in Scotland to the Global Ransomware Incident

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: National Bargaining in the Further Education Sector

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on the Impact on and Response by the NHS in Scotland to the Global Ransomware Incident.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on National Bargaining in the Further Education Sector.

**5. A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People:** The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-05594—That the Parliament recognises the valuable contribution that disabled people make to Scottish society and Scotland as a whole; acknowledges that transformational change is needed in order for disabled people to realise their full potential; agrees that this can be achieved by working with disabled people and their organisations and therefore supports the co-production approach and actions set out in *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*; recognises

the Scottish Government's commitment to implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities so that disabled people in Scotland can exercise all of their human rights; notes the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' report in 2016, which found evidence of grave and systematic violations of disabled people's rights by the UK Government's welfare reforms, and condemns the changes and cuts to disability benefits imposed by the UK Government, which are continuing to cause harm to the rights of disabled people.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-05594.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05594 in the name of Jeane Freeman (A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People), leave out from "A Fairer Scotland" to end and insert "the UK Government's document, *Improving Lives, The Work, Health and Disability Green Paper*, and in the Scottish Government's paper, *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*; notes the UK Government's response to the report of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; recalls that the Parliament debated the Scottish Government's paper on 8 December 2016 and calls on the Scottish Ministers to provide a full update of the actions that they outlined during that debate; notes with concern that cuts in Scotland to the number of teachers to support children with additional needs risks jeopardising the life chances of disabled children in Scotland, and urges the Scottish Government to tackle this problem as a matter of urgency."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-05594.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05594 in the name of Jeane Freeman (A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People), leave out from ", and condemns" to end and insert "; is particularly concerned at the Equalities and Human Rights Commission's findings that these welfare reforms imposed by the Conservative administration have resulted in a 'particularly disproportionate, cumulative impact on the rights to independent living and an adequate standard of living for disabled people', and condemns these cuts, which have caused major harm to the rights of disabled people."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 25, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 25, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the valuable contribution that disabled people make to Scottish society and Scotland as a whole; acknowledges that transformational change is needed in order for disabled people to realise their full potential; agrees that this can be achieved by working with disabled people and their organisations and therefore supports the co-production approach

and actions set out in *A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People: Our Delivery Plan to 2021 for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities so that disabled people in Scotland can exercise all of their human rights; notes the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' report in 2016, which found evidence of grave and systematic violations of disabled people's rights by the UK Government's welfare reforms; is particularly concerned at the Equalities and Human Rights Commission's findings that these welfare reforms imposed by the Conservative administration have resulted in a 'particularly disproportionate, cumulative impact on the rights to independent living and an adequate standard of living for disabled people', and condemns these cuts, which have caused major harm to the rights of disabled people.

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

**7. Heritage and Environmental Conservation Charities Support for Outdoor Learning:** The Parliament debated S5M-05008 in the name of Brian Whittle—That the Parliament acknowledges the work of various national conservation charities, including RSPB Scotland and the National Trust for Scotland, in the provision and promotion of outdoor education; believes that outdoor education should be seen as an important component of the curriculum, with meaningful benefits to both pupils' learning and their health; considers that sites such as Culzean Castle in South Ayrshire, which is run by the National Trust for Scotland, the RSPB's Mersehead Reserve in Dumfries and Galloway, and the Dumfries House Estate in East Ayrshire endeavour to work with local schools to arrange visits to their sites, along with various educational activities; understands that many organisations have seen a marked decline in the number of pupils participating in recent years; believes that, while visits are often provided at little or no direct cost to schools, the cost of transport has become prohibitive as school budgets have been squeezed; notes the calls on schools across Scotland to consider making use of schools attainment funding to support greater use of outdoor education, and thanks RSPB Scotland, the National Trust for Scotland and other similar organisations for their commitment to supporting outdoor learning.

The meeting closed at 6.11 pm.

## No. 2, Wednesday 17 May 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. UK Government Restrictions for 18 to 21-year-olds Accessing Financial Support for Housing:** The Parliament debated S5M-04643 in the name of Ben Macpherson—That the Parliament expresses concern at its understanding that 18 to 21-year-olds in Edinburgh and across Scotland will face restrictions in accessing financial support for housing from 1 April 2017; notes the calls on the UK Government to reconsider what it believes is its ill-conceived and harmful plans that will increase the likelihood of young people being made homeless and undermine the preventative approach to homelessness taken by local and national government in Scotland; believes that these changes are being imposed while discussions continue between the UK and Scottish governments on how the policy can be fully mitigated within existing powers; notes its disappointment with the UK Government's short timescale for change despite assurances that options for Scotland would be considered further, which it believes makes it impossible for full mitigation arrangements to be put in place before this change comes into force; acknowledges the report, *The withdrawal of support for housing costs under Universal Credit for young people: more pain for little gain?*, from the homelessness charity Crisis, and Sheffield Hallam University, which suggests that many of those affected are “likely to be made more vulnerable, less secure and less able to rebuild their relationship with their parents or to keep or find a job than they were before”; notes the research of Heriot-Watt University, which estimates that, if more than 140 young people are made homeless, the policy will cost the UK Government more than the estimated and supposed savings, and believes that not all young people have the option of living with their parents and, for those who may be in a desperate or difficult situation and facing homelessness, housing support can provide stability, security and enable them to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

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

**3. Fisheries:** Peter Chapman moved S5M-05603—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish fishing industry is vital to Scotland's culture and economy, and is a bedrock of many communities across the country; recognises the opportunity that leaving the EU offers to create a fit-for-purpose and tailor-made fisheries management regime that better suits the needs of Scottish fishing; acknowledges the potential to restore control of access to UK waters, enabling a fairer distribution of fishing opportunities in the future, and believes that Scotland must not return to the common fisheries policy.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved amendment S5M-05603.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05603 in the name of Peter Chapman (Fisheries), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “notes that the present common fisheries policy is not delivering a sustainable fishing industry in Scotland; is disappointed at the lack of clarity from the UK Government on future funding to replace the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), its

failure to guarantee tariff and customs-free exports to the EU single market and to provide assurances that EU nationals and their families working in the fishing sector may remain in Scotland; regrets that the UK Government's White Paper makes clear its intention to allow EU boats access to Scotland's waters as of right, which would be detrimental to Scottish fishing interests; recognises the need to put sustainable development and a science-led, ecosystem approach at the heart of all marine and fisheries policies to create a viable future for fishing in Scottish waters to enable coastal communities and the marine environment to thrive, whatever the future holds; notes that fisheries are best managed at a level closest to citizens and communities, and agrees that all powers on fisheries should be devolved to the Scottish Parliament to enable the design of a management framework best suited to Scottish needs and the interests of Scotland's fishing industry and sector, including through the commitment to a Fisheries Bill."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 27, Abstentions 1).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-05603.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05603 in the name of Peter Chapman (Fisheries), insert at end “; believes that there are challenges to be overcome in order to allow Scotland's fish to be sold in European markets, including the need to ensure that import controls are not bureaucratic in order to allow them to be sold fresh into that market; understands that Scotland must also continue to negotiate management of its seas with the EU, Norway, the Faroes and Iceland to ensure that the whole of the fishery is managed sustainably, as fish know no borders, and believes that repatriated powers should be devolved.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 27, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 27, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish fishing industry is vital to Scotland's culture and economy, and is a bedrock of many communities across the country; notes that the present common fisheries policy is not delivering a sustainable fishing industry in Scotland; is disappointed at the lack of clarity from the UK Government on future funding to replace the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), its failure to guarantee tariff and customs-free exports to the EU single market and to provide assurances that EU nationals and their families working in the fishing sector may remain in Scotland; regrets that the UK Government's White Paper makes clear its intention to allow EU boats access to Scotland's waters as of right, which would be detrimental to Scottish fishing interests; recognises the need to put sustainable development and a science-led, ecosystem approach at the heart of all marine and fisheries policies to create a viable future for fishing in Scottish waters to enable coastal communities and the marine environment to thrive, whatever the future holds; notes that fisheries are best managed at a level closest to citizens and communities; agrees that all powers on fisheries should be



devolved to the Scottish Parliament to enable the design of a management framework best suited to Scottish needs and the interests of Scotland's fishing industry and sector, including through the commitment to a Fisheries Bill; believes that there are challenges to be overcome in order to allow Scotland's fish to be sold in European markets, including the need to ensure that import controls are not bureaucratic in order to allow them to be sold fresh into that market; understands that Scotland must also continue to negotiate management of its seas with the EU, Norway, the Faroes and Iceland to ensure that the whole of the fishery is managed sustainably, as fish know no borders, and believes that repatriated powers should be devolved.

**4. Teacher Training Programme:** Liz Smith moved S5M-05595—That the Parliament is concerned by the recent evidence presented to the Education and Skills Committee by trainee teachers, which revealed some serious concerns about the teacher training programme in Scotland, specifically about the organisation of teacher trainee placements and some perceived gaps in the programme regarding supporting trainees in learning key skills for the classroom; believes that these problems are, in some key areas, having a detrimental impact on the preparedness of trainees to meet the challenges of the curriculum for excellence and their ability to deliver better teaching in literacy and numeracy, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the teacher training institutions and the General Teaching Council for Scotland to take urgent action to implement the necessary improvements to the teacher training programme in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-05595.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05595 in the name of Liz Smith (Teacher Training Programme), insert “, and, in acknowledging and valuing the vital role and contribution that new and existing teachers make to children's education, agrees to engage with local authorities, as teachers' employers, to ensure that all teachers are confident in teaching literacy and numeracy.”

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

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-05595.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05595 in the name of Liz Smith (Teacher Training Programme), after “literacy and numeracy” insert “; further believes that more initial teacher training in the support of pupils facing particular challenges, such as living in care or with adoptive families, could help close the attainment gap”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is concerned by the recent evidence presented to the Education and Skills Committee by trainee teachers, which revealed some serious concerns about the teacher training

programme in Scotland, specifically about the organisation of teacher trainee placements and some perceived gaps in the programme regarding supporting trainees in learning key skills for the classroom; believes that these problems are, in some key areas, having a detrimental impact on the preparedness of trainees to meet the challenges of the curriculum for excellence and their ability to deliver better teaching in literacy and numeracy; further believes that more initial teacher training in the support of pupils facing particular challenges, such as living in care or with adoptive families, could help close the attainment gap; calls on the Scottish Government to work with the teacher training institutions and the General Teaching Council for Scotland to take urgent action to implement the necessary improvements to the teacher training programme in Scotland, and, in acknowledging and valuing the vital role and contribution that new and existing teachers make to children's education, agrees to engage with local authorities, as teachers' employers, to ensure that all teachers are confident in teaching literacy and numeracy.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05637—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 May 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Member's Oath/Affirmation

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

*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 Debate: Safe, Secure and Prosperous: Achieving a Cyber-resilient Scotland

*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 Stage 1 Debate: Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 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 31 May 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 1 June 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.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05638—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 June 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Designation of Lead Committee:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S5M-05640**—That the Parliament agrees that the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-05641**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-04137 in the name of Ash Denham—That the Parliament appreciates that 17 May 2017 is Neurofibromatosis Awareness Day; notes that neurofibromatosis (NF) is a genetic disorder that causes tumours to grow on the nerves and that tumours can develop anywhere in the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord and nerves; further notes that there is no known cure for the condition, which people are born with due to a genetic mutation; recognises that, while 1 in 3,000 people are currently diagnosed with the condition, many go undiagnosed due to a lack of awareness; considers that, despite NF being one of the most common genetic disorders, people, including many parents, often find themselves telling GPs what their condition or that of their children is; notes that NF is a progressive condition and can cause a variety of problems, including physical and learning difficulties and mental health issues, and is also linked to autism; appreciates that people have concerns that, due to lack of awareness, those affected may not receive the correct treatment in time, and notes hopes that across all UK NHS boards, including NHS Lothian, NF patients will receive regular routine monitoring by specialists, in memory of the incredibly determined, Beth Beattie, who sadly passed away on 4 November 2016, aged four-years-old.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

### No. 3, Thursday 18 May 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. Snaring:** The Parliament debated S5M-05012 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament acknowledges the recent Scottish National Heritage report, *Review of Snaring for the Scottish Government*, which offers what it sees as only a limited number of recommendations to strengthen the legislation on snaring; understands that the League Against Cruel Sports considers the review to be a “wasted opportunity” given its limited scope and that OneKind has said that the report was “destined to fail” as it excluded consideration of whether snares should be used at all; notes that the October 2016 report, *Cruel and Indiscriminate: Why Scotland must become snare-free*, which was commissioned jointly by the League Against Cruel Sports and OneKind, suggested that, regardless of any future tweaks to the legislation, snares would continue to be cruel and indiscriminate; further notes that this paper cited instances of evisceration, strangulation and agonising deaths experienced by the animals, including non-target animals such as Scottish wildcats, mountain hares, badgers, hedgehogs, deer, otters, and even family pets, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to consult on an outright ban on snaring in the South Scotland region and across the country.

**4. Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE):** The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S5M-05630—That the Parliament recognises the important work carried out by the Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) initiative in assisting workers facing redundancy to find alternative employment and to minimise the time that people affected by redundancy are out of work; understands that the overriding goal of Scottish Government policy and the actions of its agencies is to work with employers and trade unions to support sustainable growth in good quality jobs; endorses the work of the Ministerial PACE Partnership, which brings 21 organisations together with the Scottish Government to oversee a continuous improvement programme to enhance the operation of PACE, and welcomes the continued involvement of the trades union movement in Scotland in its governance.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-05630.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05630 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)), insert at end “, and encourages the Scottish Government to follow the advice of leading organisations to cooperate with the UK Government’s industrial strategy to ensure that sectors and businesses in Scotland are fully prepared for ongoing changes in the economy arising from emerging technologies, automation and other challenges.”

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

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-05630.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05630 in name of Paul Wheelhouse (Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)), after “good quality jobs” insert “and, as identified by the Enterprise and Skills Review, to develop effective, proactive approaches to support existing jobs and industry to seek first and foremost to avoid redundancies”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the important work carried out by the Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) initiative in assisting workers facing redundancy to find alternative employment and to minimise the time that people affected by redundancy are out of work; understands that the overriding goal of Scottish Government policy and the actions of its agencies is to work with employers and trade unions to support sustainable growth in good quality jobs and, as identified by the Enterprise and Skills Review, to develop effective, proactive approaches to support existing jobs and industry to seek first and foremost to avoid redundancies; endorses the work of the Ministerial PACE Partnership, which brings 21 organisations together with the Scottish Government to oversee a continuous improvement programme to enhance the operation of PACE; welcomes the continued involvement of the trades union movement in Scotland in its governance, and encourages the Scottish Government to follow the advice of leading organisations to cooperate with the UK Government’s industrial strategy to ensure that sectors and businesses in Scotland are fully prepared for ongoing changes in the economy arising from emerging technologies, automation and other challenges.

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

## No. 4, Tuesday 23 May 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Graeme Clark, Minister, Central Baptist Church, Paisley and lecturer in theology, Scottish Baptist College, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05756—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 23 May 2017—

delete

*followed by* Member's Oath/Affirmation

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

and insert

*followed by* Urgent Statement by the First Minister: Attack on Manchester

*followed by* Topical Questions

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Member's Oath/Affirmation

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Urgent Statement by the First Minister:** The First Minister made a statement and answered questions on the Attack on Manchester.

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

**5. Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill:** Gillian Martin moved S5M-05655—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Oaths and Affirmations:** Michelle Ballantyne took her oath of allegiance before the Clerk.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05757—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 25 May 2017—

delete



5.00 pm            Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm            Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**9. May 2017, World Hypertension Month:** The Parliament debated S5M-05136 in the name of Maree Todd—That the Parliament notes that May 2017 marks World Hypertension Month; understands that this awareness month will highlight this silent condition, which is a preventable cause of stroke and heart disease, and provide information regarding its prevention, detection and treatment; notes that it is estimated to cause around nine million deaths globally each year; understands that 30% of adults in Scotland have high blood pressure, half of whom are not receiving treatment, and that 70,860 people in the Highlands and Islands region are living with the condition, and acknowledges and welcomes the work of Professor Rhian Touyz, of the British Heart Foundation Centre of Research Excellence at the University of Glasgow, which aims to understand the causes of hypertension.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

## No. 5, Wednesday 24 May 2017

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

**1. Cycle Capacity on Scotland's Railways:** The Parliament debated S5M-05106 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the Parliament notes the calls on Transport Scotland and ScotRail to reverse reported plans to reduce available cycle space on trains serving intermediate stations on the Edinburgh/Glasgow - Inverness and East Coast main lines; understands that, on 25 February 2015, the ScotRail Franchise Delivery Team informed a meeting at the Parliament that there would be improvements in 2018-19, with the introduction of four and five coach InterCity 125 High Speed Trains and an expectation that these would carry at least 20 cycles; further understands that the cycling campaign group, Spokes, has discovered that the increase in bike space has been gradually reduced, which means that, for the stations on these lines, there will be fewer spaces for cycles than at present; believes that almost all ScotRail trains are Class 170 Turbostars with four official bike spaces and that, although the new plans include a total of eight bike spaces, six can only be used at the termini, with only two spaces available for stations other than the departure and arrival points; notes the calls on Transport Scotland and the ScotRail Alliance to recognise the immense contribution that it considers cyclists bring to local economies, especially in the Highlands and the north east, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to bring pressure on Transport Scotland and ScotRail to reverse this decision and increase cycle space on Scotland's railways, as it understands was promised in 2015.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05787—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 24 May 2017—

delete

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

and insert

2.00 pm          Statement by the First Minister: Security in Scotland  
  
2.30 pm          Portfolio Questions  
  
                    Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;  
  
                    Finance and the Constitution

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Statement by the First Minister:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Security in Scotland.

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

**5. Safe, Secure and Prosperous: Achieving a Cyber-resilient Scotland:** The Deputy First Minister (John Swinney) moved S5M-05733—That the Parliament notes that the recent global cyber-attack demonstrates the urgency for everyone to secure their technology, data and networks from the many threats that are faced in the digital world; recognises the continuing and growing importance of cyber-resilience to Scotland’s safety, security and prosperity; resolves that citizens and organisations must be aware of the risks and be able to respond and recover quickly from any kind of cyber-attack if Scotland is to realise its full potential, and calls on leaders across all sectors in Scotland to consider their organisations’ resilience to cyber-attacks and take action to ensure that they have plans in place to respond and recover quickly from cyber-incidents.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-05733.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05733 in the name of John Swinney (Safe, Secure and Prosperous: Achieving a Cyber-resilient Scotland), insert at end “; notes that cyber-crimes are often underreported and that more data is needed for a fuller understanding of the scale of such crimes; welcomes that both the UK and Scottish governments have published cyber-security strategies; notes that a number of government, security and enforcement agencies are involved in tackling cyber-threats, and believes that both governments should communicate closely to implement these strategies and to minimise the risk of attack.”

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

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-05733.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05733 in the name of John Swinney (Safe, Secure and Prosperous: Achieving a Cyber-resilient Scotland), insert at end “; supports investment in public services to ensure that they are well resourced and flexible to withstand future attacks, and calls for the Scottish Government to work with partners across the UK to ensure that Scotland has the capabilities, knowledge and resources to keep people safe and secure online.”

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 that the recent global cyber-attack demonstrates the urgency for everyone to secure their technology, data and networks from the many threats that are faced in the digital world; recognises the continuing and growing importance of cyber-resilience to Scotland’s safety, security and prosperity; resolves that citizens and organisations must be aware of the risks and be able to respond and recover quickly from any kind of cyber-attack if Scotland is to realise its full potential; calls on leaders across all sectors in Scotland to consider their organisations’ resilience to cyber-attacks and

take action to ensure that they have plans in place to respond and recover quickly from cyber-incidents; notes that cyber-crimes are often underreported and that more data is needed for a fuller understanding of the scale of such crimes; welcomes that both the UK and Scottish governments have published cyber-security strategies; notes that a number of government, security and enforcement agencies are involved in tackling cyber-threats; believes that both governments should communicate closely to implement these strategies and to minimise the risk of attack; supports investment in public services to ensure that they are well resourced and flexible to withstand future attacks, and calls for the Scottish Government to work with partners across the UK to ensure that Scotland has the capabilities, knowledge and resources to keep people safe and secure online.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05765—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 May 2017

2.00 pm            Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Social Security Benefits

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Widening Access to Higher Education

*followed by*      Equalities and Human Rights Committee Debate: Hidden Lives - New Beginnings: Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm            Decision Time

*followed by*      Members' Business

Wednesday 31 May 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 Debate: Protecting Workers' Rights

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 1 June 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 Stage 1 Debate: Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 June 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Justice Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Role and Purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 June 2017

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.15 pm General Questions

2.35 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;

Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05766—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 10 November 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-05639: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-05768: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**10. The Establishment of New National Parks:** The Parliament debated S5M-03832 in the name of Finlay Carson—That the Parliament recognises the value of Scotland's outstanding natural beauty, which creates jobs, contributes to the economy and attracts millions of tourists from Galloway and West Dumfries, the rest of Scotland and the world; notes what it sees as the success of the Cairngorms and Loch Lomond and The Trossachs national parks in conserving and enhancing the natural heritage of these areas, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to conduct a review of national parks and consider the establishment of new ones.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

## No. 6, Thursday 25 May 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. When the Lisbon Lions Roared, 50th Anniversary of Celtic's European Cup Win:** The Parliament debated S5M-05239 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament congratulates Celtic FC on the 50th anniversary of its historic win over Inter Milan in the European Cup final on 25 May 1967; considers that this was a magnificent achievement for a football club with all of its players living within a 30-mile radius of its home ground, Parkhead; notes that it was the first British team to win this trophy, and believes that, for Scottish and British football, the Lisbon Lions set a standard that is unlikely to be matched by a solely home-grown club again.

**4. Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) moved S5M-05762—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Committee of the Regions:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05776—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government's proposal to nominate, as a representative of the Parliament, Maurice Golden MSP as a full member 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).

**6. Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05767—That the Parliament agrees that the Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Excepted Proceedings) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 4.34 pm.

## No. 7, Tuesday 30 May 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Carol Anne Parker B.Ed B.D., Minister, Alloa Ludgate Church, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Social Security Benefits.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Widening Access to Higher Education.

**5. Hidden Lives New Beginnings: Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland:** Christina McKelvie, on behalf of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee, moved S5M-05802—That the Parliament recognises that destitution has a detrimental impact on people, affecting their mental health, their ability to access health care, and also increases their risk of exploitation and abuse; thanks those who shared their personal experience of being destitute with the Equalities and Human Rights Committee; notes that destitution can also impact on families, communities and on the provision of support from non-governmental organisations and public authorities, and notes the findings and recommendations of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee's 3rd Report 2017 (Session 5), *Hidden Lives New Beginnings: Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland* (SP Paper 147).

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

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

**7. Vale of Leven Hospital GP Out-of-hours Services:** The Parliament debated S5M-05016 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament expresses its concerns about the future provision of GP out-of-hours services at the Vale of Leven Hospital; notes that a report produced by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde recommends the withdrawal of the service between Mondays and Fridays due to financial and staffing pressures; understands that the publication of the report follows months of temporary closures at the hospital during weekends as the NHS board is unable to recruit enough medical staff to cover the service; considers that it is unacceptable to force people in Dumbarton, Vale of Leven, Helensburgh and Lomond to travel to the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley to access emergency primary care services; believes that the report identifies a reduction in services at the Vale of Leven Hospital as the preferred option, despite the NHS board's own figures revealing higher attendances at GP out-of-hours services among Dumbarton and Alexandria residents than residents in Paisley; considers that such services are a vital component of any local hospital, and notes calls on the Cabinet Secretary for



Health and Sport to intervene to ensure that the commitment in the Vision for the Vale agreement to maintaining these services is respected.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

## No. 8, Wednesday 31 May 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. Protecting Workers' Rights:** The Minister for Minister for Employability and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-05864—That the Parliament recognises the vital role of trade unions to Scotland's economy, society and its workforce; supports the Fair Work agenda to protect the rights of all workers in Scotland regardless of sector, background or employment status; is concerned about the impact that leaving the EU will have on the workforce in Scotland; agrees with Scottish Government plans not to impose employment tribunal fees when powers over tribunals are devolved, and calls on the UK Government to act now to protect workers across the UK by repealing the Trade Union Act 2016.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-05864.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05864 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Protecting Workers' Rights), leave out from "is concerned" to end and insert "welcomes confirmation from the UK Government that the rights of workers conferred under EU law will be adopted into UK law at the point at which the UK leaves the EU; recognises the significant enhancement of workers' rights introduced by the UK Government since 2010, including the introduction of a national living wage, shared parental leave and the extension of flexible working rights, and welcomes the independent Taylor review on modern employment practices, which will include a review of how employee rights can be protected in a changing economy."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-05864.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05864 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Protecting Workers' Rights), after "devolved" insert "; recognises that, for too many people, work is insecure with real terms pay still lower than before the financial crisis and that a £10 real living wage is essential; believes that progress on flagship policies such as the Business Pledge has been poor with only 2% of jobs in Scotland covered by it; considers that all EU-derived workplace laws must be fully protected post-Brexit and that existing rights for all EU nationals living in Britain are guaranteed; believes that zero-hour contracts should be banned and that all workers should have equal rights from day one, whether part-time or full-time, temporary or permanent, which would help transform the workplace".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-05864.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-05864 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Protecting Workers' Rights), after "employment status" insert "; supports the Better than Zero campaign and its efforts to support workers in the so-called gig-economy; agrees to make access to government support and funding dependent on clear ethical and environmentally-responsible business practices".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 23, Abstentions 4).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the vital role of trade unions to Scotland's economy, society and its workforce; supports the Fair Work agenda to protect the rights of all workers in Scotland regardless of sector, background or employment status; supports the Better than Zero campaign and its efforts to support workers in the so-called gig-economy; agrees to make access to government support and funding dependent on clear ethical and environmentally-responsible business practices; is concerned about the impact that leaving the EU will have on the workforce in Scotland; agrees with Scottish Government plans not to impose employment tribunal fees when powers over tribunals are devolved; recognises that, for too many people, work is insecure with real terms pay still lower than before the financial crisis and that a £10 real living wage is essential; believes that progress on flagship policies such as the Business Pledge has been poor with only 2% of jobs in Scotland covered by it; considers that all EU-derived workplace laws must be fully protected post-Brexit and that existing rights for all EU nationals living in Britain are guaranteed; believes that zero-hour contracts should be banned and that all workers should have equal rights from day one, whether part-time or full-time, temporary or permanent, which would help transform the workplace, and calls on the UK Government to act now to protect workers across the UK by repealing the Trade Union Act 2016.

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05881—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 June 2017

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Justice Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Role and Purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 June 2017

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.15 pm General Questions

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

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.15 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 June 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 14 June 2017

1.15 pm Members' Business

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 15 June 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 Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.45 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-05882—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 October 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-05883 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Insolvency (Regulation (EU) 2015/848) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-05884 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Corporate Insolvency and Bankruptcy) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Child Safety Week 5 to 11 June 2017, Safe Children: Sharing is Caring:** The Parliament debated S5M-05455 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes that Child Safety Week, the flagship annual campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT), takes place this year between 5 and 11 June 2017 and its theme is “sharing is caring”; further notes that accidents are a leading cause of death, serious injury and acquired disability for children and young people in the UK, that they account for three deaths every week and over 2,000 hospital admissions and that many of these accidents can be prevented; commends CAPT’s aim of securing a safer environment for children of all ages by helping families understand the risks, as well as the consequences, but most importantly, the simple ways that accidents can be prevented; further commends work undertaken in Child Safety Week in bringing together individuals and organisations around the UK to promote safety messages to families in a fun and engaging way and encourage parents and carers to increase confidence by sharing experiences and learning; congratulates CAPT and other organisations working in accident prevention on their outstanding dedication, in particular the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) which, this year, celebrates its centenary; notes RoSPA’s past successes from the Tufty Club in the 1960s and the introduction of the seatbelt law in the 1980s, to a successful campaign for moulded plugs in 1992 and EU-wide regulations on looped blind cords in 2014; further notes the new hazards for parents and carers to be aware of such as liquid laundry capsules, button batteries, hair straighteners and nappy sacks, and congratulates all those many organisations that continue to work tirelessly and collaboratively in the field of accident prevention and child safety.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

## No. 9, Thursday 1 June 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. Combat Stress Finds Veterans in Scotland Face Higher Levels of Deprivation Than Those in Rest of UK:** The Parliament debated S5M-04061 in the name of Maurice Corry—That the Parliament notes the research paper, *Multiple deprivation in help-seeking UK veterans*, published by Combat Stress, which found that ex-servicemen and women receiving help from the charity in Scotland, including those in West Scotland, face higher levels of deprivation than those living in the rest of the UK; understands that the report surveyed of over 3,000 veterans registered with Combat Stress from across the UK and found that veterans in Scotland face greatest risk of deprivation, in both levels of income and employment; notes that the report also found that half of veterans in Scotland who are registered with Combat Stress live in the most deprived three areas of Scotland, and thanks Combat Stress for collecting the information which it considers illustrates the work that still needs to be done to support the veterans community in Scotland.

**4. Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-05879—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

## No. 10, Tuesday 6 June 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Brian Hawkins, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Inquiry into the Role and Purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service:** Margaret Mitchell, on behalf of the Justice Committee, moved S5M-05982—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations of the Justice Committee’s 9th report 2017 (Session 5), *Role and Purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service* (SP Paper 123).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**5. UK Green Deal, Supporting Aggrieved Householders:** The Parliament debated S5M-05081 in the name of Ivan McKee—That the Parliament acknowledges that the UK Government’s Green Deal scheme was intended to help households reduce their energy bills; understands that the public engaged with this initiative, confident that, in using contractors from the UK Department of Energy and Climate Change’s approved list of installers, they would be guaranteed good quality work; believes that much of the work was substandard and of no economic or environmental benefit to consumers; further believes that industry-backed guarantees have proven to be worth very little; notes the view that the UK Government needs to strengthen its consumer protection processes, and further notes calls for it to compensate the affected householders in Glasgow Provan and other parts of north east Glasgow, Rutherglen and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.



## No. 11, Wednesday 7 June 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 Ministers.

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

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05998—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 June 2017

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2015

*followed by*      Scottish Government Debate: Human Trafficking and Exploitation - Making Scotland a Hostile Place for Traffickers and Providing Effective Support for Victims

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm          Decision Time

*followed by*      Members' Business

Wednesday 14 June 2017

1.15 pm          Members' Business

2.00 pm          Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm          Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

*followed by*      Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion: Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion: Appointment of Mark Ruskell MSP as a Trustee to the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion: Appointment of Pauline McNeill MSP as a Trustee to the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion: Appointment of Alison Harris MSP as a Trustee to the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 15 June 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 Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Education Governance Next Steps

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Recognise and Celebrate Edinburgh's International Festivals in their 70th Anniversary Year

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 June 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 June 2017

1.15 pm Members' Business

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 22 June 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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill

*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-05999—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 30 June 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-06000 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-06001 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Relevant Trafficking or Exploitation Offences and Relevant UK Orders) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 3.18 pm.

## No. 12, Tuesday 13 June 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Hannah Rose Thomas, FRSA, artist, Arabic speaker, and creative director for art projects with refugees to commemorate World Refugee Day with UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency) and Relief International, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06056—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 13 June 2017—

after

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau motions

insert

*followed by*      Member's Oath/Affirmation

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Oaths and Affirmations:** Rachael Hamilton took her oath of allegiance before the Clerk.

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

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2015.

**7. Human Trafficking and Exploitation, Making Scotland a Hostile Place for Traffickers and Providing Effective Support for Victims:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-06031—That the Parliament recognises that the abhorrent crimes of human trafficking and exploitation are an abuse of human rights and dignity, which can cause lasting physical and psychological damage to victims, both adults and children; recognises the cross-party support that exists to make Scotland a hostile place for those who traffic and exploit other human beings; welcomes the publication of Scotland's first *Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy* on 30 May 2017; further welcomes the vision set out in the strategy to eliminate human trafficking and exploitation by identifying victims and supporting them to safety and recovery, identifying perpetrators and disrupting their activity, and addressing the issues that foster trafficking and exploitation; welcomes the

contribution made by external stakeholders to the development of the strategy, including those who have directly experienced trafficking, and recognises the contribution that will continue to be made by stakeholders in its implementation.

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-06031.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06031 in the name of Michael Matheson (Human Trafficking and Exploitation, Making Scotland a Hostile Place for Traffickers and Providing Effective Support for Victims), insert at end “; notes the role to be played by local authorities in tackling human trafficking, and believes that they, along with Police Scotland, must be properly resourced and funded to tackle trafficking and exploitation in communities.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that the abhorrent crimes of human trafficking and exploitation are an abuse of human rights and dignity, which can cause lasting physical and psychological damage to victims, both adults and children; recognises the cross-party support that exists to make Scotland a hostile place for those who traffic and exploit other human beings; welcomes the publication of Scotland’s first *Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy* on 30 May 2017; further welcomes the vision set out in the strategy to eliminate human trafficking and exploitation by identifying victims and supporting them to safety and recovery, identifying perpetrators and disrupting their activity, and addressing the issues that foster trafficking and exploitation; welcomes the contribution made by external stakeholders to the development of the strategy, including those who have directly experienced trafficking; recognises the contribution that will continue to be made by stakeholders in its implementation; notes the role to be played by local authorities in tackling human trafficking, and believes that they, along with Police Scotland, must be properly resourced and funded to tackle trafficking and exploitation in communities.

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

**9. Leading Journalists Criticise the Scottish Government over FOISA:** The Parliament debated S5M-05946 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament notes with great concern the letter from whom it understands are 23 prominent Scottish journalists to the selection panel for the appointment of the Scottish Information Commissioner, which was published on 1 June 2017 by *The Ferret* and *Common Space* and details what they argue are the failures of the Scottish Government and its agencies in relation to the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA); understands that it suggests that the application of FOISA by ministers and officials is questionable at best and, at worst, implies a culture and practice of secrecy and cover up, including, it believes, through routinely avoiding sharing information, often through not recording or taking minutes of meetings that are attended by ministers or senior civil servants; considers that this flies in the face of what it sees as the Scottish Government’s much-vaunted assessment of itself as open and transparent, including through the Open Government Partnership Scottish

National Action Plan and its role as one of 15 pioneer members of the Open Government Partnership's inaugural International Subnational Government Programme and legislation such as the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011; understands that the Scottish Government introduced its Record Management Plan to comply with the 2011 Act; notes the view that the journalists' criticism of FOISA shows that it is time to have a review of whether the legislation remains robust or has been diminished, whether it should be extended and strengthened and whether elements of it are still appropriate, such as the level set for the cost exemption, whereby the Scottish Government may refuse to provide information if the cost of doing so exceeds £600, a figure that hasn't been updated since FOISA came into force, and further notes the view that, by doing so, this would ensure that people in Lothian and across the country who use their freedom of information rights could be confident that FOISA would be improved and applied in a way that was consistent with the spirit intended when the law was established.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

### No. 13, Wednesday 14 June 2017

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

**1. National Clean Air Day 2017:** The Parliament debated S5M-05900 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament recognises 15 June 2017 as the first National Clean Air Day in the UK; believes that this is a significant initiative to help raise awareness of the impact of poor air quality on people; understands that air quality is the fourth biggest public health risk across Scotland and the UK; welcomes the research, which was funded by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and was carried out by Professor Dave Newby at the BHF Centre of Research Excellence at the University of Edinburgh; notes what it sees as the role of this in increasing awareness of the impact of poor air quality on people living with cardiovascular disease (CVD); understands that 84,300 people in the Central Scotland parliamentary region, 79,200 in Glasgow, 60,700 in Highlands and Islands, 79,300 in Lothian, 84,800 in Mid Scotland & Fife, 91,300 in North East Scotland, 97,800 in South Scotland and 92,600 in West Scotland are living with the impact of CVD and are more susceptible to health issues relating to poor air quality, and notes calls for improving air quality to be a public health priority in Scotland.

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

**3. Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved S5M-06045—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland's economic fundamentals remain strong with opportunities for growth; welcomes the fact that Scotland has closed the gap in productivity performance with the UK as a whole, the continued attractiveness of Scotland's economy for inward investment and, in particular, the recent analysis by Ernst and Young, which shows that Scotland attracted more research and development foreign direct investment projects than anywhere else in the UK in 2016; recognises and acknowledges the challenges facing Scotland's economy, in particular from the downturn in the oil and gas sector and the damage that will be caused by the UK Government taking Scotland out of the EU and the single market; believes that Scotland must continue to invest for sustainable and inclusive growth by promoting and supporting innovation, investment and internationalisation, as set out in Scotland's Economic Strategy; highlights the important contribution that European structural and investment funds make to support sustainable and inclusive growth in Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to commit to ensuring that it replaces this funding in full following Brexit.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-6045.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06045 in the name of Keith Brown (Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth), leave out from "that Scotland's economic" to end and insert "opportunities for growth in Scotland's economy; welcomes the continued attractiveness of Scotland for inward investment; acknowledges the many challenges facing Scotland's economy, including negative economic growth and low business confidence; considers that these can be addressed by the introduction of a more competitive tax system in



Scotland and by the Scottish Government removing the uncertainty of a second referendum on independence; believes that Scotland can best achieve sustainable and inclusive growth, and increase innovation, investment and internationalisation through active cooperation and participation in a UK-wide industrial strategy, and supports the objectives of the UK Government in achieving the maximum possible access to the European single market while maximising the opportunities afforded by fostering stronger trading relationships with the rest of the world.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-6045.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06045, Keith Brown (Scotland’s Economy, Opportunities for Growth), leave out from “economic fundamentals” to end and insert “economy remains fragile, with no growth in the fourth quarter of 2016 and that growth in Scotland has lagged behind the UK for a number of years; further recognises the challenges Scotland faces in particular from the downturn in the oil and gas sector; considers that the previous UK administration’s approach to a hard Brexit is a major challenge to the Scottish economy and should be abandoned; believes that the Scottish Government’s Economic Strategy must be urgently reassessed, and notes the Fraser of Allander Institute comments that ‘all of the [Scottish] government’s economic strategy priorities - internationalisation, innovation, investment and inclusive growth - have been turned on their head by the decision to leave the EU. It is simply not possible to continue as normal. An urgent review of current policy initiatives is needed’; further believes that the growth of Scotland’s economy should be inclusive so that everyone benefits and people and jobs are put first; considers that the Scottish Government should accelerate investment in infrastructure, innovation and research to nurture business growth, stimulate the economy and create jobs; further considers that the Scottish Government should ensure that a real living wage of £10-an-hour is paid in all public procurement and commissioning contracts; regrets that the Scottish Business Pledge has not been widely taken up; considers that the Scottish Government’s continued priority of a second independence referendum, which was rejected at the General Election, creates uncertainty for business and households, and therefore commits the Scottish Government to abandon its plans for a second independence referendum.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-6045.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06045, Keith Brown (Scotland’s Economy, Opportunities for Growth), leave out from “economic fundamentals” to end and insert “economy must serve the needs of citizens now and in the future by respecting the limited resources of the planet; notes Scotland’s continued overdependence on the fossil fuel industry and considers that this is a source of

significant vulnerability; considers that the GDP growth of an economy is a poor indicator of the wellbeing of its citizens or the health of the ecosystem that sustains them; urges the Scottish Government to build on the steps that it has taken with the National Performance Framework and develop a comprehensive approach to measuring meaningful economic progress instead of continuing to place undue emphasis on GDP growth, and considers that economic development must focus on creating well-paid work, building local economies, ensuring fair redistribution of wealth, and developing low-carbon industries as a replacement for, rather than an addition to, the role of fossil fuels in Scotland's economy."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 112, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-6045.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06045 in the name of Keith Brown (Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth), leave out from "welcomes the fact" to end and insert "however, recognises that official figures show Scotland on the brink of a recession while Ernst and Young reports that the Scottish economy is 'stuck in the slow lane'; believes that repeated warnings about the fragility of the economy and business confidence have been dismissed; recognises and acknowledges the challenges facing Scotland's economy, including the threat of another divisive independence referendum, a hard Brexit and skills shortages, and believes that a long-term plan to build a strong economy must include the removal of the threat of a referendum on Scottish independence and avoiding a hard Brexit, combined with transformative additional investment in education and a step-change in mental health to help people achieve their potential and enable businesses to find the skills they need."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

**4. Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit:** Andy Wightman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-05575—That the Parliament agrees to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's proposal to appoint Bill Bowman to be a member of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund:** David Stewart, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved—

**S5M-06002 Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**—That the Parliament appoints Mark Ruskell MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to his nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

**S5M-06003 Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**—That the Parliament appoints Pauline McNeill MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to her nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

**S5M-06004 Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**— That the Parliament appoints Alison Harris MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to her nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06082—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 June 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Policing 2026

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Next Steps for the Crofting Commission

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 June 2017

1.15 pm Members' Business

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 22 June 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: Provisional Outturn 2016-17

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 June 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 June 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 Government Debate: Education Governance Next Steps

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Code of Conduct for MSPs and Written Statement Revision

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2017

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.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06007—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

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

Number of members: 3.

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

Membership: Tom Arthur, Mary Fee, Alison Harris.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Lyme Disease, The Need To Do More:** The Parliament debated S5M-04825 in the name of Alexander Burnett—That the Parliament recognises that Lyme disease is affecting many people across Scotland, including in Aberdeenshire; considers that there is a lack of awareness and education to prevent further infections in 2017; notes calls for the issues surrounding diagnosis and treatment to be explored further; further notes calls for public education on the dangers of tick bites and for doctors to become better informed so that patients are not left undiagnosed, and notes the support for Lyme Disease UK’s campaign to help increase awareness of this disease.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

## No. 14, Thursday 15 June 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. Stink Pits Stink:** The Parliament debated S5M-05662 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament notes the continued use of stink pits, which are also known as middens, as part of the predator control regime on shooting estates in the Scottish Borders and elsewhere; understands that these are pits or piles of animal carcasses that are left to decompose so that the smell will attract foxes and other predators into snares placed around them; believes that the dead animals found in these pits recently have included foxes, deer, whole salmon, pink-footed geese, pheasants, rabbits, mountain hares and domestic cats; considers that killing and dumping animals, including protected species and domestic pets, to rot and act as bait to trap other animals, is inhumane and fundamentally disrespectful to the creatures; believes that current use goes beyond good practice in many instances; notes the view that it is necessary to assess the justification for permitting their use when the disposal of farm livestock is strictly controlled, when the extent to which their use is associated with the killing of protected species and domestic animals is taken account of and when the association between the pits and intensive predator control regimes as practised on driven grouse moors is examined, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to consider the merits of banning the use of stink pits in Scotland altogether, on ethical, animal welfare and public health grounds.

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

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Education Governance Next Steps.

**6. Recognise and Celebrate Edinburgh's International Festivals in their 70th Anniversary Year:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-06073—That the Parliament recognises the success and impact of Edinburgh's world-leading international festivals, which are in their 70th year; notes that the festivals, their partners, supporters, funders, artists and audiences make an invaluable contribution to Edinburgh and Scotland's communities and wider society, economy and culture, and acknowledges and celebrates the impact that the festivals have made establishing Scotland's place internationally as innovators, thinkers and cultural leaders, and for providing a welcome to the world, while maintaining and growing their world-leading status.

Gordon Lindhurst moved amendment S5M-6073.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06073 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Recognise and Celebrate Edinburgh’s International Festivals in their 70th Anniversary Year), insert at end “, and welcomes UK Government proposals to support the development of the new Edinburgh Concert Hall under Edinburgh’s City Deal.”

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

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S5M-6073.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06073 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Recognise and Celebrate Edinburgh’s International Festivals in their 70th Anniversary Year), insert at end “; believes that the ideals behind the origin of the festivals in the wake of the Second World War, namely that culture can break down borders and bring people from all nationalities together, are still pertinent today, and recognises the need to find solutions to the future funding challenge that the festivals face.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the success and impact of Edinburgh’s world-leading international festivals, which are in their 70th year; notes that the festivals, their partners, supporters, funders, artists and audiences make an invaluable contribution to Edinburgh and Scotland’s communities and wider society, economy and culture; acknowledges and celebrates the impact that the festivals have made establishing Scotland’s place internationally as innovators, thinkers and cultural leaders, and for providing a welcome to the world, while maintaining and growing their world-leading status; welcomes UK Government proposals to support the development of the new Edinburgh Concert Hall under Edinburgh’s City Deal; believes that the ideals behind the origin of the festivals in the wake of the Second World War, namely that culture can break down borders and bring people from all nationalities together, are still pertinent today, and recognises the need to find solutions to the future funding challenge that the festivals face.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06127—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 20 June 2017—

after

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau motions

insert

*followed by*      Member’s Oath/Affirmation

The motion was agreed to.



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

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

## No. 15, Tuesday 20 June 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE, Founder and CEO, Mary's Meals, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06229—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 20 June 2017—

delete

5.00 pm          Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm          Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 21 June 2017—

delete

5.00 pm          Decision Time

and insert

5.20 pm          Decision Time

and (c) Thursday 22 June 2017—

delete

5.00 pm          Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm          Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06189—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill, debate on the group of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Group 1: 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Oaths and Affirmations:** Jamie Halcro Johnston and Tom Mason took their oaths of allegiance before the Clerk.

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

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Policing 2026.

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Next Steps for the Crofting Commission.

**8. Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 1 was agreed to (without division).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1A (For 29, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 1B (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 1C (For 30, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

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

**9. Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-06164—That the Parliament agrees that the Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 11, Abstentions 0).

**10. Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-05202—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Seat Belts on School Transport (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).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 9 and 10 as noted above.

**12. The Scottish Civic Trust, 50 Years of Protecting Scotland’s Built Heritage:**

The Parliament debated S5M-05856 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Civic Trust on its 50th anniversary; notes that the trust began in 1967 to respond to the destruction of buildings and townscapes around Scotland; acknowledges that it helped to save New Lanark from dereliction and assisted in developing a network of local civic trusts around Scotland; welcomes initiatives that it has established, including Doors Open Day and the My Place Awards; recognises that the trust has an ongoing commitment to save buildings and townscapes, keeping communities at the heart of its movement, and thanks all volunteers, past and present, for their sterling work.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

## No. 16, Wednesday 21 June 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Motor Neurone Disease Global Awareness Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-05761 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament notes the work of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Scotland and the Global MND Awareness Day, which takes place on 21 June 2017; further notes the Parliamentary reception, which is sponsored by MND Scotland, taking place in the evening that day; greatly commends MND Scotland for its inspiring and life-changing work in searching for a cure for the disease; pays tribute to the late campaigner, Gordon Aikman, who raised over £600,000 in the pursuit of finding a cure; notes the recently introduced £25,000 Gordon Aikman Scholarship from the Scottish Government, which will fund individuals and professionals to develop practical improvements to the way care is provided to people with MND; believes that this fund will help people with MND in the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse constituency and throughout Scotland; reiterates its praise for the work of MND Scotland, and hopes that there is as great a support as possible for MND Scotland’s Global MND Awareness Day 2017.

**2. Suspension of Standing Orders:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06270—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of consideration of the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft], in Rule 10.6.5 of the Standing Orders, the second and third sentences are suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Freedom of Information Requests:** Edward Mountain moved S5M-06126—That the Parliament condemns the Scottish Government’s poor performance in responding to freedom of information requests; calls for an independent inquiry into the way that it deals with these, and agrees to undertake post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved amendment S5M-06126.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06126 in the name of Edward Mountain (Freedom of Information Requests), insert at end “, and welcomes commitments by the Scottish Government to adopt a policy of pro-actively publishing all material released under FOI to ensure that it is as widely available as possible.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament condemns the Scottish Government’s poor performance in responding to freedom of information requests; calls for an independent inquiry into the way that it deals with these; agrees to undertake post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, and welcomes commitments by the Scottish Government to adopt a policy of pro-actively publishing all material released under FOI to ensure that it is as widely available as possible.

**5. Agriculture:** Peter Chapman moved S5M-06186—That the Parliament notes the findings of Audit Scotland’s June 2017 update on the common agricultural policy (CAP) futures programme; notes that it highlights significant further work to be carried out on the CAP IT system; is concerned by the lack of detailed assessment of risk from financial penalties and the potential for up to £60 million in EU fines if the system is non-compliant; urges the Scottish Government to take swift action to develop a disaster recovery plan to cover the whole IT system; believes a clear plan for the transfer of knowledge to new staff must be developed, and is further concerned that the system will not be functioning as anticipated until 2018 at the earliest and will not deliver value for money.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved amendment S5M-06186.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06186 in the name of Peter Chapman (Agriculture), leave out from second “notes” to end and insert “; agrees that the biggest threat to Scottish agriculture remains the UK’s departure from the EU, withdrawal from the CAP and the loss of membership of the single market; recognises the need to develop a sustainable system of future rural support beyond 2020 that invests in and supports the best possible environmental and productivity outcomes for agriculture; calls on the UK Government to agree to continue to ensure that Scotland receives the same share of future funding as it does now under CAP to allow farmers, crofters and rural businesses to know as early as possible what financial support will be available, and believes that any further investment must ensure that the current CAP IT system is future-proofed to deliver such post-Brexit support.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 57, Abstentions 6).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-06186.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06186 in the name of Peter Chapman (Agriculture), insert at end “; is concerned that after a year in post the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity has not ‘fixed it’ as promised, neither has it been his foremost priority, and calls on the Scottish Government to fully disclose all information with regard to the fiasco, including the Fujitsu report.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 61, Abstentions 6).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 36, Abstentions 8).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the findings of Audit Scotland’s June 2017 update on the common agricultural policy (CAP) futures programme; agrees that the biggest threat to Scottish agriculture remains the UK’s departure from the EU, withdrawal from the CAP and the loss of membership of the single market; recognises the need to develop a sustainable system of future rural support beyond 2020 that invests in and supports the best possible environmental and productivity outcomes for agriculture; calls on the UK Government to agree to continue to ensure that Scotland receives the same share of future funding as it does now under CAP to allow farmers, crofters and rural businesses to know as early as possible what financial support will be available, and believes that any further investment must ensure that the current CAP IT system is future-proofed to deliver such post-Brexit support.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06242—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 June 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion on the Appointment of a New Scottish Information Commissioner

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 28 June 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 Government Debate: Education Governance Next Steps

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Code of Conduct for MSPs and Written Statement Revision

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Debate on the Commission on Parliamentary Reform's Report on the Scottish Parliament

2.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 September 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 6 September 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance and 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 7 September 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.

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

**S5M-06243 Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that Rachael Hamilton be appointed as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee.

**S5M-06245 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 Islands (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-06246 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities and Human Rights Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-06250 Office of the Clerk**—That the Parliament agrees that, between 3 January 2018 and 31 January 2019, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 30 March and 2 April 2018, 7 May 2018, 25 and 28 May 2018, 14 September 2018, 30 November 2018, 24 December (pm), 25 and 26 December 2018, and 1 and 2 January 2019.

**S5M-06251 Parliamentary Recess Dates**—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1, 10 to 18 February 2018

(inclusive), 31 March to 15 April 2018 (inclusive), 30 June to 2 September 2018 (inclusive), 6 to 21 October 2018 (inclusive) and 22 December 2018 to 6 January 2019 (inclusive).

**S5M-06253 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-06254 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (Cross-border transfer: patients subject to detention requirement or otherwise in hospital) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-06255 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (Cross-border transfer: patients subject to requirements other than detention) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-06256 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (Cross-border Visits) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06257—That the Parliament agrees that the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 9).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4, 5, 7 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Stroke Care in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-05474 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament understands that, every year, 14,000 people in Scotland experience stroke, which is the third most common cause of death and the most common cause of severe physical disability among adults; believes that stroke patients account for 7% of all NHS beds and that treatment for the condition takes up 5% of the NHS budget; considers that there is well-established evidence demonstrating the benefits of organised specialist care in improving outcomes; notes the recent SIGN guidelines that focus on acute care and secondary prevention and emphasise the importance of providing access to specialist services quickly; understands that there has been a welcome long-term downward trend in mortality rates, with a 39% decrease between 2006 and 2016; considers that the challenge now is that more people than ever, around 124,000, are living with the long-term effects of stroke, half of whom have a disability; notes that, in the most deprived areas, the mortality rate in 2015 for such cerebrovascular diseases was 42.3% higher than the least deprived; recognises that people in remote and rural areas can face issues in accessing clinical care, including access to thrombectomy, which is unavailable outside Edinburgh and Glasgow as there are only three clinicians trained to carry out this procedure in Scotland, compared with over 80 in England and

Wales; notes the view that greater investment would help tackle what it sees as this inequity; believes that, outside the work of the recognised charities, only NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHS Tayside offer specialist follow-up nursing, but with more limited scope and timescales; understands that stroke nurses provide flexible and holistic support that covers health, wellbeing, socialisation, vocational rehabilitation and advice on financial issues, and notes the opinion that there is an urgent need for further investment in high quality aftercare, more stroke nurses and support systems and pathways in place in communities in Mid Scotland and Fife and across the country to keep survivors active in order to improve recovery, wellbeing and to aid secondary prevention.

The meeting closed at 6.06 pm.

## No. 17, Thursday 22 June 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. Island games, Support Scotland's Athletes:** The Parliament debated S5M-06006 in the name of Tavish Scott—That the Parliament welcomes the NatWest Island Games taking place in Gotland, Sweden; recognises the contributions and efforts of athletes from the Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland to the Island Games; notes that, in addition to Shetland, Orkney and the Western Isles, 21 further island groups are participating, featuring more than 4,000 athletes across 14 different sports; further notes that athletes from Shetland will be participating in each of the 14 sports; is concerned that the cost of travel for training and competing is often disproportionately higher for Shetland athletes than those from other parts of Scotland, and often prohibitively so; recalls the assurances given by the Scottish Government in September 2016 that it would give consideration to the creation of an islands transport fund for athletes; notes the view that such a fund would further the careers of individuals and teams that are successful in being chosen for Scottish representative sport; believes that this biannual event brings together athletes, families and supporters from across the globe and is a wonderful meeting of friends, bringing out all that is good in sport, and wishes all competitors the best of luck in their pursuit of medals in Gotland.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Provisional Outturn 2016-17.

**5. Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 1 was disagreed to (by division: For 50, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

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

**6. Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) moved S5M-06201—That the Parliament agrees that the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 115, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Joe FitzPatrick moved without notice, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to and, accordingly, Decision Time was moved to 4.45 pm.

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

The meeting closed at 4.47 pm.

## No. 18, Tuesday 27 June 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend John C Duncan MBE, Minister, St Athernase Church of Scotland, Leuchars, St Andrews and former Army Chaplain, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06349—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 27 June 2017—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

*followed by* First Minister Statement: EU Negotiations and Scotland's Future

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Ayrshire and Arran Maternity Services, Healthcare Improvement Scotland review of adverse events

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06357—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 2: 35 minutes

Groups 3 to 4: 1 hour 05 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**5. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on EU Negotiations and Scotland's Future.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Ayrshire and Arran Maternity Services, Healthcare Improvement Scotland review of adverse events.

**7. Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 3, 8 and 9.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 2 (For 53, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 53, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 53, Against 66, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 4 was not moved.

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

**8. Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-06356—That the Parliament agrees that the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

**9. Cross-Party Selection Panel Motion on the Appointment of the Scottish Information Commissioner:** Margaret Mitchell, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S5M-06278—That the Parliament nominates Daren Fitzhenry to Her Majesty The Queen for appointment as the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 42 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**11. Not on my Screen:** The Parliament debated S5M-05389 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament recognises the concerns raised by people in Aberdeenshire East and around Scotland regarding the online exploitation and abuse of children; commends the efforts of the International Justice Mission (IJM) in highlighting child slavery and exploitation overseas; understands that this abuse is supported and enabled by online purchasers in western countries, including Scotland; commends Police Scotland and the National Crime Agency on their work with the IJM to identify and prosecute the buyers and enablers of online child abuse and cybersex trafficking, and further commends them for raising awareness of the problem at a national and international level in order to stop this abuse of children.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

## No. 19, Wednesday 28 June 2017

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

**1. BT to Remove One-in-five Phone Boxes in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-5217 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament is concerned by the reported decision by BT to close 947 payphones across Scotland within the next three years, including 24 phone boxes in North Ayrshire; understands that this move will leave just 3,840 working phone boxes in Scotland and only 35 in North Ayrshire; considers that these phone boxes represent a lifeline for many people in Scotland, especially for those in rural communities with poor mobile phone coverage; understands that, while payphone usage has inevitably dropped in recent years due to the prevalence of smart phones, the closure of these phone boxes could potentially pose serious problems in the case of an emergency; encourages the continued promotion of BT's Adopt a Kiosk scheme, which offers councils and charities the opportunity to adopt their local phone box for just £1 and transform it into an asset for the community as an alternative to removal, and notes the calls for BT to continue consulting with the people of Scotland to prevent the unnecessary withdrawal of payphones in the communities that need them most.

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

**3. Education Governance Next Steps:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-6376—That the Parliament notes the publication of *Education Governance: Next Steps*, which sets out proposals for the reform of school education; further notes the emphasis that these proposals place on empowering schools and teachers; acknowledges the need to support schools and teachers through the provision of enhanced career and development opportunities, and strengthened improvement support, including access to expert, peer-led, professional help, backed by resources; recognises the importance of not burdening schools and teachers with unnecessary bureaucracy or workload as part of these reforms, and calls on the Scottish Government to engage with all parties and stakeholders, including parents and young people, in continuing to develop these plans.

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-6376.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06376 in the name of John Swinney (Education Governance Next Steps), insert at end “, but, in doing so, deeply regrets the missed opportunity to give full autonomy to headteachers and to further extend choice and diversity within the school system in a way that responds positively to changing parental demand and the philanthropic vision of new types of schools.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-6376.4—



As an amendment to motion S5M-06376 in the name of John Swinney (Education Governance Next Steps), leave out from “publication” to end and insert “Scottish Government document, *Education Governance, Empowering Teachers Parents and Communities to achieve Excellence and Equity in Education; An analysis of consultation responses*, which states that ‘There was widespread support for the current governance system and an apprehension towards further change within the system’, that ‘On the whole, respondents did not see current governance arrangements as a barrier for improvement and that changing them was not expected to address the deep-seated issues that get in the way of achieving excellence and equity for all’ and that ‘Specifically respondents thought that budget cuts and staffing issues were the two key barriers for improvement’; does not believe that the Scottish Government document, *Education Governance: Next Steps* in any way addresses these concerns of parents, teachers, headteachers and educationalists, and calls on the Scottish Government to halt these reforms and to return urgently to the Parliament with a programme of measures that does address these concerns, including action towards restoring cuts to budgets, teacher numbers and support staff.”

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

Ross Greer moved amendment S5M-6376.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06376 in the name of John Swinney (Education Governance Next Steps), insert at end “; notes evidence, including that submitted in response to the consultation and in the OECD report on Scottish education, which points to structural governance reforms having no positive impact on closing the attainment gap; notes that local democratic accountability is a key strength of education governance in Scotland; expresses concern regarding the implications for accountability in the Scottish Government’s proposals to move powers away from local authorities and to create new regional collaborations; believes the Scottish Government’s proposed reforms to be fundamentally misguided and in contradiction to the issues raised and solutions proposed in responses to the consultation, and calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider the overarching direction of its proposed reforms and invest substantially in education to reverse cuts to teaching and support staff.”

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

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-6376.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-06376 in the name of John Swinney (Education Governance Next Steps), insert at end “; opposes compulsory top-down regional collaboration and the shifting of further control towards Scottish ministers; recalls the evidence presented to the Education and Skills Committee in favour of separating the policy and inspection functions of

Education Scotland and believes that this is necessary, and notes the essential role of support services for schools, notably youth workers.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the publication of *Education Governance: Next Steps*, which sets out proposals for the reform of school education; further notes the emphasis that these proposals place on empowering schools and teachers; acknowledges the need to support schools and teachers through the provision of enhanced career and development opportunities, and strengthened improvement support, including access to expert, peer-led, professional help, backed by resources; recognises the importance of not burdening schools and teachers with unnecessary bureaucracy or workload as part of these reforms; calls on the Scottish Government to engage with all parties and stakeholders, including parents and young people, in continuing to develop these plans; opposes compulsory top-down regional collaboration and the shifting of further control towards Scottish ministers; recalls the evidence presented to the Education and Skills Committee in favour of separating the policy and inspection functions of Education Scotland and believes that this is necessary, and notes the essential role of support services for schools, notably youth workers.

**4. Code of Conduct for Members and Written Statement Revision:** Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved—

**S5M-06346 Code of Conduct for Members and Written Statement Revision—**That the Parliament agrees to amend the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament by making the alterations set out in Annexe A of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 7th Report 2017 (Session 5), *Code of Conduct for MSPs and Written Statement Revisions* (SP Paper 174) with effect from 30 August 2017.

**S5M-06347 Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006—**That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4(1) and 4(2) of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (asp 12)—

makes the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (Form and Content of Written Statement) Determination 2017 as set out in Annexe B of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 7th Report 2017 (Session 5), *Code of Conduct for MSPs and Written Statement Revisions* (SP Paper 174);

revokes the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (Form and Content of Written Statement) Determination 2016; and

provides that these changes shall have effect from 30 August 2017.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06423—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 September 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 6 September 2017

2.00 pm          Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
2.00 pm          Portfolio Questions  
                        Finance and 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 7 September 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

Tuesday 12 September 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 13 September 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 14 September 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.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06424—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-06425—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Islands (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 9 February 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-06426 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Agreements of a Specified Kind) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-06427 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Registration of Independent Schools (Prescribed Person) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-06428 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Additional Amount-Second Homes Main Residence Relief) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-06429 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Social Security (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-06430 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal)  
(Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-06434 Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes apply from close of business on Thursday 29 June 2017—

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace John Scott as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Bill Bowman as a member of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Oliver Mundell be appointed as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Donald Cameron be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

John Scott be appointed to replace Alexander Burnett as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

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

Alexander Burnett be appointed to replace Liam Kerr as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee;

Brian Whittle be appointed to replace Donald Cameron as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Liam Kerr be appointed to replace Oliver Mundell as a member of the Justice Committee;

Maurice Corry be appointed as a member of the Justice Committee;

Bill Bowman be appointed as a member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee;

Michelle Ballantyne be appointed to replace Maurice Corry as a member of the Public Petitions Committee;

Jeremy Balfour be appointed to replace Gordon Lindhurst as a member of the Social Security Committee; and

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace John Scott as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

**S5M-06435 Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes apply from close of business on Thursday 29 June 2017—

Dean Lockhart be appointed to replace Margaret Mitchell as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee;

Bill Bowman be appointed to replace Annie Wells as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Tom Mason be appointed to replace Brian Whittle as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Michelle Ballantyne be appointed to replace Miles Briggs as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed to replace Peter Chapman as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

Alison Harris be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Oliver Mundell as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance and Constitution Committee;

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

Michelle Ballantyne be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Justice Committee;

Tom Mason be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Finlay Carson be appointed to replace Liz Smith as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee;

Maurice Corry be appointed to replace Edward Mountain as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee;

John Scott be appointed to replace Alexander Burnett as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee;

Gordon Lindhurst be appointed to replace Dean Lockhart as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Security Committee; and

John Scott be appointed to replace Alison Harris as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**10. Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and Carers:** The Parliament debated S5M-5935 in the name of James Kelly—That the Parliament notes that, in October 2009, members of all political parties supported a members' business motion, S3M-04852, on a Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and Carers; notes the view that, while progress in rights-based approaches has been made, more can be done to increase visibility and access to rights; understands that there are 8,116 people who have dementia in Glasgow; notes the content of 3,000 letters from carers of people with dementia, which were presented in Parliament in 2011 and published in the *Journal of Ageing University of Illinois*, noting that feelings of loneliness and isolation are central to the caring process; values the work of the Alliance's Dementia Carer Voices project in reaching out to 80,000 people, resulting in 14,000 pledges across the UK to make a difference to the lives of people with dementia and their carers, based on the life experience of Tommy and Joan Whitelaw; notes that analysis of 6,000 pledges in Scotland describes the views of frontline staff regarding the importance of time for compassionate caring; considers that the experience and stories of over 90,000 people with dementia and their families are key to driving forward improvement; believes that dementia is everyone's business, and considers that the original sentiment of motion S3M-04852 and the importance of driving culture change and empowering people with dementia remains true, and that everyone can make a difference to drive that change.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.



**No. 20, Thursday 29 June 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. Commission on Parliamentary Reform's Report on the Scottish Parliament:** The Parliament debated the Commission's Report on the Scottish Parliament.

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

The meeting closed at 2.09 pm.

## No. 21, Tuesday 5 September 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rabbi Mark L Solomon, Sukkat Shalom: Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community, and Leicester Progressive Jewish Congregation; Senior Lecturer in Rabbinic Literature at Leo Baeck College, and Interfaith Consultant for Liberal Judaism; Associate Chair of the Beit Din (Rabbinic Board) of Liberal Judaism, Co-Chair of the London Society of Jews and Christians and Westminster Scriptural Reasoning, and trustee of the London HIV Chaplaincy, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07384—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 September 2017

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      First Minister Statement: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18

*followed by*      Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm          Decision Time

*followed by*      Members' Business

Wednesday 6 September 2017

2.00 pm          Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm          Portfolio Questions

Finance and Constitution;

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work

*followed by*      Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 September 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 Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 September 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 13 September 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 14 September 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.

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07378— That the Parliament agrees that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 7 September, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

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

**5. First Minister Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement on the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18.

**6. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18:** The Parliament debated the statement by the First Minister Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18.

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

**8. Boys' Brigade Juniors 100th Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S5M-07188 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament welcomes the news that, in Autumn 2017, the Boys' Brigade in Scotland is marking 100 years of working

with the “Juniors” age group, which was established in September 1917 when the Brigade Council, the Brigade’s governing body, established the Boy Reserves to cater for boys aged from nine to 12; notes that members of the Juniors have been marking the milestone throughout 2017, including taking part in the Juniors 100 Challenge where young people are being encouraged to complete 100 challenges including activities such as taking part in a world record attempt, learning basic first aid skills, raising £100 for a local charity and trying out a new sport; further notes that members have been getting active, being creative, learning new skills, exploring and being adventurous while helping others in their local communities; understands that the celebrations have also involved looking back at the Juniors’ heritage, sharing stories of the past and looking forward to the next 100 years; believes that more than 5,000 eight to 11-year olds are taking part in a fun and active programme across more than 400 groups throughout Scotland; acknowledges that membership of The Boys’ Brigade offers young people so much, the chance to excel in new skills or talents, to explore, discover new things and provide opportunities and, above all, to have fun; commends The Boys’ Brigade in its calling for a team-based approach to encouraging participation in sports and activities that are critical for children and young people’s health, tackling childhood obesity and helping bridge the educational attainment gap, and considers that, in most cases, expenditure is low, with an average of £120 spent on sports equipment annually as a result of the majority of members benefitting from church-based premises and shared use of equipment.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

## No. 22, Wednesday 6 September 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. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18:** The Parliament continued the debate on the statement by the First Minister from Tuesday 5 September 2017.

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-7510— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 September 2017

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: European Union Withdrawal Bill

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Common Agricultural Policy, A Plan to Stabilise Future Payments

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Response to the Report of the Barclay Review of Non-Domestic Rates

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm          Decision Time

*followed by*      Members' Business

Wednesday 13 September 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 14 September 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: Community Justice in Scotland

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Food and Drink Strategy, Ambition 2030

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 September 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 20 September 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 21 September 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 Preliminary Stage Debate: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows Fund Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-7379—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 22 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-7380—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 24 November 2017.

The motion was agreed to.



**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-7381—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Social Security (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 22 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-7382—That the Parliament agrees that the Advice and Assistance (Proceedings for Recovery of Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Generations of Working Together:** The Parliament debated S5M-6963 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament notes the innovative collaboration between Newbyres Village and Newbyres Nursery in Gorebridge, where children visit older residents on a weekly basis; considers that this is to the mutual benefit of the children and the older residents; understands that, on these visits, the children paint with the residents, are told stories, plant sunflowers, are taught nursery rhymes and play hilarious games, which assist hand and eye co-ordination of both young and old; congratulates the charity, Generations Working Together, and Newbyres Village and Newbyres Nursery, on supporting this initiative, and notes the recommendations for similar projects elsewhere in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

## No. 23, Thursday 7 September 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. Support for Citizens Advice Scotland's Call to Stop Accelerated Roll-out of Universal Credit:** The Parliament debated S5M-7056 in the name of Alex Rowley— That the Parliament notes with concern the reported evidence from Citizens Advice Bureaux regarding the initial roll-out areas in Scotland, and elsewhere in the UK, which it believes highlights that the reality of universal credit risks leaving many people in Scotland without the support they need, pushing them into debt and leaving them unable to make ends meet; is further concerned that Citizens Advice Scotland, it understands, has reported that evidence from initial roll-out areas shows that, since universal credit was introduced, bureaux have seen a 15% rise in rent arrears issues compared to a national decrease of 2%, and an 87% increase in Crisis Grant issues compared to a national increase of 9%, and that two of the five bureaux in impacted areas have seen a 40% and 70% increase in advice about access to food banks, compared to a national increase of 3%; notes the call from Citizens Advice Scotland and a host of antipoverty organisations across Scotland for the UK Government to pause the accelerated roll-out of universal credit until the reported design and delivery problems have been addressed; notes the comments from the Chair of Citizens Advice Scotland, Rory Mair, that “universal credit has major delivery and design flaws which risk hurting families instead of helping them. These include long waits for payments that push people into crisis and debt, all the while battling a highly complicated process with little support”; considers that it is not right to proceed with the accelerated roll-out of universal credit in the knowledge that it will, it believes, result in tens of thousands of men, women and children in the Mid Scotland and Fife region and across Scotland being driven into debt and rent arrears and having to turn to foodbanks just to survive, and notes the calls on the UK Government to pause the process, listen to the evidence and act accordingly to address the issues.

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

**5. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2017-18:** The Parliament continued the debate on the statement by the First Minister from Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 September 2017.

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

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

## No. 24, Tuesday 12 September 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Father Christopher Heenan, Parish Priest, St. Margaret's RC Memorial Church, Dunfermline, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07639—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 12 September 2017—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Response to the Report of the Barclay Review of Non-Domestic Rates

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Policing

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 Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on the European Union Withdrawal Bill.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Common Agricultural Policy, A Plan to Stabilise Future Payments.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Response to the Report of the Barclay Review of Non-Domestic Rates.

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

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion under Rule 11.2.4 to bring forward Decision Time.

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

**10. Serve Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-07149 in the name of Kate Forbes—That the Parliament welcomes the establishment of the Serve Scotland coalition of church-based community groups; recognises the positive work undertaken by these groups, providing services such as foodbanks, debt advice, night shelters and refugee support work in communities across Scotland, including in Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch; pays tribute to the many thousands of volunteers who provide these services, and believes that such community work undertaken by churches and other faith groups is a mark of a healthy civil society and is to be welcomed as part of a modern, plural Scotland.

**11. Motion Without Notice:** Kate Forbes moved a motion without notice under Rule 8.14.3 to extend the debate by up to 30 minutes.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

## No. 25, Wednesday 13 September 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. Housing:** Adam Tomkins moved S5M-07613—That the Parliament recognises that the lack of housing supply is one of the biggest challenges that Scotland faces and believes that the planning system needs urgent and radical reform; considers that a new deal on housing is required; believes that a national housing and infrastructure agency should be established and that the First Minister should appoint a cabinet secretary for housing and infrastructure; urges ministers to examine the case for a new generation of new towns and garden villages; recognises that improving existing properties and bringing empty ones back into use should form a core component of housing policy, and highlights the importance of housing for improving health and wellbeing and for meeting climate targets through energy efficiency and sustainable development.

The Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S5M-07613.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07613 in the name of Adam Tomkins (Housing), leave out from “the lack” to end and insert “good quality, warm and affordable housing is vital to ensuring a Scotland that is fair for this and future generations; welcomes the 69,000 affordable homes delivered since 2007 and the commitment to deliver 35,000 social rented homes, as part of the Scottish Government’s wider aim to deliver 50,000 affordable homes over the current parliamentary term; acknowledges the longer-term funding of £1.75 billion made available to all councils to support them with their plans for accelerating affordable housing delivery; recognises the steps taken to safeguard social housing for the future by abolishing the right to buy; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to action on planning, land and infrastructure to secure the housing developments that the country needs, including measures to strengthen community engagement; recognises that the Scottish Government’s housing infrastructure fund will help unlock key development sites; welcomes the continued commitment to delivering housing as a key way of promoting inclusive growth, and condemns the welfare changes that have been introduced by the UK Government that have led people to be insecure in their homes, including the introduction of the so-called bedroom tax, removal of financial support for housing for under 21s, and the six-week delay in receiving the first payment of universal credit, which is leading to housing arrears.”

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

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-07613.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07613 in the name of Adam Tomkins (Housing), leave out from first “recognises” to end and insert “believes that a safe, warm home should be available to everybody; considers that support for social housing should be a central part of housing policy and that it should be available as a choice of housing tenure; believes in the importance of community involvement in housing; recognises that affordable homes for those on low incomes can be a potential stepping stone out of poverty and that the current lack of such homes in Scotland is pushing people into poverty; believes that delays to universal credit payments are leading to increasing housing arrears and potential homelessness, while flatlining incomes are making it increasingly difficult for people to afford a home; agrees that a long-term national infrastructure project with a focus on social housing is required to deliver the homes needed across Scotland, in particular in rural areas; recognises that this would also provide the certainty that the construction industry workforce needs; believes that a well-resourced planning system that strikes the right balance between communities and developers will be key to this, and recognises that there should be a continued focus on upgrading Scotland’s current housing stock and that, to truly tackle fuel poverty in the private rented sector, a minimum standard of Energy Performance Certificate of Band C should be introduced by 2025.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-07613.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07613 in the name of Adam Tomkins (Housing), leave out from first “recognises” to end and insert “believes that the current model of housing delivery has failed, and that a generation of young people face greater uncertainty and inequality as a result; further believes that a bold package of land reform measures is needed to provide sufficient affordable quality and warm homes, and that housing policy should aim to make housing more affordable across all tenures; supports taxing vacant and derelict land to reduce speculative land banking, rent controls that reflect the quality of the property and limit future rent rises, professionalising the private rented sector for the benefit of tenants and divesting public pension funds from fossil fuels and investing them in housing; opposes social security reform that puts people at risk of homelessness, and calls on the Scottish Government to set an interim target for all homes, where technically feasible and appropriate, to achieve an Energy Performance Certificate of Band C by 2025 to tackle fuel poverty and improve energy efficiency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 98, Abstentions 19).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-07613.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07613 in the name of Adam Tomkins (Housing), leave out from “a national housing” to second “infrastructure” and insert “this should have a particular emphasis on building new homes for social

rent, with increased targets to re-establish it as a valid long-term option for people; considers that, alongside an increase in housing supply, changes to social security are required to improve options and security, such as returning housing benefit to young people; recognises that the aspiration to build new properties and transform hundreds of thousands of existing properties into sustainable warm homes is dependent on the availability of skilled labour; believes that college cuts and the UK Government's policies in relation to Brexit and immigration jeopardise the ability to find this”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 10, Against 92, Abstentions 20).

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

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07647—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 September 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Delivering Social Security for Scotland's People

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Ending Homelessness Together

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 September 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 Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 September 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 Preliminary Stage Debate: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 September 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 27 September 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 28 September 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

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

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07648—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 26 January 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07655—That the Parliament agrees that Colin Beattie be appointed to replace Christina McKelvie as a substitute member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Stirling University's 50th Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S5M-05050 in the name of Bruce Crawford—That the Parliament congratulates the University of Stirling on its 50th anniversary in 2017; understands that, on 18 September 1967, 164 undergraduate students and 31 postgraduates began their courses at the new Pathfoot Building and, since then, the university's alumni has grown to include over 80,000 people in 170 countries; acknowledges that many notable alumni, such as the BBC documentaries, Planet Earth and Blue Planet, cinematographer, Doug Allan, and the biotech innovator, Sunil Kadri, who founded the AKVA Group, which is understood to be the world's largest aquaculture technology supplier, have attended the university over the years; considers that the university particularly excels in the fields of research, the environment and sport as Scotland's University of Sporting Excellence, with Scottish sporting stars, such as the Commonwealth gold-winning swimmer, Ross Murdoch, and tennis superstars, Andy and Jamie Murray, using the university's facilities to train; notes that the university was the first genuinely new university in Scotland for over 400 years and considers that it has established itself as a desired place of study for students from Scotland and across the world; welcomes the fact that thousands of students continue to apply for and attend the university each year and believes that this is testament to the fantastic campus, facilities, courses and staff, and wishes everyone linked to the university the very best for the future.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

## No. 26, Thursday 14 September 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. 25th Anniversary of the Borders Talking Newspaper:** The Parliament debated S5M-06818 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament recognises and congratulates the Borders Talking Newspaper on its 25th anniversary; considers that the newspaper, which is based in Duns and Hawick, is a vital resource for people who are completely blind or have visual impairments and want to keep up with local news and issues; believes that it is a simple yet effective measure to counteract the social isolation that can occur as a result of sight problems; considers that the 180,000 people across Scotland who, according to the Royal National Institute of Blind People, have sight problems would benefit from this or a similar service; recognises the numerous volunteers who give up their time to help keep this service available every week for listeners, and wishes the volunteers, organisation and listeners all the best for the future.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Community Justice in Scotland.

**5. Scotland's Food and Drink Strategy, Ambition 2030:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-07641—That the Parliament acknowledges the growth in Scotland's food and drink industry since 2007 and the contribution that it makes to the economy; supports the aim of Scotland's national food and drink strategy, Ambition 2030, to double the value of the industry; recognises the importance of growing markets for Scottish produce internationally, across the UK and in Scotland; encourages everyone to play their part to support and promote locally-produced food and drink; pays tribute to the farmers and fishermen who work tirelessly to produce the raw materials that underpin the industry's success, and supports Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight and the aim of the campaign to encourage more people to change one thing and consume more Scottish produce.

Edward Mountain moved amendment S5M-07641.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07641 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Scotland's Food and Drink Strategy, Ambition 2030), after "the UK and in Scotland;" insert "calls for an approach that ensures an increase in production and profitability from the farm gate to the end of the supply chain; urges the Scottish Government and local government to support producers by sourcing quality Scottish food and drink; calls on the Scottish Government to take action to reduce the high business rates that disadvantage the food and drink sector;".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 64, Abstentions 15).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-07641.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07641 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Scotland's Food and Drink Strategy, Ambition 2030), insert at end “, and believes that there is particular scope to increase the share of Scottish-brewed products in Scotland's pubs.”

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

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S5M-07641.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07641 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Scotland's Food and Drink Strategy, Ambition 2030), insert at end “; considers that the National Council of Rural Advisers does not meet the expectations agreed by the Parliament through amendment S5M-03463.2 (The Future of Funding for Rural Development) on 19 January 2017, and urges the Scottish Government to expand this to include the broadest possible range of experts and stakeholders, including producers, environmentalists and consumer groups, in designing the bespoke system of agricultural support that Scotland will need, particularly in the event of Brexit, for the Food and Drink Strategy to be a success.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the growth in Scotland's food and drink industry since 2007 and the contribution that it makes to the economy; supports the aim of Scotland's national food and drink strategy, Ambition 2030, to double the value of the industry; recognises the importance of growing markets for Scottish produce internationally, across the UK and in Scotland; encourages everyone to play their part to support and promote locally-produced food and drink; pays tribute to the farmers and fishermen who work tirelessly to produce the raw materials that underpin the industry's success; supports Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight and the aim of the campaign to encourage more people to change one thing and consume more Scottish produce, and believes that there is particular scope to increase the share of Scottish-brewed products in Scotland's pubs.

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

## No. 27, Tuesday 19 September 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Imam Mohammad Sohail Ashfaque, Blackhall Mosque, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Delivering Social Security for Scotland's People.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) made a statement and answered questions on Ending Homelessness Together.

**5. Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-07740—That the Parliament is committed to creating a fairer Scotland underpinned by respecting and implementing human rights; notes the achievements that Scotland has already made in giving practical effect to the human rights set out in UN and Council of Europe treaties, and International Labour Organization conventions; welcomes the appointment of the former Scottish Human Rights Commissioner, Professor Alan Miller, as chair of a new expert group that will provide independent advice and recommendations on how Scotland can continue to protect and enhance human rights, including economic, social, cultural and environmental rights; further welcomes the commitment that the Scottish Government will undertake a comprehensive audit of the most effective way to further embed the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into policy and legislation; acknowledges that embedding a human rights-based approach within Scotland's public services is fundamental to securing equality, dignity and rights and commends the rights-based approach to building a social security system that will be underpinned by dignity, respect and equality, and resolves to ensure that the human rights and equality of all of the people of Scotland are fully respected and protected, promoted and implemented.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-07740.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end “; considers that human rights should be viewed as a broad-based principle and should also encompass workers' rights as well as the right to a family life, which should include the right to a decent warm home; believes that significant progress should be made in the current parliamentary session to improve the rights of disabled people in areas of education, employment and public transport, and considers that this progress should be meaningful by ensuring that adequate and enforceable legislation is in place to advance these rights.”

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

John Finnie moved amendment S5M-07740.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end “; notes the report of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRC) on its inquiry into violations of rights in the UK, which was issued on 6 October 2016, and its report on its concluding observations under its reporting cycle, which was issued on 29 August 2017; expresses grave concern that, in its October 2016 report, the UNCRC found systematic violations of the rights of disabled people; acknowledges that one of only two positive findings in the August 2017 report concerned measures taken in Scotland; expresses concern at the absence of action and the dismissive attitude of the UK Government regarding the 85 recommendations made by the UNCRC in August, and is resolved that dignity, equality, and human rights for all cannot be realised as long as disabled people continue to experience violations of their basic rights under the policies adopted by the UK Government.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S5M-07740.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07740 in the name of Angela Constance (Dignity, Equality and Human Rights for All), insert at end “; recognises that there are areas where Scotland continues to fall short of international human rights standards, as highlighted repeatedly by bodies such as the Scottish Human Rights Commission; welcomes that the Scottish Government has now agreed to raise the age of criminal responsibility to the minimum standard set by the UN and that it will not oppose giving children equal protection from assault; considers, however, that issues, from the blanket ban on prisoner voting to the inadequacy of mental health treatment, continue to tarnish Scotland’s reputation as a leader in human rights and equality, and urges the Scottish Government to rectify these immediately and ensure that international human rights agreements and legal obligations are enacted without reservation in future.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 9, Against 88, Abstentions 19).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is committed to creating a fairer Scotland underpinned by respecting and implementing human rights; notes the achievements that Scotland has already made in giving practical effect to the human rights set out in UN and Council of Europe treaties, and International Labour Organization conventions; welcomes the appointment of the former Scottish Human Rights Commissioner, Professor Alan Miller, as chair of a new expert group that will provide independent advice and recommendations on how Scotland can continue to protect and enhance human rights, including economic, social, cultural and

environmental rights; further welcomes the commitment that the Scottish Government will undertake a comprehensive audit of the most effective way to further embed the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into policy and legislation; acknowledges that embedding a human rights-based approach within Scotland's public services is fundamental to securing equality, dignity and rights and commends the rights-based approach to building a social security system that will be underpinned by dignity, respect and equality; resolves to ensure that the human rights and equality of all of the people of Scotland are fully respected and protected, promoted and implemented; considers that human rights should be viewed as a broad-based principle and should also encompass workers' rights as well as the right to a family life, which should include the right to a decent warm home; believes that significant progress should be made in the current parliamentary session to improve the rights of disabled people in areas of education, employment and public transport; considers that this progress should be meaningful by ensuring that adequate and enforceable legislation is in place to advance these rights; notes the report of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) on its inquiry into violations of rights in the UK, which was issued on 6 October 2016, and its report on its concluding observations under its reporting cycle, which was issued on 29 August 2017; expresses grave concern that, in its October 2016 report, the UNCRPD found systematic violations of the rights of disabled people; acknowledges that one of only two positive findings in the August 2017 report concerned measures taken in Scotland; expresses concern at the absence of action and the dismissive attitude of the UK Government regarding the 85 recommendations made by the UNCRPD in August, and is resolved that dignity, equality, and human rights for all cannot be realised as long as disabled people continue to experience violations of their basic rights under the policies adopted by the UK Government.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07770—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 21 September 2017—

delete

2.30 pm Preliminary Stage Debate: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

and insert

2.30 pm Members' Business

*followed by* Preliminary Stage Debate: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**8. Tackling Homophobia in Sport:** The Parliament debated S5M-05970 in the name of Mary Fee—That the Parliament considers that there is a continuing existence of homophobia in Scottish sport; regrets that research by Stonewall Scotland states that 60% of sports fans had witnessed homophobic behaviour in the last five years, which is 9% higher than the rest of the UK; believes that it is important for sports personalities, coaches and sports clubs in the West Scotland region and across the country to challenge and oppose homophobia in all its forms to show that it has no place in Scottish sport; understands that there is a particular problem with homophobia in football, which is highlighted by the fact that there are no openly-gay, male professional footballers in the UK; commends the work of the Equality Network and its LGBT Sports Charter, which aims to set out the principles to make Scottish sport more inclusive, and welcomes the commitment of the SFA and sportscotland to tackle homophobia and LGBT discrimination in sport.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.



**No. 28, Wednesday 20 September 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 Ministers.

**2. Finance:** Alex Rowley moved S5M-07750—That the Parliament believes that income tax should be increased to allow greater investment in public services.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S5M-07750.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07750 in the name of Alex Rowley (Finance), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “rejects the current approach to taxation and public spending of the UK Government and, in advance of the Autumn budget, calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to end austerity, lift the 1% pay cap and ensure appropriate funding in line with the Barnett formula to the nations and regions of the UK following the £1 billion Democratic Unionist Party deal; agrees that an informed debate is required on income tax to ensure that the Scottish Parliament can play a full role in setting a tax policy that meets the needs of the country, and notes that all parties’ plans will be considered ahead of the Scottish Budget as part of a discussion paper in order to enable a consensus to be reached on a progressive tax policy that provides certainty for tax payers, public services and the economy.”

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

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-07750.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07750 in the name of Alex Rowley (Finance), leave out from “income tax” to end and insert “there is no case for raising income tax rates in Scotland above those payable elsewhere in the UK and that, to provide clarity and reassurance for the lowest paid, a rise in the basic rate of income tax should be immediately ruled out.”

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

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-07750.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07750 in the name of Alex Rowley (Finance), leave out “should be increased” and insert “rates should be decreased for low earners and increased for high earners, generating additional revenue”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 58, Abstentions 60).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-07750.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-07750 in the name of Alex Rowley (Finance), leave out from “to allow” to end and insert “by a penny to deliver a transformational investment in education.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 5, Against 59, Abstentions 60).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 30, Abstentions 61).

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07778—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 September 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Public Petitions Committee Debate: PE1319 on Improving Youth Football in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 September 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Air Quality: Delivering Improvements for Public Health and the Environment

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Paisley/Dundee Cities of Culture

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 September 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 Members' Business

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 October 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 4 October 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 5 October 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 Business  
*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time

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

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07779—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 1 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07780—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Fighting for Tax Jobs, Fighting for Tax Justice:** The Parliament debated S5M-06672 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament welcomes the Public and Commercial Services Union report, *Fighting for Tax Jobs, Fighting for Tax Justice*, which it believes is a comprehensive and considered response to what it believes is the UK Government’s rash and poorly consulted proposals, *Building Our Future*, and notes the view that these plans will seriously damage Scotland’s economy by undermining its capacity to collect taxes effectively, decimating and destroying a skilled and experienced workforce, overestimating the benefits and underestimating the costs of digitisation, failing to take account of the challenges posed by Brexit, neglecting the support needs of the most vulnerable in society, including poor, disabled and older people, and affecting disproportionately communities such as East Kilbride, which it believes will bear the heaviest job losses and knock-on effects for the local economy.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

## No. 29, Thursday 21 September 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. National Eye Health Week 2017 and the Threat to Vision Posed by Diabetic Retinopathy:** The Parliament debated S5M-07369 in the name of Stuart McMillan— That the Parliament congratulates Diabetes Scotland and RNIB Scotland on their campaign to mark National Eye Health Week 2017 by highlighting the threat to vision posed by diabetic retinopathy for people with all types of diabetes; considers that increasing rates of diabetes in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency and across Scotland pose long-term risks to eye health among the population and recognises the costs that this will have for wider society; welcomes the emphasis given to eye screening in NHS Scotland care plans for people with diabetes, and believes that everyone with diabetes should recognise the importance of attending regular eye screening to detect any early symptoms of retinopathy, given that treatment can save vision.

**4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on combustible cladding was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance).

**5. Congratulations to the Which? Campaign to Call Time On Nuisance Calls In Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-07631 in the name of James Dornan— That the Parliament congratulates Which? on its continuing campaign against nuisance calls; considers that, while these calls are primarily just a source of annoyance for many, they can also cause a great deal of anxiety for some of the most vulnerable people in society, including in Glasgow Cathcart, resulting in a loss of savings, security and dignity; notes calls on Ofcom to seriously consider adopting the Canadian licensing system where all telecommunication providers must supply a call blocking system if they wish to operate in Canada and, if it is unwilling to adopt this regulatory framework, to explain its reasons to the Parliament; further notes calls on the UK Government to bring forward what is considered overdue legislation to make company directors legally accountable for their firms making such phone calls, and congratulates the Scottish Government on allocating £50,000 into the nuisance call fund, which it considers will help to offer protection to the most vulnerable in Scotland's communities.

**6. Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill:** Tom Arthur moved S5M-07584—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill and that the bill should proceed as a private bill.

The motion was then agreed to.

**7. Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) moved S5M-07774—That the Parliament agrees that the Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 4.32 pm.

## No. 30, Tuesday 26 September 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Alec Stewart, Minister, Maryburgh & Killearnan, Free Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07894—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 26 September 2017—

delete

5.00 pm            Decision Time

and insert

4.40 pm            Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. PE1319 on Improving Youth Football in Scotland:** Johann Lamont moved S5M-07801—That the Parliament notes public petition PE1319 on improving youth football in Scotland.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**6. GP Recruitment in West Kilbride and Across Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-07505 in the name of Jamie Greene — That the Parliament notes with concern the recent issue experienced at West Kilbride’s General Practice (GP) surgery in North Ayrshire where it understands that the practice struggled to find sufficient replacement GPs to meet its demands, which could have led to its indefinite closure; further understands that, although locums were eventually found to keep it open until at least Christmas 2017, this issue is far from resolved; believes that the management of the surgery handed back their GP contract earlier in summer 2017 citing “concerns over the sustainability of continuing to deliver a safe and effective service” as their reason for doing so; highlights what it understands was RCGP Scotland’s recent warning that Scotland could have a shortfall of 828 GPs across the country by 2021 and believes that this is well illustrated in the outcome of the West Kilbride practice; understands that West Kilbride is not the only area in Scotland where GP shortages have been highlighted and that other NHS boards, such as NHS Lothian, have also experienced problems with recruiting sufficient GPs; believes that interim locum solutions in staffing GP surgeries are not long-term solutions to a problem that has been highlighted to the Scottish Government on many occasions in the Parliament since the SNP administration took

office, and considers that this identifies a clear lack of long-term strategy and vision over workforce planning of GP services across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.



**No. 31, Wednesday 27 September 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 the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on Air Quality: Delivering Improvements for Public Health and the Environment.

**3. Recognise and Support Paisley's 2021 UK City of Culture and Dundee's 2023 European Capital of Culture Bids:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-07862—That the Parliament recognises the significant contributions that the communities of Paisley and Dundee make to Scotland's rich tapestry of cultural life and the local, national and international boosts that Paisley's 2021 UK City of Culture and Dundee's 2023 European Capital of Culture bids will bring; fully supports both bids, which will promote Scotland's cultural and creative talent and showcase its inspiring building design and places to UK and European partners; notes that the Paisley bid will deliver a spectacular year-long cultural and events programme inspired by the rich textile heritage of the city and will be inclusive, accessible and appeal to a range of local, national and international audiences; recognises that the bid is part of broader heritage and culture-led regeneration plans seeking to transform Paisley into a vibrant cultural destination, growing the cultural, creative and visitor economy, and re-positioning Paisley as a place recognised for cultural excellence; further recognises that Dundee is on a pioneering journey with culture and creativity driving the continuing regeneration of the city and its waterfront, which includes a world-class design museum in the V&A; supports Dundee's plans to build on its UNESCO City of Design status, learning from other European cities' approaches, and supports the valuable role that the bid will have in promoting Dundee's rich cultural heritage and exciting future.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07912— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 October 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Roll-out of Universal Credit

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 4 October 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Delivering Employment Support for Scotland

*followed by* Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee Debate: Gender Pay Gap

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 5 October 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 Ministerial Statement: Scottish City Region Deals, Next Steps

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 October 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 October 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 26 October 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

(b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 5 October, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders to question the First Minister", and

(c) to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 28 September 2017—

after

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07913—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 22 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Acting Conveners:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-07914—That the Parliament agrees that, under rule 12.1A.6(b), in relation to the Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee, the period set out in motion S5M-04945 be extended to 22 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Levenmouth Rail Link:** The Parliament debated S5M-05941 in the name of Jenny Gilruth—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the strong support that the Levenmouth Rail Campaign has achieved; believes that this has been demonstrated by it organising a petition that has been signed by over 12,500 residents from the area, which calls for the re-opening of the rail link from Thornton to Leven; welcomes the Fife Council report, *Levenmouth Sustainable Transport Study – Final Stag Report*, which was published in January 2017; understands that this study included a strongly positive cost-benefit analysis for the link and suggested that its reopening would lead to major economic benefits; believes that, although the Levenmouth area faces high levels of economic deprivation and problems with connectivity, it has substantial opportunities for employment and economic development; considers that this project could help deliver this; understands that passenger numbers on other reopened services, including the Borders Railway and the Airdrie-Bathgate line have exceeded predictions, and notes the view that a strong case has been made for ministers to give serious consideration to the re-opening of the Levenmouth line for passenger and freight services.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

## No. 32, Thursday 28 September 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. Importance of Worker Ownership to the Scottish Economy:** The Parliament debated S5M-07165 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament recognises the contribution made to the Scottish economy by worker-owned companies such as Clansman Dynamics and Novograp in Lanarkshire; notes their expansion since the change in ownership; welcomes the commitment by the previous owners to the transfer to worker control and ownership, and notes calls for other business owners to consider an employee ownership and control model in their succession planning.

**4. Flexible Working, Maximising Talent and Driving Inclusive Growth:** The Parliament debated S5M-07560 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament welcomes the Timewise report, Flexible Jobs Index Scotland: Maximising talent and driving inclusive growth; understands that the research and report were commissioned by the Scottish Government working in partnership with Family Friendly Working Scotland; further understands that the report represents the first time that the ratio of quality jobs advertised as open to flexible working options in Scotland has been researched; acknowledges the key finding of the report that demand for flexible jobs massively outstrips supply, with only 11.9% of quality jobs, paying at least £20,000 FTE, being advertised as flexible, while 34% of people seeking employment in Scotland are looking for part-time or flexible vacancies; considers that companies in Cunninghame South and across Scotland with family-friendly and flexible working policies reap the benefits of more loyal, motivated and productive staff and a happier and healthier working environment, making flexible working positive not only for workers and families but also for businesses and the economy; believes that the findings of this report demonstrate that companies that do not offer employees flexible working are failing to recruit and retain the best talent, and also highlights the huge potential for growing the flexible jobs market across Scotland; commends the work of Timewise and Family Friendly Working Scotland; notes the calls for employers to read this report and consider what positive actions they can take in the future, and further notes the calls on MSPs to promote family-friendly working practices to local businesses in their area.

**5. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-07905—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-07708—That the Parliament, for the

purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Domestic 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.

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

## No. 33, Tuesday 3 October 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, formerly Head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the Papal Nuncio in Egypt, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08084—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 3 October 2017—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Education Reform

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 4 October 2017—

after

*followed by* Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee Debate: Gender Pay Gap

insert

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion on Breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Unconventional Oil and Gas.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Education Reform.

**6. Roll out of Universal Credit:** The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-08035—That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to immediately halt the roll-out of universal credit full service due to the overwhelming evidence of the damage that it is causing recipients; agrees that the clear failings in the design and delivery of the system must be addressed; condemns the six-week wait for the first payment of universal credit, which is pushing people into rent arrears, debt and crisis; notes the evidence from a wide range of third sector organisations that highlights the hardship and harm being caused by universal credit; notes that the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee inquiry into universal credit has highlighted the fundamental flaws that must be resolved before full service roll-out proceeds; welcomes the Scottish Government’s use of flexibilities over the system to provide recipients in Scotland a choice of more frequent payments and for the housing element to be paid direct to landlords, but recognises that this does not address the most damaging aspects built in to universal credit; recognises the Scottish Government’s commitment to introduce split payments of universal credit and to work with stakeholders to consider how these can be delivered in Scotland; welcomes the joint letter from COSLA and the Scottish Government demonstrating the defects of universal credit and calling for the roll-out to be paused, and believes that the UK Government must stop ignoring the overwhelming evidence that shows the negative impact of universal credit full service and take urgent action to fix the problems and make the system fit for purpose and work for the people of Scotland.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-08035.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08035 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Roll out of Universal Credit), leave out from “calls” to end and insert “recognises universal credit’s core purpose of ensuring that work always pays; agrees with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation’s assessment in April 2017 that universal credit ‘remains the right thing to do’, that the ‘current system is fragmented and traps people in poverty’, that the ‘prospect of an integrated benefit system that responds to people’s changing circumstances is a prize worth having’ and that universal credit is ‘an important tool for tackling poverty’; acknowledges that universal credit is a reserved benefit, but that Scottish ministers have significant powers to adapt its delivery in Scotland; welcomes regulations coming into force in Scotland, which will enable recipients to request changes to the way that their payments are made; recognises serious criticisms of the way that initial payments are delayed and the impact of these delays on vulnerable people; calls on the Department for Work and Pensions to ensure that, as universal credit is rolled out further, these concerns are addressed as a matter of urgency and, to that end, welcomes the announcement by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on 2 October 2017 that claimants wanting advance payments will get them within five days or, if they are in immediate need, on the same day.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 75, Abstentions 0).



Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-08035.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08035 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Roll out of Universal Credit), insert at end “notes that the highly-complicated application process and resultant administrative errors have delayed payments, which have also pushed people into crisis, and further notes that the aim to create a ‘truly digital welfare service’ risks excluding and disadvantaging people who are not online or computer literate.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-08035.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08035 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Roll out of Universal Credit), after “paused” insert “; observes that the independent Office for Budget Responsibility has said that universal credit is ‘less generous on average than the tax credits and benefits systems that it replaces’ despite original assurances that ‘no-one will experience a reduction in the benefit they receive as a result of the introduction of universal credit’”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-08035.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08035 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Roll out of Universal Credit), insert at end “; believes that the UK Government must put a comprehensive support package in place before universal credit roll-out accelerates, to make sure that people receive advice on managing their money, advances and dealing with complications in the application process; considers that, to support this, the universal credit helpline should be free of charge, at least until the roll-out is complete; recognises the importance of recipients having financial independence, particularly in domestic abuse settings, and therefore believes that universal credit should be automatically split between adults in a household.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to immediately halt the roll-out of universal credit full service due to the overwhelming evidence of the damage that it is causing recipients; agrees that the clear failings in the design and delivery of the system must be addressed; condemns the six-week wait for the first payment of universal credit, which is pushing people into rent arrears, debt and crisis; notes the evidence from a wide range of third

sector organisations that highlights the hardship and harm being caused by universal credit; notes that the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee inquiry into universal credit has highlighted the fundamental flaws that must be resolved before full service roll-out proceeds; welcomes the Scottish Government's use of flexibilities over the system to provide recipients in Scotland a choice of more frequent payments and for the housing element to be paid direct to landlords, but recognises that this does not address the most damaging aspects built in to universal credit; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to introduce split payments of universal credit and to work with stakeholders to consider how these can be delivered in Scotland; welcomes the joint letter from COSLA and the Scottish Government demonstrating the defects of universal credit and calling for the roll-out to be paused; observes that the independent Office for Budget Responsibility has said that universal credit is 'less generous on average than the tax credits and benefits systems that it replaces' despite original assurances that 'no-one will experience a reduction in the benefit they receive as a result of the introduction of universal credit'; believes that the UK Government must stop ignoring the overwhelming evidence that shows the negative impact of universal credit full service and take urgent action to fix the problems and make the system fit for purpose and work for the people of Scotland; notes that the highly-complicated application process and resultant administrative errors have delayed payments, which have also pushed people into crisis; further notes that the aim to create a 'truly digital welfare service' risks excluding and disadvantaging people who are not online or computer literate; believes that the UK Government must put a comprehensive support package in place before universal credit roll-out accelerates, to make sure that people receive advice on managing their money, advances and dealing with complications in the application process; considers that, to support this, the universal credit helpline should be free of charge, at least until the roll-out is complete; recognises the importance of recipients having financial independence, particularly in domestic abuse settings, and therefore believes that universal credit should be automatically split between adults in a household.

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

**8. The Garbh Allt Community Initiative Reaches Funding Target:** The Parliament debated S5M-06241 in the name of Maree Todd—That the Parliament celebrates the Garbh Allt Community Initiative achieving its funding target for a community buy-out of the Sutherland Estate land at Portgower, Gartymore, West Helmsdale and Marrel, as well as the hill land; believes that this is of historic significance as these townships only came into existence following people being cleared from the Strath of Kildonan; congratulates the Countess of Sutherland and the members of the community initiative on getting funding from both the Scottish Land Fund and the Beatrice Partnership Fund for the buy-out, and looks forward to a bright future in Scotland in which all communities can harness their assets and flourish.

The meeting closed at 6.43 pm.

## No. 34, Wednesday 4 October 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08101—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 5 October 2017—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Scottish City Region Deals – Next Steps

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Air Departure Tax: Update

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish City Region Deals – Next Steps

The motion was agreed to.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Employability and Training (Jamie Hepburn) made a statement and answered questions on Delivering Employment Support for Scotland.

**4. Gender Pay Gap:** Gordon Lindhurst, on behalf of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, moved S5M-07946—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee's 6th Report, 2017 (Session 5), *No Small Change: The Economic Potential of Closing the Gender Pay Gap* (SP paper 179).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament:** Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-08013—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 10th Report, 2017 (Session 5), *Complaint against Alexander Burnett MSP* (SP Paper 200), and agrees to impose the sanction recommended in the report that Alexander Burnett MSP be excluded from submitting Parliamentary Questions for written answer for a period of two weeks, to occur from 23 October to 5 November 2017 inclusive.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08099—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 October 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Delivering for Scotland's British Sign Language (BSL) Community: Launch of the BSL National Plan

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Unconventional Oil and Gas

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 25 October 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Common Agricultural Policy Convergence Monies due for Scottish Farming

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 26 October 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: STEM Strategy for Education and Training

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland: The Hydro Nation, Maximising the Abundant Benefits of our Water Resources

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 October 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 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;

Finance and 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 2 November 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

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 26 October, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Committee Meeting:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08098—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Social Security Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 11.40 am to noon on 5 and 26 October and 2 November 2017 for the purpose of considering the Social Security (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Shortage of Radiologists:** The Parliament debated S5M-07538 in the name of Edward Mountain—That the Parliament congratulates all of the people in NHS Highland and across the country who are working to overcome the reported shortfall of radiologists, which, it believes, is severely delaying the treatment of patients; recognises the additional work of the radiologists who are covering the staff shortages, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should match the commitment of these NHS employees and urgently address this issue.

**10. Motion Without Notice:** Edward Mountain 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. 35, Thursday 5 October 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. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Air Departure Tax: Update.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish City Region Deals – Next Steps.
- 5. Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-08062—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

**No. 36, Tuesday 24 October 2017**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Sean Morrissey, Baha'i Community of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be taken at 5.15 pm. The motion was agreed to.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Mark McDonald) made a statement and answered questions on Delivering for Scotland's British Sign Language (BSL) Communities: Launch of the BSL National Plan.
- 5. Unconventional Oil and Gas:** The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S5M-08341—That the Parliament agrees with the Scottish Government's position of not supporting the development of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland; endorses the government's decision to introduce an immediate and effective ban on onshore unconventional oil and gas developments using its devolved powers in line with the Scottish Ministers' statutory responsibilities, and notes that this position will be subject to a strategic environmental assessment before being finalised.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-08341.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08341 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Unconventional Oil and Gas), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "disagrees with the Scottish Government's position of imposing a ban on the development of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland; believes that this is an ill-thought out decision, which completely disregards scientific evidence; notes that the ban is incongruent with the research in the Scottish Government's paper, Independent Expert Scientific Panel - Report on Unconventional Oil And Gas, which was published in 2014; recognises the Scottish Government's inconsistency on fracking due to the continuation of fracked shale gas imports from overseas, and regrets that the thousands of jobs that could have been created and the significant economic benefit and the research opportunities that fracking could have brought to Scotland, will all now be lost to the country as a result".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 90, Abstentions 1).

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-08341.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08341 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Unconventional Oil and Gas), insert at the end "; agrees that the finalised



energy policy on this should be reflected within the next iteration of the National Planning Framework, which is subject to consideration by Parliament prior to its adoption; supports the robust further development of renewables, and commits to actively exploring and supporting public, municipal co-operative and community models of ownership in this sector”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 1).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-08341.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08341 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Unconventional Oil and Gas), insert at end “; agrees that the Scottish Government’s position should be included in the Energy Strategy, in addition to its incorporation in the next National Planning Framework, and further agrees that licensing powers for onshore oil and gas should be transferred immediately to the Scottish Parliament from the UK Government and utilised in a way that is compatible with the Parliament’s view on unconventional oil and gas development”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 27, Abstentions 1).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S5M-08341.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08341 in the name of Paul Wheelhouse (Unconventional Oil and Gas), insert at end “; considers that the focus for the future must be on renewables, establishing sustainable energy supplies and creating green jobs, and believes that opening up a whole new front of carbon-based fuels would be a distraction and divert investment and research away from green technologies”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees with the Scottish Government’s position of not supporting the development of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland; endorses the government’s decision to introduce an immediate and effective ban on onshore unconventional oil and gas developments using its devolved powers in line with the Scottish Ministers’ statutory responsibilities; notes that this position will be subject to a strategic environmental assessment before being finalised; agrees that the finalised energy policy on this should be reflected within the next iteration of the National Planning Framework, which is subject to consideration by Parliament prior to its adoption; supports the robust further development of renewables; commits to actively exploring and supporting public, municipal co-operative and community models of ownership in this sector; agrees that the Scottish Government’s position should be included in the Energy Strategy, in

addition to its incorporation in the next National Planning Framework; further agrees that licensing powers for onshore oil and gas should be transferred immediately to the Scottish Parliament from the UK Government and utilised in a way that is compatible with the Parliament's view on unconventional oil and gas development; considers that the focus for the future must be on renewables, establishing sustainable energy supplies and creating green jobs, and believes that opening up a whole new front of carbon-based fuels would be a distraction and divert investment and research away from green technologies.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08377—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 26 October 2017—

after

2.30 pm            Ministerial Statement: STEM Strategy for Education and Training

insert

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Developing a New Diet and Obesity Strategy for Scotland

The motion was agreed to.

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

**8. Workforce Concerns Regarding Helicopter Safety in the North Sea:** The Parliament debated S5M-07724 in the name of Lewis Macdonald—That the Parliament understands that the Civil Aviation Authority has lifted the ban on the use of Superpuma H225LP and AS332L2 helicopters in the UK despite continuing concerns over the safety of these helicopters among offshore workers; further understands that Airbus, the manufacturer of Superpuma helicopters, has carried out a survey of North Sea workers and aircrew in order to establish their attitudes towards helicopter safety; notes the finding that 62% of respondents would be unlikely to fly in a Superpuma helicopter, given a choice; further notes that 44% of respondents were unaware of work done to improve safety since the Superpuma crash in April 2016, including increased monitoring and inspection measures and more regular replacement of gearbox components; recognises that Unite the Union has launched a petition opposing the reintroduction of the Superpuma helicopters, signed by thousands of offshore workers in the North East Scotland parliamentary region and across the country, who remain concerned about their safety and reputation, and notes calls for flights in these Superpuma helicopters to not resume.

**9. Motion Without Notice:** Lewis Macdonald 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 6.18 pm.

**No. 37, Wednesday 25 October 2017**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service plans to close fire stations and reduce firefighter numbers was answered by the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities, Social Security and Equalities were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Common Agricultural Policy Convergence Monies due for Scottish Farming.
- 4. Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit:** The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) moved S5M-08352— That the Parliament agrees that a “no deal” outcome from the negotiations with the EU must be ruled out by the UK Government; further agrees that such an outcome would be an economic and social disaster for Scotland; recognises the worry that the lack of clarity over citizens' rights is causing to many people living, working and studying in Scotland; urges the UK Government to immediately guarantee the rights of fellow EU citizens in the UK without imposing charges on them; welcomes the reconvening of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) on 16 October 2017 following an eight-month hiatus, and agrees that the EU Withdrawal Bill must be amended to respect the devolution settlement before it can proceed any further.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-08352.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08352 in the name of Michael Russell (Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit), leave out from “that a “no deal” outcome” to end and insert “with the UK Government that it is in everyone's interest for the Brexit negotiations to succeed; welcomes the fact that progress is being made in the negotiations but considers that progress needs to be accelerated; calls on the EU to allow the negotiations to move on to the next phase; welcomes the unambiguous commitment on the part of the UK Government to safeguard the rights of EU nationals living in the UK and calls on the EU to make the same commitment for UK nationals living in other member states; welcomes the reconvening of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) on 16 October 2017, and understands that the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill is likely to be amended to ensure that both devolution and the UK's internal market are strengthened and safeguarded”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

- 5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08399—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 October 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2015

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The Promotion of Walking and Cycling as Active Travel in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;

Finance and Constitution

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Reporting Procedures) Resolution 2017

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 2 November 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: Presumption of Mainstreaming

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 November 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 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 9 November 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am	General Questions
12.00 pm	First Minister's Questions
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm	Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions
<i>followed by</i>	Preliminary Stage Debate: Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Final Stage Proceedings: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Seatbelts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill
<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

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 2 November, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08400—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be considered by 30 March 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08097—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

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

**9. Brexit's Impact on Working Musicians and Scotland's Music Industries:** The Parliament debated S5M-07994 in the name of Tom Arthur—That the Parliament notes with concern what it sees as the detrimental impact that the UK's withdrawal from the EU could have on working musicians in Scotland, including in Renfrewshire South, and the wider Scottish music sector; recognises the economic and cultural contribution made by EU citizens to the Scottish music industries;

welcomes the Musicians' Union campaign to protect working musicians, which identifies five key issues as free movement, copyright protection, workers' rights, the rights of EU citizens in the UK and arts funding, and believes that it is in the interests of working musicians in Scotland, the UK and other EU nations for the UK to retain freedom of movement through continued membership of the single market.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

## No. 38, Thursday 26 October 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. Scottish Disability Sport:** The Parliament debated S5M-07684 in the name of Jeremy Balfour—That the Parliament acknowledges that Scottish Disability Sport, in conjunction with other home country disability organisations, has developed a UK Disability Inclusion Training (UKDIT) course, which is aimed at those interested in becoming involved in sport for disabled people; understands that the workshop includes a mix of theory and practical delivery to enable participants to positively include disabled people in physical activity and sport; further understands that the workshop tackles issues such as perceptions, knowing the participant, communication, terminology, models of inclusion and practical opportunities to include disabled participants in a variety of settings; believes that the training has led to 94% of participants using the theory of inclusion principles, 84% reporting that the training had impacted on their teaching and 75% sharing their learning from the course with workplace colleagues, and notes that the workshop has been tailored to upskill and increase the confidence of teachers, students and staff in the education sector in the Lothian region and across Scotland who require support and guidance on how to effectively include disabled pupils in the delivery of sport and physical activity, in a way that is aligned to the curriculum for excellence and ensures a smooth transition into community-based sport.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on STEM Strategy for Education and Training.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Health and Sport (Aileen Campbell) made a statement and answered questions on Developing a New Diet and Obesity Strategy for Scotland.

**6. The Hydro Nation, Maximising the Abundant Benefits of our Water Resources:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-08378—That the Parliament notes the importance of water to Scotland's national and international identity, and supports action to develop the water economy, as promoted by the Hydro Nation agenda, which is helping to make Scotland a world-leader in the responsible management of water resources by developing economic and non-economic value through the high level of performance demonstrated by Scottish Water, supporting the wider water industry and international activity, which, together, make a contribution to the UN's sustainable development goals and Scotland's low-carbon economy.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-08378.1—



As an amendment to motion S5M-08378 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (The Hydro Nation, Maximising the Abundant Benefits of our Water Resources), insert at the end “; recognises that the current level of phosphorus and priority substance recovery from waste water is not desirable; agrees that river basin management and flood-risk management could be improved in order to improve water quality and reduce the impact of flooding, and believes that the market for business customers is imperfect and needs to be more competitive”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-08378.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08378 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (The Hydro Nation, Maximising the Abundant Benefits of our Water Resources), insert at end “reiterates the importance the Hydro Nation’s support through the targeted Climate Justice Fund to water-scarce nations such as Malawi; calls on the Scottish Government to address the devolved barriers to the development of new hydro schemes, and recognises the value that excellent water resources add to Scotland’s tourism and food and drink industries”.

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 importance of water to Scotland’s national and international identity, and supports action to develop the water economy, as promoted by the Hydro Nation agenda, which is helping to make Scotland a world-leader in the responsible management of water resources by developing economic and non-economic value through the high level of performance demonstrated by Scottish Water, supporting the wider water industry and international activity, which, together, make a contribution to the UN’s sustainable development goals and Scotland’s low-carbon economy; reiterates the importance the Hydro Nation’s support through the targeted Climate Justice Fund to water-scarce nations such as Malawi; calls on the Scottish Government to address the devolved barriers to the development of new hydro schemes, and recognises the value that excellent water resources add to Scotland’s tourism and food and drink industries.

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

**S5M-08416: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that George Adam be appointed as a member of the Justice Committee.

**S5M-08421: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that Stewart Stevenson be appointed to replace George Adam as a substitute member of the Justice Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT)

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**No. 39, Tuesday 31 October 2017**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Eileen M Ross, BD MTh, Minister, Linwood Parish Church, Linwood, Renfrewshire, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by 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 Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2015.
- 4. The Promotion of Active Travel in Scotland:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-08497—That the Parliament recognises the importance of walking and cycling; welcomes the 100% increase in funding for active travel from £40 million to £80 million from 2018-19 and the appointment of an Active Nation Commissioner in early 2018, and notes the work across parties, communities and policy portfolios to make Scotland a healthier and more active nation.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-08497.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08497 in the name of Humza Yousaf (The Promotion of Active Travel in Scotland), after “cycling;” insert “notes the lack of progress made in encouraging active travel, namely in cycling, where it is likely that the 10% of all journeys being made by bike in 2020 target is to be missed; acknowledges that budget cuts to active travel in previous annual budgets has had a negative impact on progress; notes its concern over reports on the lack of cohesion and contact between Transport Scotland and local authorities relating to the implementation of active travel plans; underlines that insufficient active transport infrastructure impedes the potential success of this plan;”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S5M-08497.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08497 in the name of Humza Yousaf (The Promotion of Active Travel in Scotland), insert at end “; further notes with concern research by Sustrans Scotland, which found that 1.1 million people in Scotland occupy datazones where there is a high risk of transport poverty, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how the increased active travel funding will specifically be used to reduce transport poverty.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

John Finnie moved amendment S5M-08497.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08497 in the name of Humza Yousaf (The Promotion of Active Travel in Scotland), leave out from “, and notes” to end and insert “; further welcomes the work across parties, communities and policy portfolios to make Scotland a healthier and more active nation; recognises that the latest Scottish Household Survey figures show that active travel rates remain low; believes that meeting the Scottish Government’s target of ‘10% of everyday journeys to be made by bike, by 2020’ will be missed without a rapid shift in resources, and calls on the government to commit at least 10% of the transport budget to walking and cycling by the end of the parliamentary session.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 108, Abstentions 0).

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S5M-08497.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08497 in the name of Humza Yousaf (The Promotion of Active Travel in Scotland), insert at end “; further notes that less than 2% of children cycle to school; considers that equipping people with the skills, knowledge and confidence to cycle from an early age is essential to encouraging them to continue cycling as they get older, and believes that every schoolchild should have the opportunity to benefit from cycle training.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of walking and cycling; welcomes the 100% increase in funding for active travel from £40 million to £80 million from 2018-19 and the appointment of an Active Nation Commissioner in early 2018; notes the work across parties, communities and policy portfolios to make Scotland a healthier and more active nation; further notes with concern research by Sustrans Scotland, which found that 1.1 million people in Scotland occupy datazones where there is a high risk of transport poverty; calls on the Scottish Government to set out how the increased active travel funding will specifically be used to reduce transport poverty; further notes that less than 2% of children cycle to school; considers that equipping people with the skills, knowledge and confidence to cycle from an early age is essential to encouraging them to continue cycling as they get older, and believes that every schoolchild should have the opportunity to benefit from cycle training.

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

**6. Unfair Police Scotland and Fire Service VAT Charges:** The Parliament debated S5M-08226 in the name of Ben Macpherson—That the Parliament understands that Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue continue to be the only territorial forces in the UK unable to reclaim VAT; believes that this costs £35 million annually, and has totalled £140 million since 2013; notes what it sees as the detrimental impact that paying this VAT has on frontline services in communities in Edinburgh Northern and Leith and across Scotland; acknowledges the view that the

UK Government should change its rules to allow this VAT to be reclaimed, similar to the action that it took to enable Highways England and academy schools to reclaim VAT, and further notes the argument that the UK Government should fully reimburse the reported £140 million taken away from Scotland's frontline emergency services since 2013.

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Ben Macpherson 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. 40, Wednesday 1 November 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. Health:** Anas Sarwar moved S5M-08536—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Auditor General's report, *NHS in Scotland 2017*; believes that many of the issues addressed in the report are the result of mismanagement by the Scottish Government over the last decade; further believes that NHS staff and patients alike are being let down by the Scottish Government's leadership of the health service, and condemns the Scottish Government's mismanagement of the health service in Scotland.

The Minister for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S5M-08536.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08536 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Health), leave out from first “believes” to end and insert “recognises the challenges faced by the NHS and endorses the recommendations in the report; shares the report's conclusion that NHS staff are committed to providing high-quality care; believes that the Scottish Government should work with unions to lift the pay cap and ensure that all NHS and adult social care staff in Scotland are paid at least the real living wage; notes the report's observation on the impact of health inequalities, and welcomes efforts such as supporting income maximisation through the roll-out of the principles of the Healthier Wealthier Children programme.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-08536.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08536 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Health), leave out from “the Scottish Government over” to end and insert “successive Scottish administrations since 1999; further believes that NHS staff and patients alike are being let down by the current Scottish ministers' leadership of the health service; condemns the mismanagement of the health service in Scotland and the long-term failure to shift the balance of care towards community services; notes the Auditor General's comments that ‘It is still not clear how moving more care into the community will be funded’ and the Royal College of General Practitioners' concerns regarding the underfunding of general practice in Scotland, and calls on a greater share of the health budget to be invested in general practice.”

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

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

### **3. Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Reporting Procedures) Resolution 2017:**

Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-07795—That the Parliament, in exercise of the power conferred by section 41 of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (“the 2016 Act”) makes The Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Reporting Procedures) Resolution 2017 and—

(a) resolves that with effect from the day after this resolution is made the provisions which are contained in paragraphs 1 to 4 of this resolution shall come into force; and

(b) notes that in accordance with section 48(1) of the 2016 Act the Parliament has consulted the Scottish Ministers.

## **ANNEXE**

### **SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT**

#### **LOBBYING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016 (REPORTING PROCEDURES) RESOLUTION 2017**

*Made 2017*

*Coming into force in accordance with paragraph (a)*

That the Parliament –

(a) in exercise of the power conferred by section 41 of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (“the 2016 Act”) resolves that with effect from the day after this resolution is made the provisions which are contained in paragraphs 1 to 4 of this resolution shall come into force; and

(b) notes that in accordance with section 48(1) of the 2016 Act the Parliament has consulted the Scottish Ministers.

#### **1. Citation**

This resolution may be cited as the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Reporting Procedures) Resolution 2017.

#### **2. Reports by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland**

A report to the Parliament by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland under Part 3 of the 2016 Act must be made in writing.

#### **3. Parliament’s consideration of report**

(1) A report made in accordance with paragraph 2 shall be referred to the committee mentioned in Rule 6.4 of the Parliament’s Standing Orders (“the Committee”) for consideration.

(2) Following consideration, the Committee shall, where appropriate, report to the Parliament, with its recommendations.

#### **4. Exercise of power of censure**

Where the Committee recommends censure of any person who is the subject of a report, such censure may only be imposed by the Parliament:

- (a) in pursuance of a motion to that effect by a member of the Committee, and
- (b) after notice of that motion has been given to the Parliament by a member of the Committee.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Resolution)*

The Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (“the Act”) establishes a registration regime for “regulated lobbying”, as defined in the Act. In doing so it makes provision for a lobbying register which is to be operated by the Clerk of the Scottish Parliament (“the Clerk”). The Clerk along with the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland (“the Commissioner”) have responsibilities for oversight and enforcement of the Act. The Act sets out various reporting obligations on the Commissioner, and section 41 requires the Parliament, by resolution, to make provision about procedures to be followed when the Commissioner submits a report to the Parliament under Part 3 (Oversight and Enforcement) of the Act. This Resolution makes provision in that regard.

Paragraph 2 provides that whenever the Commissioner reports to the Parliament under Part 3 of the Act then that report is to be made in writing.

“Writing”, for the purpose of the resolution, attracts the wording contained within the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. It is stated there that “writing” includes typing, printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form; and that expressions referring to writing are to be construed accordingly. In consequence, a report by the Commissioner can, for example, be in electronic form.

Paragraph 3 makes provision for the Parliament’s consideration of a report made by the Commissioner under Part 3 of the Act. In the first instance, it is to be referred to the committee mentioned in Rule 6.4 of the Parliament’s Standing Orders (currently, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee). That committee will then consider the relevant report. This might involve, for example, simply noting the content. In other circumstances, the nature and content of the report is likely to require the committee to report to the Parliament, with its recommendations.

Paragraph 4 makes provision for those circumstances in which the committee, having considered a report from the Commissioner, recommends censure of the person who is the subject of that report. Censure may only be imposed by the Parliament itself, and not by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, or by any other committee of the Parliament. The process for censure requires a motion to that effect by a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.



Rule 8.4.1 of the Parliament's Standing Orders provides that a motion can be amended (except as otherwise provided in the Standing Orders).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08583—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 November 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Apology to those convicted for same-sex sexual activity that is now legal

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 9 November 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 Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Preliminary Stage Debate: Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 November 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 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;

Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Equalities and Human Rights Committee and Education and Skills Committee Debate: Prejudice-based Bullying and Harassment of Children and Young People in Schools and Review of Personal and Social Education

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 November 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

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 9 November, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-08569 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligations (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08570 Office of the Clerk**—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 December 2017.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month:** The Parliament debated S5M-07829 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes that November 2017 marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and that 16 November 2017 is World Pancreatic Cancer Day; congratulates all of the pancreatic cancer charities and their supporters on working tirelessly to raise awareness of the condition; notes that this year's campaign, Demand Better, For Patients, For Survival, encourages action to

increase awareness of the disease by, for example, wearing purple, lighting up local landmarks, using purple in social media posts and profiles, sharing knowledge with friends and family and getting involved in a wide variety of fundraising events over the year; understands that pancreatic cancer is one of the least survivable cancers and is the fifth most common cause of cancer death in Scotland; notes that there is currently no screening or early detection test for pancreatic cancer, although some are in development, which is progress that needs encouragement since early diagnosis can improve a patient's chance of survival by ensuring early access to treatment; appreciates that the need for early diagnosis makes awareness and knowledge of the disease all the more important, and welcomes all efforts in this cause.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

## No. 41, Thursday 2 November 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. Raising Awareness of Diabulimia:** The Parliament debated S5M-08003 in the name of Annie Wells—That the Parliament notes the work being carried out to raise public awareness of diabulimia, which is a little known, but extremely dangerous, eating disorder among people with Type 1 diabetes (T1D), who avoid taking their insulin in an attempt to lose weight; understands that, due to its unique nature, it is not officially recognised as a medical condition and that, consequently, many people do not receive the support that they need; notes that it impacts on men and women in Glasgow and across the country; understands that, in the UK, an estimated 40% of young women aged 15-30 with T1D have the condition, and notes the calls for a greater understanding of diabulimia and the provision of new and improved specialist support.

**4. Presumption of Mainstreaming:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-08558—That the Parliament recognises that mainstreaming has featured at the heart of its commitment to inclusive education since 2000; welcomes that successive administrations have created and strengthened this commitment through the development of legislative and policy frameworks to support the additional needs of children in their learning; acknowledges the need to learn from current practice to support additional needs and, in particular, the experiences of children, young people and parents in order to improve their experience of inclusive education; welcomes therefore the forthcoming research on this and its findings, which will inform future practice, and notes the launch of the consultation on Excellence and Equality for All: Guidance on the Presumption of Mainstreaming, which seeks to bridge the gap between legislation, policy and the practical experience of children, young people and their families, so that pupils have equitable access to a quality education that meets their needs and helps them to achieve their full potential.

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-08558.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08558 in the name of John Swinney (Presumption of Mainstreaming), insert at end “; recognises the significant pressure that has been placed on local authorities by the commitment to mainstreaming as a result of the diminished number of teachers, especially on those who are trained to support pupils with additional support needs (ASN), given the large increase in the number of pupils identified with ASN, and the continued use of specialist educational provision outwith their own local authority area; notes with concern the comments of trainee teachers at the meeting of the Education and Skills Committee on 10 May 2017 that some aspects of teacher training courses do not adequately equip them to cope with

the plurality of needs and behaviours of ASN pupils, and calls on the Scottish Government to address these concerns which have, inevitably, meant that some young people are not currently receiving the best support possible.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-08558.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08558 in the name of John Swinney (Presumption of Mainstreaming), insert at end “; further notes that the number of children with additional support needs (ASN) in Scotland has increased by 153% since 2010, that one-in-seven ASN teaching posts have been cut since 2010 and that evidence to the Education and Skills Committee from unions and parents shows a lack of resources and funding cuts to schools having a negative impact on the level of education that they can provide to children with ASN, and believes that, if mainstreaming in education is to be fully effective, the Scottish Government must ensure that schools have the funding and staff to deliver it.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 53, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 0, Abstentions 55).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that mainstreaming has featured at the heart of its commitment to inclusive education since 2000; welcomes that successive administrations have created and strengthened this commitment through the development of legislative and policy frameworks to support the additional needs of children in their learning; acknowledges the need to learn from current practice to support additional needs and, in particular, the experiences of children, young people and parents in order to improve their experience of inclusive education; welcomes therefore the forthcoming research on this and its findings, which will inform future practice; notes the launch of the consultation on Excellence and Equality for All: Guidance on the Presumption of Mainstreaming, which seeks to bridge the gap between legislation, policy and the practical experience of children, young people and their families, so that pupils have equitable access to a quality education that meets their needs and helps them to achieve their full potential; recognises the significant pressure that has been placed on local authorities by the commitment to mainstreaming as a result of the diminished number of teachers, especially on those who are trained to support pupils with additional support needs (ASN), given the large increase in the number of pupils identified with ASN, and the continued use of specialist educational provision outwith their own local authority area; notes with concern the comments of trainee teachers at the meeting of the Education and Skills Committee on 10 May 2017 that some aspects of teacher training courses do not adequately equip them to cope with the plurality of needs and behaviours of ASN pupils; calls on the Scottish Government to address these concerns which have, inevitably, meant that some young people are not currently receiving the best support possible; further notes that the number of

children with additional support needs (ASN) in Scotland has increased by 153% since 2010, that one-in-seven ASN teaching posts have been cut since 2010 and that evidence to the Education and Skills Committee from unions and parents shows a lack of resources and funding cuts to schools having a negative impact on the level of education that they can provide to children with ASN, and believes that, if mainstreaming in education is to be fully effective, the Scottish Government must ensure that schools have the funding and staff to deliver it.

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

**No. 42, Tuesday 7 November 2017**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Jonathan Reyes, Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC, and former President and CEO of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Denver, Colorado, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement on Apology to those convicted for same-sex sexual activity that is now legal.

**4. Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-08677—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-07872—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Forestry and Land Management (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).

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08719—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 8 November 2017—

after

*followed by* Portfolio Questions  
Rural Economy and Connectivity;  
Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

insert

*followed by* Appointment of a Junior Scottish Minister



delete

5.00 pm            Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm            Decision Time

(b) to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 9 November 2017—

delete

2.30 pm            Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm            Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

and insert

2.15 pm            Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm            Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

(c) that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 9 November, the words “of up to 15 minutes” in Rule 13.9.3 are suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08738—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership apply from close of business on Tuesday 7 November 2017—

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Maree Todd as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee;

Kate Forbes be appointed to replace Emma Harper as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Respect for Shopworkers Week, 13 to 19 November:** The Parliament debated S5M-07924 in the name of Daniel Johnson—That the Parliament notes that Respect for Shopworkers Week, which is organised by USDAW’s Freedom From Fear campaign, runs from 13 to 19 November 2017; further notes that the week highlights the violence and abuse faced by shopworkers; recognises that the Retail Crime Survey, published in February 2017, concluded that “retail staff continue to suffer unacceptable levels of violence and abuse”, rising by 40% since 2015-16; is concerned that alcohol sales and the legal requirement of the Challenge 25 scheme

can often act as a trigger-point for the outbreak of violence or abuse against workers, and considers that the abuse experienced by simply doing their job is of continued distress to shopworkers; celebrates the week's vital role in raising awareness of the violence and abuse faced by shopworkers, and notes calls on both the Scottish and UK governments to act so that all public-facing workers can benefit from further protection from violence, abuse, and threats when at work.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

### No. 43, Wednesday 8 November 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08733— That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 55 minutes

Groups 3 to 5: 1 hour 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. 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.

**3. Appointment of a Junior Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-08732—That the Parliament agrees that Maree Todd be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**4. Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 4, 40, 5, 6, 41, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 42, 12, 44, 13, 14, 15, 45, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 46, 27, 47, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39.

Amendment 1 was pre-empted.

The following amendments were not moved: 3 and 43.

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

**5. Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-08696—That the Parliament agrees that the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 115, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08723—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 November 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Preventing Sexual Offending Involving Children and Young People

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Migration

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;

Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Ministerial Working Group on Building and Fire Safety

*followed by* Equalities and Human Rights Committee and Education and Skills Committee Debate: Prejudice-based Bullying and Harassment of Children and Young People in Schools and Review of Personal and Social Education

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 November 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 Preliminary Stage Debate: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

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

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 November 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* Final Stage Proceedings: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 November 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 23 November 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

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 16 November, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-08568 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08724 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Supplementary, Consequential, Transitory and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08725 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Supplemental Provision) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08726 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Private Housing Tenancies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08727 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Private Residential Tenancies (Information for Tenants) (Scotland) Regulations [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08728 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Private Residential Tenancies (Statutory Terms) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08729 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08730 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Insolvency Functions) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08731 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Devolved Tax) (Wild Fisheries) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**8. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.00 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

**10. Homes First:** The Parliament debated S5M-08370 in the name of Andy Wightman—That the Parliament notes what it understands as the anxiety being expressed by communities over the rapid growth in entire homes being let for short-term occupancy across urban and rural Scotland and the view that this should not be at the expense of people in housing need nor compromise the peaceful enjoyment of people's homes; believes that this issue is long-standing in parts of the Highlands and the south-west and that this form of letting is now increasingly displacing residential communities in Edinburgh and across Lothian; notes reports of distress being felt by residents, particularly in communal property in the centre of the capital; acknowledges the recently-launched Homes First campaign, and notes the calls for all parties to urgently bring forward planning, fiscal or regulatory measures to enable local government to provide effective controls over the change of use of residential property to short-term let property.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

## No. 44, Thursday 9 November 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. Global Entrepreneurship Week:** The Parliament debated S5M-08105 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament welcomes the return of Global Entrepreneurship Week, which will run from 13 to 17 November 2017; celebrates the work of Women's Enterprise Scotland (WES) in promoting and supporting women into business during the awareness week and throughout the year; notes that as part of the 2016 awareness week, WES brought women business owners to the Parliament to receive training on giving evidence to committees, and that this work has been ongoing since; welcomes the refreshed Framework for Women's Enterprise in Scotland; commends the contributions of women business owners and WES to the Cross Party Group on Women in Enterprise; notes the view that so-called gender-blind policy making, as evidenced by recent research by WES, must be replaced by a gender-aware approach to economic development, enterprise and growth policies; believes that the collection and analysis of gender-disaggregated data is critical to help policy makers meet the needs of women-led businesses, and understands that, if the rates of women-led businesses equalled those of men, the contribution to Scotland's gross value added (GVA) would increase from £7.6 billion to £13 billion, representing 5.4% in economic growth.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08734—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 50 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

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

**6. Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill:** Alison Harris moved S5M-08600—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill and that the bill should proceed as a private bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).



**7. Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 98, Against 0, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 67, Against 25, Abstentions 0)

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

**8. Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Gillian Martin moved S5M-08706—That the Parliament agrees that the Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

## No. 45, Tuesday 14 November 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Margaret Shuttleworth, Minister, Sauchie and Coalsnaughton Parish Church, Sauchie, Clackmannanshire, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08858—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 14 November 2017—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Migration

insert

*followed by* Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Preventing Sexual Offending Involving Children and Young People.

**5. Migration:** The Minister for International Development and Europe (Alasdair Allan) moved S5M-08828—That the Parliament supports the evidence in the Scottish Government’s submission to the Migration Advisory Committee, which demonstrates the positive contribution of European citizens to Scotland’s communities and economy; notes that immigration is crucial to key sectors, including public services, health, higher education, rural industries and financial services; recognises that free movement has allowed UK citizens to travel, live and work across the EU freely; further recognises that EU migration has helped reverse a decline in the Scottish population and that EU citizens’ right to live, work, study and invest in Scotland must be protected; notes that the Scottish Government should continue to use its powers to make Scotland an attractive place to live and work; acknowledges the findings of reports from the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee and the UK’s Scottish Affairs Committee and All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration, which agreed that the current migration system needs to change and reflect local circumstances, and supports calls for a differentiated, more flexible solution, which is tailored to meet Scotland’s circumstances.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S5M-08828.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08828 in the name of Alasdair Allan (Migration), leave out from “supports the evidence” to end and insert “notes the evidence in the Scottish Government’s submission to the Migration Advisory Committee, which demonstrates the positive contribution of migrants to Scotland’s communities and economy; notes that immigration is crucial to key

sectors, including public services, health, higher education, rural industries, the hospitality sector and financial services; acknowledges the important role that migration will continue to have in addressing Scotland's ongoing demographic challenges and skills gaps; notes the evidence that migration from both within and outwith the UK is critical to sustainable population growth in Scotland over the next 25 years; urges the Scottish Government to use its powers to make Scotland a more attractive place to live and work; acknowledges the findings of reports from the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee and the UK's Scottish Affairs Committee and All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration; accepts the importance of maintaining the integrity of the UK single market, which is crucial for the Scottish economy, and supports calls for a solution that is tailored to meet sectoral needs in Scotland and the UK."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

**6. Election of Member to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body:** Sandra White was nominated as the candidate for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The Parliament voted to elect Sandra White for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 106, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

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

**8. World COPD Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-07335 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament recognises World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day on 15 November 2017; understands that COPD is a progressive and long-term lung condition without a cure, which affects a recorded 129,000 people in Scotland, but that many more people are undiagnosed; further understands that someone from the most deprived areas of Scotland is more than twice as likely to have COPD and that there has been a dramatic increase in the number of women with COPD; believes that the most significant causal factor is smoking but, despite a decline in rates of smoking, COPD morbidity and mortality rates remain high; notes that people with COPD are affected by breathlessness, coughing, weight loss and fatigue but, with the right support from healthcare professionals, third sector organisations and communities, it is possible to live well and self-manage the condition; notes that up to two-thirds of people with COPD remain undiagnosed and, without optimal treatment, progressive lung disease reduces their quality of life; commends charities such as the British Lung Foundation and Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland for the work they do to raise awareness of COPD and helping to ensure that people in the South Scotland parliamentary region and across Scotland get the treatment and support that they deserve, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to a Respiratory Health Quality Improvement Plan, as noted in its response to question S5W-00968.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

## No. 46, Wednesday 15 November 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. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Ministerial Working Group on Building and Fire Safety.

**3. Prejudice-based Bullying and Harassment of Children and Young People in Schools and Review of Personal and Social Education:** Christina McKelvie, on behalf of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee, moved S5M-08171—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Equalities and Human Rights Committee's 5th Report, 2017, (Session 5), *It is not Cool to be Cruel: Prejudice-based bullying and harassment of children and young people in schools* (SP Paper 185) and the Education and Skills Committee's 7th Report, 2017 (Sessions 5), *Let's Talk about Personal and Social Education* (SP Paper 148).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Business Motion:** Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08862—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 November 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: UK Supreme Court judgment on minimum unit pricing of alcohol in Scotland

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Suicide Prevention in Scotland

*followed by* Final Stage Proceedings: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Working in Partnership to Reduce Flood Risk Across Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 23 November 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 Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 November 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 November 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 30 November 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 Motion  
5.00 pm          Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 23 November, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

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

**6. Barclay Review Recommendations and the Sport and Leisure Sector:** The Parliament debated S5M-08387 in the name of Gordon Lindhurst—That the Parliament notes the recommendations of the Barclay Review of Non-Domestic Rates 2016/17; recognises that the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution responded to the review in September 2017 by announcing that some of the recommendations would be taken up by the Scottish Government and that others merited "further thought and consideration"; notes that these other recommendations include a suggestion to restrict charitable relief for arms-length external organisations (ALEOs), a review of sports club relief and the implementation of rates for commercial and recreational activities in public parks; acknowledges what it understands are the concerns of ALEOs and community sports clubs regarding the collective impact of these recommendations which, it understands, if implemented, could cost millions of pounds for ALEOs, such as Edinburgh Leisure, which provides public recreational facilities often at a fraction of the cost of other sports facilities; highlights what it sees as the important role that ALEOs and community sports clubs play in providing accessible facilities that allow people to pursue healthy and active lifestyles; notes the assertion by ministers that "the Scottish Government's overarching policy objective [is] to make Scots active for life" and that "we want to get and keep more Scots active"; is concerned therefore that, if the review's recommendations are taken forward, there could be an increase on the amount consumers pay to access facilities or the facilities could be stripped back, which it believe would restrict access and ultimately impacting on the policy objective and the health of the nation; notes the view that it is important to consult directly with stakeholders during the consideration of non-domestic rates, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to fully consider the potential effects of implementing these recommendations.

The meeting closed at 6.28 pm.

**No. 47, Thursday 16 November 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. Incontinence in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-08218 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton—That the Parliament understands that incontinence has the potential to affect everyone at some point and that the condition can arise as a symptom of a range of varied medical conditions, such as obesity, traumatic childbirth and muscle weakness; believes that 20% of women between 17 and 30 will experience so-called giggle incontinence, which has the potential to lead to greater complications in later life, in particular the need for surgical interventions, including transvaginal mesh implants; understands that the only country to have calculated the costs associated with this is Australia, which estimates these to be around \$43 billion (£25 billion) per year as they go beyond the provision of sanitary wear, medication and surgery, and include the cost of dealing with the depression and anxiety that can arise; recognises what it sees as the importance of physiotherapy in alleviating the symptoms, and notes that, when provided early, this has reportedly proved effective in 80% of cases; understands that there is no formal training around basic incontinence prevention in Scotland for the midwifery, health visitor or physiotherapist workforce; acknowledges the taboo around the subject, which, it believes, suppresses an open discussion about it and often prevents people experiencing the condition from seeking help, and notes the view that the case for a national incontinence strategy is compelling, as it would be important to improving the life quality of hundreds of thousands of people in Edinburgh and across the country and would be of benefit to the public purse.

**4. Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill:** Tom Arthur, on behalf of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee, moved S5M-08649—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill and that the bill should proceed as a private bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved S5M-08855—That the Parliament recognises and values the contribution of the armed forces and veterans community to Scotland; notes the work of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner as described in his reports on transition, housing and employability, skills and learning, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership to ensure that the armed forces, veterans and their families receive the best possible support and access to opportunities across Scotland.

Maurice Corry moved amendment S5M-08855.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-08855 in the name of Keith Brown (Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland), after “skills and learning” insert ”; further notes the importance of third sector veterans’ charities in caring for the welfare of the armed forces and veterans community and of ensuring that such charities are able to survive and thrive into the future”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises and values the contribution of the armed forces and veterans community to Scotland; notes the work of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner as described in his reports on transition, housing and employability, skills and learning; further notes the importance of third sector veterans’ charities in caring for the welfare of the armed forces and veterans community and of ensuring that such charities are able to survive and thrive into the future, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership to ensure that the armed forces, veterans and their families receive the best possible support and access to opportunities across Scotland.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08863—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 8 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-08864—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 1 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-08865: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-08866: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities and Human Rights Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.



**S5M-8961: Membership on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership apply from close of business on Thursday 16 November 2017—

Colin Beattie be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as a member of the Economy Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Tom Arthur be appointed to replace Ash Denham as a member of the Economy Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Maree Todd as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Sandra White be appointed to replace Tom Arthur as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Ash Denham be appointed to replace Clare Haughey as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Stewart Stevenson be appointed to replace Emma Harper as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

Richard Lochhead be appointed to replace Clare Haughey as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

George Adam be appointed to replace Colin Beattie as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Clare Haughey be appointed to replace Clare Adamson as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee; and

Clare Adamson be appointed to replace Sandra White as a member of the Social Security Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**9. Motion Without Notice:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion under Rule 11.2.4 to bring forward Decision Time. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.46 pm.

## No. 48, Tuesday 21 November 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Neil Cameron, Senior Pastor, Apex Church, Peterhead, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary, the Lord Advocate and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on UK Supreme Court judgement on minimum unit pricing of alcohol in Scotland.
- 4. Suicide Prevention in Scotland:** The Minister for Mental Health (Maureen Watt) moved S5M-09000—That the Parliament believes that every suicide is a tragedy, and extends its sympathy to all those bereaved in this devastating manner; supports the partnership and co-operation across the NHS, health and social care sector, Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the third sector, which have contributed to a 17% reduction in the suicide rate in the last decade; considers that Scotland can go further and learn more about this complex area; calls for individuals and local communities to be heard in the Scottish Government’s public engagement process to develop a new suicide prevention action plan, based on evidence, to continue the downward trend in suicides, and commends and reiterates key messages learned from practice and research that suicide is preventable, that it is everyone’s business and that collaborative working is key to successful suicide prevention.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-09000.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09000 in the name of Maureen Watt (Suicide Prevention in Scotland), after “complex area” insert “; notes with concern that Scotland’s previous suicide prevention strategy ended in 2016 and that the new action plan will not be published until 2018”.

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

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-09000.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09000 in the name of Maureen Watt (Suicide Prevention in Scotland), after “complex area” insert “; notes the link between suicide and socioeconomic disadvantage, with the suicide rate being three times higher in the most deprived communities; believes that suicide prevention should be rooted in efforts to reduce overall poverty and inequality; recognises that adequate funding of frontline services is vital to the success of local suicide prevention and that continuing austerity is harmful to this work; acknowledges calls for the new suicide prevention strategy to have robust evaluation and reporting mechanisms”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 0, Abstentions 27).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that every suicide is a tragedy, and extends its sympathy to all those bereaved in this devastating manner; supports the partnership and co-operation across the NHS, health and social care sector, Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the third sector, which have contributed to a 17% reduction in the suicide rate in the last decade; considers that Scotland can go further and learn more about this complex area; notes with concern that Scotland's previous suicide prevention strategy ended in 2016 and that the new action plan will not be published until 2018; notes the link between suicide and socioeconomic disadvantage, with the suicide rate being three times higher in the most deprived communities; believes that suicide prevention should be rooted in efforts to reduce overall poverty and inequality; recognises that adequate funding of frontline services is vital to the success of local suicide prevention and that continuing austerity is harmful to this work; acknowledges calls for the new suicide prevention strategy to have robust evaluation and reporting mechanisms; calls for individuals and local communities to be heard in the Scottish Government's public engagement process to develop a new suicide prevention action plan, based on evidence, to continue the downward trend in suicides, and commends and reiterates key messages learned from practice and research that suicide is preventable, that it is everyone's business and that collaborative working is key to successful suicide prevention.

**5. Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill - Final Stage:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9A.10.5B, that, in his view, no provision of the Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

Tom Arthur, on behalf of the Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill Committee, moved S5M-08596—That the Parliament agrees that the Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill be passed.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**6. Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09046—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 22 November 2017—

after

*followed by* Portfolio Questions  
Education and Skills

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: BiFab

The motion was then agreed to.

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

**8. Road Safety Week 2017:** The Parliament debated S5M-08077 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament recognises that the week commencing 20 November 2017 is Road Safety Week; notes that this is an annual event to raise awareness about road safety and was started in 1997 by Brake, a road safety charity that works to prevent road death or injury, campaigns to make streets and communities safer and supports the victims of road crashes; acknowledges that the theme for 2017 is Speed Down Save Lives focusing on the dangers of driving over the speed limit; understands that breaking the speed limit or travelling too fast for conditions is recorded by police as a contributory factor in 23% of crash scenes in the UK; notes that the 2017 campaign will also highlight intelligent speed adaptation devices, which it believes are likely to become more prevalent in the future; commends Road Safety Week for promoting steps that everyone can take to stop needless road deaths and injuries year-round; supports the thousands of schools, organisations and communities that are involved in the event each year; welcomes this year's week, and notes hopes that the event will inspire communities to take action on road safety through promoting lifesaving messages during the week and beyond.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

**No. 49, Wednesday 22 November 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 Economy, Jobs and Fair work (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on BiFab.
- 3. Working in Partnership to Reduce Flood Risk Across Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-09019—That the Parliament recognises that efforts to reduce flood risk are a vital part of the Scottish Government’s adaptation to a changing climate and are needed to provide a foundation for sustainable economic growth and thriving communities; agrees that the risk-based, plan-led, multi-agency partnership approach, as introduced by the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, has led to a better understanding of the causes and impacts of flooding, and consequently enabled significant progress towards delivering sustainable management of flood risk in Scotland, further recognises the work of local authorities, Scottish Water, SEPA and other partners to deliver new flood protection schemes, Floodline, the Scottish Flood Forecasting Service and advances in property level protection, which are providing protection to Scotland’s communities and increasing their resilience.

Edward Mountain moved amendment S5M-09019.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09019 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Working in Partnership to Reduce Flood Risk Across Scotland), after “flood risk in Scotland” insert “; considers that, given the increasing rate of climate change, the importance of considering all measures of slowing down water transfer from the land to rivers throughout the catchment is vital”.

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

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-09019.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09019 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Working in Partnership to Reduce Flood Risk Across Scotland), insert at end “; believes that no communities, whether urban or rural, should be left behind in these developments; considers that the Scottish Government must ensure that there is adequate research commissioned to assess the implications of climate change on flooding policy and that the strategies and sustainable management of flood risk are regularly reviewed, and believes that there must be adequate funding to ensure that the range of flooding interventions and policies can be taken forward”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that efforts to reduce flood risk are a vital part of the Scottish Government’s adaptation to a changing climate and are needed to provide a foundation for sustainable economic growth and thriving communities; agrees that the risk-based, plan-led, multi-agency partnership approach, as introduced by the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, has led to a better understanding of the causes and impacts of flooding, and consequently enabled significant progress towards delivering sustainable management of flood risk in Scotland; considers that, given the increasing rate of climate change, the importance of considering all measures of slowing down water transfer from the land to rivers throughout the catchment is vital; further recognises the work of local authorities, Scottish Water, SEPA and other partners to deliver new flood protection schemes, Floodline, the Scottish Flood Forecasting Service and advances in property level protection, which are providing protection to Scotland’s communities and increasing their resilience; believes that no communities, whether urban or rural, should be left behind in these developments; considers that the Scottish Government must ensure that there is adequate research commissioned to assess the implications of climate change on flooding policy and that the strategies and sustainable management of flood risk are regularly reviewed, and believes that there must be adequate funding to ensure that the range of flooding interventions and policies can be taken forward.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09054—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 November 2017

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Refreshing Scotland’s Alcohol and Drugs Strategies

*followed by*      Scottish Government Debate: Making Scotland Equally Safe

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm          Decision Time

*followed by*      Members’ Business

Wednesday 29 November 2017

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 30 November 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 Stage 1 Debate: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 December 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 6 December 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 7 December 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

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 30 November, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09052—That the Parliament agrees that the Telecommunications Restriction Orders (Custodial Institutions) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Thyroid Patients Deserve Fair Treatment:** The Parliament debated S5M-07373 in the name of Elaine Smith—That the Parliament notes petition PE 01463, which has been under consideration by the Public Petitions Committee since 2012 and highlights the problems with inadequate diagnosis and treatment of thyroid conditions; understands that at least 2% of the population will suffer from hypothyroidism in their lifetime, with some doctors believing that the rate is much higher; recognises that the chronic condition affects mainly women (95%); accepts that, in the 1980s, the standard treatment of Dessicated Thyroid Hormone (DTH) was replaced by synthetic thyroxine (T4); notes that T4 is a prohormone that must be converted to T3 (liothyronine), which is the biologically active hormone; understands that the Royal College of Physicians officially recognises that 5 to 10% of patients on T4 do not do well, a figure believed to be substantially higher by others in the thyroid field; takes account of the fact that many patients are wholly reliant on T3 or combination therapy for health and wellbeing; expresses concern that some health boards, including NHS Lanarkshire, are, it believes, issuing controversial guidelines



that imply that GPs can no longer prescribe T3; considers any such instruction to be a breach of their duty of care to those relying on T3 to live, discriminatory in terms of gender and potentially in breach of Article 2 and Article 14 Protocol 12 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and notes calls for health boards to ensure that patients continue to receive T3.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

## No. 50, Thursday 23 November 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. The Day of the Imprisoned Writer, 15 November:** The Parliament debated S5M-07970 in the name of Ivan McKee—That the Parliament acknowledges that, each year, 15 November marks the Day of the Imprisoned Writer, which commemorates writers around the world who have been imprisoned, threatened or attacked for exercising their right to freedom of expression, and takes action on their behalf; notes with grave concern what it sees as the decline worldwide in free expression, as documented by organisations such as Reporters Without Borders, Amnesty International, PEN International, Committee to Protect Journalists and Human Rights Watch; acknowledges the importance of defending and supporting free expression for every person in Scotland and of protecting persons persecuted around the world, by state and non-state actors, for exercising their right to free speech; notes the view that governmental, intergovernmental and civil society partners at home and abroad should work together to secure protections for writers and others who are persecuted for exercising their right to freedom of expression, and further notes calls for the day to be officially recognised every year by the Parliament.

**4. Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland:** Bob Doris, on behalf of the Local Government and Communities Committee, moved S5M-08968—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations in the Local Government and Communities Committee's 9th Report 2017 (Session 5), Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland (SP Paper 213), and welcomes contributions from Members on the key issues and questions set out in that report.

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

**5. Committee Membership:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09170—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Richard Leonard as a member of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee.

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

**6. Motion Without Notice:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion under Rule 11.2.4 to bring forward Decision Time.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.41 pm.

**No. 51, Tuesday 28 November 2017**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** The Most Reverend Leo Cushley, PhB STB SLL JCD, Archbishop and Metropolitan of St Andrews & Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on the Scottish Government's response to reports that councils are using their reserves to fund services was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay).

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Health and Sport (Aileen Campbell) made a statement and answered questions on Refreshing Scotland's Alcohol and Drugs Strategies.

**4. Making Scotland Equally Safe:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-09205—That the Parliament welcomes the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence; commends the many activists and organisations, both in Scotland and across the world, providing front-line support for survivors, raising awareness of the problem and working tirelessly to challenge the underlying attitudes and inequalities that perpetuate violence against women and girls; calls on men everywhere to stand shoulder to shoulder with women in sending a clear message that violence against women and girls is never acceptable; reaffirms its support for Equally Safe, Scotland's strategy to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls and welcomes the publication of the Equally Safe delivery plan, and agrees that it is for every individual, community and institution to stand up to abuse and harassment, hold perpetrators to account for their behaviour and work together to build a Scotland where everyone can live equally safe.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09243—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 29 November 2017—

after

*followed by* Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Policing

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm            Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Committee Membership:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09223—That the Parliament agrees that Claire Baker be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**8. World AIDS Day 2017:** The Parliament debated S5M-08658 in the name of Annie Wells—That the Parliament notes that the 29th annual World AIDS Day is being marked on 1 December 2017; believes that this offers an important opportunity to remember the estimated 35 million people who have died from AIDS-related illnesses; recognises what it sees as Scotland’s role as a leader in HIV policy by ensuring access to new medicines and treatments to contribute to prevention options; further recognises that, in 2017, the country became the first in the UK to offer PrEP on the NHS; acknowledges the efforts to exceed the UNAIDS 90-90-90 goals to help Scotland contribute to the global mission to get to zero new infections; understands that there are over 6,000 people living with HIV in Scotland; notes with concern statistics suggested that two young people in the country are diagnosed with HIV every month; further notes the view that it is important to end HIV-related stigma by using Scotland’s HIV Anti-Stigma Strategy to ensure that everyone can access high-quality healthcare and support, and commends the work of HIV Scotland on what it sees as its work in promoting policy changes that are grounded in evidence and for using the experiences of people living with, or at risk of, HIV to help ensure that the voices of communities most stigmatised in society are heard.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

## No. 52, Wednesday 29 November 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09292—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 29 November 2017—

delete

5.30 pm            Decision Time

and insert

5.00 pm            Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

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

**4. General Practice:** Miles Briggs moved S5M-09218—That the Parliament recognises that general practice is a vital frontline service of the NHS; believes that the Scottish Government has underfunded general practice over the last decade and failed to shift the balance of care from acute to primary services; notes with concern Audit Scotland’s report that there is a lack of national data on the primary care workforce; further notes that one-in-four GP practices has a vacancy and one-in-three GPs is approaching retirement, and believes that the Scottish Government must take urgent action to prevent a crisis in general practice.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S5M-09218.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09218 in the name of Miles Briggs (General Practice), leave out from “believes that the Scottish Government” to end and insert “recognises the challenges, including in recruitment and retention, faced by GPs and the wider primary care sector; notes that the new GP contract, developed in partnership with the BMA, aims to reduce GP workloads; recognises GPs as expert medical specialists leading a wider primary care workforce; welcomes that the contract plans to significantly improve national data on primary care, as well as move to address the inverse care law by giving greater emphasis to the effects of deprivation on both physical and mental health and wellbeing; believes that an increasing share of NHS frontline funding being directed to primary care is necessary in order to help increase the number of GPs and wider primary care workforce, and that steps toward this should be set out in the primary care workforce plan, and is concerned that the potential impact of Brexit on free movement and the mutual recognition of

qualifications may become a serious barrier to current and future recruitment efforts.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 54, Abstentions 6).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-09218.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09218 in the name of Miles Briggs (General Practice), insert at end “; further believes that long-term workforce planning failures, including years of pay restraint, have contributed to rising rates of vacant posts across the health service, often placing general practice under further strain, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver a real-terms pay rise to NHS staff as part of future support for Scotland’s health workforce.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 49, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that general practice is a vital frontline service of the NHS; recognises the challenges, including in recruitment and retention, faced by GPs and the wider primary care sector; notes that the new GP contract, developed in partnership with the BMA, aims to reduce GP workloads; recognises GPs as expert medical specialists leading a wider primary care workforce; welcomes that the contract plans to significantly improve national data on primary care, as well as move to address the inverse care law by giving greater emphasis to the effects of deprivation on both physical and mental health and wellbeing; believes that an increasing share of NHS frontline funding being directed to primary care is necessary in order to help increase the number of GPs and wider primary care workforce, and that steps toward this should be set out in the primary care workforce plan, and is concerned that the potential impact of Brexit on free movement and the mutual recognition of qualifications may become a serious barrier to current and future recruitment efforts.

**5. Barclay Review and ALEOs:** Murdo Fraser moved S5M-09221—That the Parliament notes the recommendation of the Barclay Review of Non-Domestic Rates that local authority arm’s-length external organisations (ALEOs) providing leisure and cultural facilities should have their charitable exemption from rates removed; further notes that this proposal has caused widespread concern across Scotland with fears that, if implemented, it would mean the closure of a large number of facilities and/or substantial increases in user charges, and calls on the Scottish Government to reject this recommendation.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S5M-09221.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09221 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Barclay Review and ALEOs), leave out from “further notes” to end and insert

“acknowledges that, in responding to the Barclay report, the Scottish Government undertook to have further dialogue with stakeholders to inform consideration of this recommendation from Barclay; notes the engagement that the Scottish Government has undertaken, and agrees that, following the views expressed by stakeholders, this recommendation should not be accepted.”

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 recommendation of the Barclay Review of Non-Domestic Rates that local authority arm’s-length external organisations (ALEOs) providing leisure and cultural facilities should have their charitable exemption from rates removed; acknowledges that, in responding to the Barclay report, the Scottish Government undertook to have further dialogue with stakeholders to inform consideration of this recommendation from Barclay; notes the engagement that the Scottish Government has undertaken, and agrees that, following the views expressed by stakeholders, this recommendation should not be accepted.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09274—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 December 2017

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Planning and Inclusive Growth

*followed by*      Public Petitions Committee Debate: PE1517 on Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm          Decision Time

*followed by*      Members’ Business

Wednesday 6 December 2017

2.00 pm          Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm          Portfolio Questions  
Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*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 7 December 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: Improving Scotland's Air Quality - Putting in Place Scotland's Low Emission Zones

*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

Tuesday 12 December 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 13 December 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Finance and 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 14 December 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

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

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09275—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 20 April 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09276—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 9 March 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09277—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 15 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09278—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 15 December 2017.

The motion was agreed to.

**11. Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09281—That the Parliament agrees that the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**13. Small Business Saturday 2017:** The Parliament debated S5M-07806 in the name of Ash Denham—That the Parliament recognises that 2 December 2017 will mark the fifth Small Business Saturday, which is a grassroots, non-commercial campaign that aims to highlight small business success and to encourage consumers to “shop local”; understands that, in 2016, customers in Edinburgh and across the country spent £717 million with small businesses on the awareness day, which was a 15% increase on 2015; understands that over 80% of local authorities across the UK actively support the campaign in a variety of ways, from networking events to offering free parking, which means that, for everyone, Small Business Saturday will be happening nearby, and notes the calls on Members to share their support for the campaign on social media, visit small businesses in their area, with media engagement to help raise local consumer awareness, and for them to encourage small businesses to get involved and register on the website, [smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com](http://smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com).

**14. Motion Without Notice:** Ash Denham 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 6.09 pm.

**No. 53, Thursday 30 November 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. Gourock-Kilcreggan Ferry Service:** The Parliament debated S5M-08659 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament understands that the Gourock–Kilcreggan ferry service has been affected by unprecedented levels of disruption since the contract with the current operator, Clydelink, was renewed by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT); believes that services have been suspended, often for days at a time, due to technical faults with the vessel or following failed Maritime and Coastguard Agency spot inspections; understands that, on several occasions, capacity has been reduced to a maximum of 12 passengers due to a lack of appropriately qualified staff; believes that the unreliability has become particularly acute since June 2017, with the ferry being suspended for several days each month, causing severe disruption for travellers and businesses in both the Dumbarton and Greenock and Inverclyde constituencies; understands that SPT has agreed to retender the contract to secure a more reliable operator until responsibility for the route is transferred to Transport Scotland, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to make progress with the transfer.

**4. Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-09257—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 71, Against 28, Abstentions 0.

**5. Motion Without Notice:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion under Rule 11.2.4 to bring forward Decision Time. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.47 pm.

## No. 54, Tuesday 5 December 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Ms Fiona Stewart, Creative Director, Foolproof Creative Arts (arts outreach charity with a Christian foundation) and contributor to BBC Radio Scotland's 'Thought for the Day' led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on Scotland retaining regulatory alignment with the EU was answered by the Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell).
- 3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) made a statement and answered questions on Planning and Inclusive Growth.
- 5. PE1517 Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices:** Johann Lamont moved S5M-09241—That the Parliament notes public petition PE1517 on polypropylene mesh medical devices.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 6. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on the reporting of A&E waiting times in NHS Lothian was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison).
- 7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.
- 8. Sue Ryder Report, Don't Write Me Off:** The Parliament debated S5M-07698 in the name of Bruce Crawford—That the Parliament recognises the devastating impact that neurological conditions can have on the lives of many people affected by these and their families; considers that specialist care and support for people in the Mid Scotland and Fife parliamentary region, and across the country, with a neurological condition can help them to live as independently as possible, minimising the impact of the condition on their day-to-day living and provide quality of life; recognises the Sue Ryder report, Rewrite the Future, on the benefits of consistent specialist care and support; welcomes the current review of clinical standards for neurological health services which, if rigorously monitored and measured, should, it considers, lead to better care and support, and notes the call for work to be undertaken between people with neurological conditions, the third sector and public bodies to develop a neurological health and social care strategy to ensure that people with such conditions are supported to live their lives as fully as possible.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

## No. 55, Wednesday 6 December 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. Justice:** Liam McArthur moved S5M-09378—That the Parliament does not have confidence in the structure of both Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority to deliver resilient and accountable policing at a strategic level; believes that the Scottish Government should take responsibility for this; considers that the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has proven to be defective and requiring repair, and calls on the Scottish Government to establish an independent commission with a view to this presenting proposals for change to the Parliament by summer 2018.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved amendment S5M-09378.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09378 in the name of Liam McArthur (Justice), leave out from “does not” to end and insert “acknowledges that the creation of Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) were among the most significant public sector reforms undertaken by the Parliament; notes that the reform has helped to protect frontline policing during a period of restricted budgets; recognises that, despite current challenges, an effective and resilient police service is being provided in communities by dedicated police officers and staff; believes that the scrutiny of policing is stronger than it has ever been; supports the work of the review currently being undertaken by Nicola Marchant and Malcolm Burr to improve the support that is being provided to the SPA board; recognises that there is scope for improvement in the way that the current accountability model works, particularly with regard to engaging local interests in national governance; welcomes the appointment of Susan Deacon as Chair of the SPA and her commitment to an inclusive model of governance, and calls on all stakeholders to work with her to put her new agenda into action.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Liam Kerr moved amendment S5M-09378.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09378 in the name of Liam McArthur (Justice), insert at end “; condemns the loss of local accountability, and notes and expresses its gratitude for the hard work of frontline officers and staff.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-09378.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09378 in the name of Liam McArthur (Justice), leave out from “does not” to end and insert “believes that there is a need for the leadership of Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) to regain the full confidence of the Parliament and the public; notes the findings of the review by Graeme Pearson, which recommended greater parliamentary oversight and local accountability, and believes that there is an urgent need to strengthen accountability, transparency and autonomy in Police Scotland and the SPA and that the governance arrangements of each would benefit from post-legislative scrutiny, including the power to approve the appointment of the chair of the SPA being transferred to the Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

John Finnie moved amendment S5M-09378.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09378 in the name of Liam McArthur (Justice), leave out from “does not” to end and insert “recognises that Police Scotland can address strategic issues such as organised crime, human trafficking and terrorism but that, while some progress has been made in facilitating more local policing methods, the more routine deployment of armed officers has shown a frailty in local consultation and accountability; calls on Police Scotland to adopt greater openness and transparency in all its work; calls on the Scottish Police Authority to start meeting its legislative requirements to scrutinise Police Scotland and to liaise with local committees, and calls for the early and comprehensive devolution of resources, including finance, and autonomy to deliver genuine local policing reflecting community needs, which can be robustly scrutinised by democratically elected committees.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 114, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

**3. Finance:** Liam McArthur moved S5M-09379—That the Parliament notes the commitment from the Scottish Government to “the principle of fair-funding in the provision of ferries and ferry infrastructure” and the statement from the former transport minister and now finance secretary, Derek Mackay MSP, that “the provision of transport services should not place a disproportionate financial burden on any council, particularly with reference to revenue support for ferry services”, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to set out to the Parliament how it intends to honour these commitments in relation to Orkney and Shetland internal ferry services.

The Minister for Transport and the Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S5M-09379.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09379 in the name of Liam McArthur (Finance), insert at end “; welcomes the Scottish Government’s plans to significantly reduce fares on ferry services between the mainland and the Northern Isles in the first half of 2018 through the roll-out of Road Equivalent Tariff (RET), and an RET variant, which will see foot passenger fares cut by an average of more than 40%, while car fares will be reduced by an average of more than 30% on the Pentland Firth routes and the routes from Aberdeen to Kirkwall and Lerwick; notes that the Scottish Government is committed to improving outcomes for everyone who lives and works on all Scotland’s islands and that the measures in the Islands (Scotland) Bill will ensure that there is a sustained focus across government and the public sector to meet the needs of island communities, and notes the continuing constructive dialogue between the Scottish Government and representatives of Orkney Islands Council and Shetland Islands Council over the principle of fair funding for the provision of ferries and ferry infrastructure.”

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 60, Abstentions 0); amendment disagreed to on casting vote.

Jamie Halcro Johnston moved amendment S5M-09379.1—

As an amendment to S5M-09379 in the name of Liam McArthur (Finance), insert at end “, and recognises that these are vital lifeline links, which provide considerable social and economic benefits to the communities that they serve.”

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 commitment from the Scottish Government to “the principle of fair-funding in the provision of ferries and ferry infrastructure” and the statement from the former transport minister and now finance secretary, Derek Mackay MSP, that “the provision of transport services should not place a disproportionate financial burden on any council, particularly with reference to revenue support for ferry services”; therefore calls on the Scottish Government to set out to the Parliament how it intends to honour these commitments in relation to Orkney and Shetland internal ferry services, and recognises that these are vital lifeline links, which provide considerable social and economic benefits to the communities that they serve.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09402—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 December 2017

2.00 pm            Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Year of Young People  
*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 13 December 2017

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 14 December 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
11.40 am General Questions  
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions  
*followed by* Members' Business  
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Draft Spending and Tax Plans for 2018-19  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Fairer Scotland – Delivering Race Equality  
*followed by* Final Stage Proceedings: Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 December 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

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 December 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 December 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.45 pm Decision Time

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

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-09279 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential and Supplementary Modifications) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-09280 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modification of Part 1 and Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-09403 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-09404 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming (Miscellaneous Revocations) (Scotland) Scheme 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. Unfair Parcel Delivery Charges:** The Parliament debated S5M-07776 in the name of Richard Lochhead—That the Parliament understands that, compared with other parts of the UK, people in Moray, the north of Scotland and other rural areas are often charged excessive rates for parcel deliveries; understands that recent examples of this practice include Halfords charging £50 to send towels, which cost only £5.99, to Speyside, and Lloyds Pharmacy charging £50 to send a mobility scooter to a terminally-ill woman in Keith, despite advertising free UK delivery online; recognises what it sees as the frustration of consumers living in postcodes such as IV and AB, who have to pay these charges, which it considers unfair; welcomes both Halfords and Lloyds Pharmacy reported decision to review their charging policies in response to public concern; acknowledges the importance of challenging companies over such policies, and notes the view that there is a need for the relevant authorities to address this issue, which it believes affects many thousands of households and businesses.

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

The meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

## No. 56, Thursday 7 December 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. Brain Tumour Awareness in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-07735 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament understands that brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under the age of 40 in Scotland, reducing life expectancy by 20 years on average; believes that this is the highest of any cancer, but that the treatment for and understanding of brain tumours are 20 years behind those relating to more common cancers; notes that brain tumours often cause side effects that have a severe impact on quality of life; understands that 37% of patients with brain tumours in Scotland went straight to hospital for diagnosis, compared to 9% of all cancer patients in 2016, according to the Scottish Cancer Patient Experience Survey; notes the experience of Mark Richardson from Dunfermline who died suddenly of an undiagnosed brain tumour in May 2016 aged just 32; believes that there are myriad forms and over 130 different brain tumour types; further believes that some symptoms of brain tumour can mimic other equally serious conditions that often render early diagnosis and treatment more difficult in some cases; understands that brain tumour charities are working hard to fund pioneering research, raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of brain tumours, and provide support to those affected; commends the success of national campaigns, which it considers have contributed to a reduction in the average diagnosis times for childhood brain tumours from 9.1 to 6.5 weeks since 2011; believes that national campaigns are a basis on which to develop further awareness, and notes the encouragement of fundraising initiatives with the focus of delivering better outcomes for brain tumour patients.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Alexander Stewart 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 Transport and the Islands (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Improving Scotland's Air Quality - Putting in Place Scotland's Low Emission Zones.

**6. Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-09406—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 2018 will see the last year of phased implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish stocks and that the outcome of the Brussels negotiations will be pivotal in helping Scotland's fishing fleet to reduce the potential impacts of choke species; is concerned that failure to explore and adopt all available solutions in this regard could potentially tie the fleet up; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to respect the scientific advice in relation to next year's quotas, and supports its efforts

to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland's fishermen, coastal communities, marine environment and wider seafood sectors at the Brussels negotiations.

Peter Chapman moved amendment S5M-09406.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09406 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations), after “available solutions” insert “, including those of a political nature,”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 57, Abstentions 14).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-09406.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09406 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations), insert at end “, and notes the uncertainty of the UK Government's role in the 2018 EU Fisheries Council, given the anticipated departure from the EU in March 2019, and what this might mean for the long-term sustainability of the fish catching, processing and supply chain industries.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 29, 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; notes that 2018 will see the last year of phased implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish stocks and that the outcome of the Brussels negotiations will be pivotal in helping Scotland's fishing fleet to reduce the potential impacts of choke species; is concerned that failure to explore and adopt all available solutions, in this regard could potentially tie the fleet up; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to respect the scientific advice in relation to next year's quotas; supports its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland's fishermen, coastal communities, marine environment and wider seafood sectors at the Brussels negotiations, and notes the uncertainty of the UK Government's role in the 2018 EU Fisheries Council, given the anticipated departure from the EU in March 2019, and what this might mean for the long-term sustainability of the fish catching, processing and supply chain industries.

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

## No. 57, Tuesday 12 December 2017

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend David McCarthy, Rector, St Thomas' Church, Corstorphine, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on the impact of shutting down the Forties pipeline running through Aberdeenshire was answered by the Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse).
- 3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 4. Celebrating our Future - Scotland's Year of Young People:** The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Maree Todd) moved S5M-09498—That the Parliament recognises that 2018 has been designated as Scotland's Year of Young People; notes that it will provide an opportunity to showcase the achievements and talents of all young people in Scotland and to ensure that their views are heard and acted on; welcomes that the themes for the year have been designed and agreed by young people themselves, and agrees that the Parliament has a key role to play in celebrating the contribution that Scotland's young people make to society and their communities.

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-09498.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09498 in the name of Maree Todd (Celebrating our Future – Scotland's Year of Young People), insert at end “; welcomes the work being done by the Awards Network in recognising young people's achievements; recognises that there are barriers in society that prevent some young people being able to fully participate in volunteering opportunities, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with educational bodies, employers and the young people themselves to build on the network to ensure that these awards are recognised to be as valuable as traditional qualifications, as a legacy for Scotland's Year of Young People.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that 2018 has been designated as Scotland's Year of Young People; notes that it will provide an opportunity to showcase the achievements and talents of all young people in Scotland and to ensure that their views are heard and acted on; welcomes that the themes for the year have been designed and agreed by young people themselves; agrees that the Parliament has a key role to play in celebrating the contribution that Scotland's young people make to society and their communities; welcomes the work being done by the Awards Network in recognising young people's achievements; recognises that there are barriers in society that prevent some young people being able to fully participate in volunteering opportunities, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with educational bodies, employers and the young people

themselves to build on the network to ensure that these awards are recognised to be as valuable as traditional qualifications, as a legacy for Scotland's Year of Young People.

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

**6. The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Tackling Commercial Sexual Exploitation:** The Parliament debated S5M-08740 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament recognises that 25 November each year marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; acknowledges the inclusion of commercial sexual exploitation in the Scottish Government's definition of violence against women in the paper, Equally Safe, Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls; considers that prostitution is both a form of such violence and a barrier to gender equality; notes the view that those who purchase sexual services should be held accountable for their part in this violence, and commends the many organisations across Scotland and internationally supporting women to exit prostitution.

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

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

**No. 58, Wednesday 13 December 2017**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

**2. Finance:** Murdo Fraser moved S5M-09513—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to freeze the basic rate of Income Tax throughout the current parliamentary session to protect those on low and middle incomes.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Institution (Derek MacKay) moved amendment S5M-09513.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09513 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Finance), leave out from “calls” to end and insert “notes the continuation of austerity from the UK Conservative Government and the post-UK budget commentary from the independent Fraser of Allander Institute, which said that ‘by 2019-20 the resource block grant will be around £500 million lower than in 17-18’, and acknowledges that the Scottish Government will bring forward its tax and spending plans with the publication of the Draft Budget 2018-19 on 14 December.”

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-09513.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09513 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Finance), leave out from “freeze” to end and insert “use its powers to stop cuts to local services and to offer an alternative to Conservative austerity to the people of Scotland.”

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-09513.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09513 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Finance), leave out from “freeze” to end and insert “accept the need for the Scottish budget to respond to UK austerity policies by protecting local services, increasing public sector pay and shifting toward low-carbon investment; rejects the idea that tax cuts for high earners can be justified in this context, and recognises that a case has been made for a fairer structure to income tax, with a larger number of rates and bands to ensure that revenue can be raised while protecting low earners.”

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-09513.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09513 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Finance), leave out from “freeze” to end and insert “note the Office of Budget Responsibility’s downward forecasts for the UK economy, which were made at the time of the UK Budget, with growth down, productivity down and inflation up; notes that it appears that the Conservative administration will not meet its manifesto commitment to balance the UK books by the middle of the next decade, and believes that this poor economic position requires a set of Scottish Budget proposals that build a successful long-term future for the Scottish

economy, not least through investment in education and skills, with decisions on tax taken to balance the needs of public services with the impact on household budgets.”

After debate, amendment S5M-09513.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 56, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendments S5M-09513.2, S5M-09513.1 and S5M-09513.3 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the continuation of austerity from the UK Conservative Government and the post-UK budget commentary from the independent Fraser of Allander Institute, which said that ‘by 2019-20 the resource block grant will be around £500 million lower than in 17-18’, and acknowledges that the Scottish Government will bring forward its tax and spending plans with the publication of the Draft Budget 2018-19 on 14 December.

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09545—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 December 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Programme to reach 100% access to superfast broadband in Scotland

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Social Security (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Social Security (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 20 December 2017

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members’ Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions



Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;  
Rural Economy and Connectivity

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of the Scottish Energy Strategy

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Ferry Services Procurement Policy Review

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 December 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 January 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 10 January 2018

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 11 January 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09541—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 19 January 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09548—That the Parliament agrees that the deadline of 22 December 2017 for consideration of the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 no longer applies.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-09542 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-09543 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-09544 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-09546 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Scottish Charity Appeals Panel) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-09547 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Heads Up for Harriers Project and the Role of Species Champions:** The Parliament debated S5M-08342 in the name of Mairi Gougeon—That the Parliament commends the Heads Up for Harriers Project on what it sees as its intense efforts to protect the hen harrier from extinction; underlines what it considers the importance of the role of species champion, with currently over 90 Members signed up to be champions, in promoting and protecting many of the wildlife found across the country; believes that, with specific regard to the hen harrier, there is need for action to protect the species in light of 2016 national hen harrier survey, which suggested that there had been a 9% decline in the number of sightings in Scotland from the previous study in 2010, falling from 505 pairs to 460; understands that this national population decline is further highlighted in Angus North and Mearns and across North East Scotland, where the 2016 study found that the number of hen harrier pairs had plummeted from a peak of 28 in 1998 to just one in 2014; commends the considerable efforts of the Heads Up for Harriers Project in trying to reverse the declining population, with 2017 figures showing that 37 young birds successfully fledging from nests in seven of the 21 estates that have signed up to the project, and recognises both the specific challenges facing all species currently represented by a Member species champion and the pivotal role that it believes the champions play in promoting and preserving Scotland's wildlife.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

**No. 59, Thursday 14 December 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. Bank Branch Closures in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-09362 in the name of Kate Forbes—That the Parliament is deeply concerned by the successive waves of bank branch closures across Scotland in 2017, including the recent announcement that RBS plans to close 62 branches; recognises that, while many customers choose to bank online, not every person or business can access all services in this manner and might have to travel over an hour to their nearest branch; believes that these closures will have the greatest impact on older and vulnerable customers who depend on staff and services in their local branch, cash-based businesses that need to make deposits and withdrawals as locally as possible and rural communities, such as those in Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, which it believes have been almost abandoned by the banks in recent years, and notes the calls on the banks responsible to improve their customer service to loyal and dependent customers.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government's Draft Spending and Tax Plans for 2018-19.

**5. A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-09529—That the Parliament believes that no one should be marginalised or discriminated against because of their race or background and that Scotland should be a place where everyone is equal; notes the publication of the report by the Independent Race Equality Adviser, Kaliani Lyle, Addressing Race Inequality in Scotland: The Way Forward, highlighting key priority areas for improvement, and acknowledges the actions being put in place through the Scottish Government's Race Equality Action Plan to tackle racial discrimination and inequality in society; welcomes the creation of a Scottish Government ministerial working group to determine priorities for action and drive forward the changes required to improve the lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller communities; recognises that, to achieve race equality, all of society must play a role in removing barriers that stand in the way of people from an ethnic minority group reaching their full potential, and agrees that everyone must work together to create a fair and equal Scotland for all who live and work here.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-09529.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09529 in the name of Angela Constance (A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality), insert at end “, and notes the need

to respond to calls from racial equality charities to continually improve the data available for protected characteristics and fill evidence gaps.”

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

Pauline McNeil moved amendment S5M-09529.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09529 in the name of Angela Constance (A Fairer Scotland - Delivering Race Equality), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to a system that is able to establish what has and what has not been effective, identify barriers to progress, update the action plan with any new approach determined and monitor and evaluate the impact of the Race Equality Action Plan at regular intervals, preferably at least every three years, including through involving key race equality bodies in the work of the ministerial working group.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that no one should be marginalised or discriminated against because of their race or background and that Scotland should be a place where everyone is equal; notes the publication of the report by the Independent Race Equality Adviser, Kaliani Lyle, Addressing Race Inequality in Scotland: The Way Forward, highlighting key priority areas for improvement, and acknowledges the actions being put in place through the Scottish Government’s Race Equality Action Plan to tackle racial discrimination and inequality in society; welcomes the creation of a Scottish Government ministerial working group to determine priorities for action and drive forward the changes required to improve the lives of Scotland’s Gypsy/Traveller communities; recognises that, to achieve race equality, all of society must play a role in removing barriers that stand in the way of people from an ethnic minority group reaching their full potential; agrees that everyone must work together to create a fair and equal Scotland for all who live and work here; notes the need to respond to calls from racial equality charities to continually improve the data available for protected characteristics and fill evidence gaps, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to a system that is able to establish what has and what has not been effective, identify barriers to progress, update the action plan with any new approach determined and monitor and evaluate the impact of the Race Equality Action Plan at regular intervals, preferably at least every three years, including through involving key race equality bodies in the work of the ministerial working group.

## **6. Writers to the Signet Dependants’ Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland)**

**Bill - Stage 3:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9A.10.5B, that, in his view, no provision of the Writers to the Signet Dependants’ Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

Alison Harris, on behalf of the Writers to the Signet Dependants’ Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill Committee, moved S5M-09128—That Parliament agrees

that the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 105, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

**No. 60, Tuesday 19 December 2017**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Basil Clark, Parish Priest, Our Lady Of Loretto & St Michael Catholic Church, Musselburgh, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09679—

That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 19 December 2017—

after

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Social Security (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Appointment to the Scottish Fiscal Commission

(b) Wednesday 20 December 2017—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on a Programme to reach 100% access to superfast broadband in Scotland.

**5. Social Security (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-09629—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Social Security (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Social Security (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-09503—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the

Social Security (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Appointment to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-09636—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Constitution Committee that Lady Susan Rice be reappointed as Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Street Pastors Scotland, 10th Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S5M-08404 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament recognises the 10th anniversary of Street Pastors Scotland; notes that the initiative was pioneered in London in 2003 by Les Isaac and that, since then, over 14,000 street pastors have been trained, with over 20,000 volunteers now associated with the organisation; understands that, in 2010, the Ascension Trust (Scotland) was launched in the Parliament to take responsibility for the street pastor teams across Scotland; notes that there are around 600 street pastors in 23 Scottish communities, major cities and large and small towns in the Mid Scotland and Fife parliamentary region, as well as in Orkney and Lewis; believes that Street Pastors Scotland put its Christian faith to good use in order to improve community relations and the safety of the night-time economy, and wishes the movement and the street pastors all the best.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.



## No. 61, Wednesday 20 December 2017

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

**1. Alcohol and Drug-related Deaths:** The Parliament debated S5M-09389 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament understands that 1,265 alcohol-related deaths, and a record 867 drug-related deaths, were registered in 2016, which were 10% and 23% more respectively than in 2015 and represented a combined annual increase of 276 deaths; notes that of the total 2,132 deaths that year, 715 of the people were under 44; recognises that Scotland’s alcohol death rate is one-and-a-half times that of the rest of the UK and that its drug deaths rate is two-and-a-half times; expresses sympathy to the bereaved families and friends of the people who have died, in so many cases at such a young age; acknowledges that stigma around addiction can make it difficult for people to seek the help they need; believes that alcohol and drug-related deaths are preventable, and notes the view that the refreshing of the alcohol and drug strategies presents unique opportunities to that ensure that an evidence-based approach can be put in place to reduce the number of deaths in Central Scotland and across the country.

**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. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Publication of the Scottish Energy Strategy.

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

**5. Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9A.10.5B, that, in his view, no provision of the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-09648—That the Parliament agrees that the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09686—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 January 2018

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee Debate: Article 50 Withdrawal Negotiations

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 10 January 2018

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: Glasgow 2018 European Championships

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 11 January 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Developing the Young Workforce - Publication of the third annual report

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 January 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 17 January 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 18 January 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 11 January 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09684—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 January 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09685—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Planning (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 June 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-09682 Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-09683 Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill (UK Legislation).

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09681—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 25, Abstentions 0).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 9 and 10 as noted above.

**12. Adopt Don't Shop:** The Parliament debated S5M-09167 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament believes that, while dogs are the most popular companion animals in the UK, they are also a lucrative source of income for many; recognises concerns raised by academics from the University of Sheffield, in Scottish Government-commissioned research, that both the illegal trade in, and irresponsible breeding of, dogs are escalating; understands that central to these concerns are large-scale commercial breeders in Scotland, the illegal trafficking of dogs into the country, including through Cairnryan Port, and the largely uncontrolled third-party online traders, who it considers now dominate the puppy trade; understands that there are currently thousands of dogs situated in rescue centres across Scotland who need homes; notes that reputable shelters are able to assess and support the rehoming of many breeds and ages of dog, and notes the view that anyone considering getting a puppy should adopt from a reputable shelter or rescue centre run by an organisation such as the Scottish SPCA.

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

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

**No. 62, Thursday 21 December 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).

The meeting closed at 12.43 pm.

**No. 63, Tuesday 9 January 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Dan Harper, Minister, Bridge of Allan Parish Church, Stirlingshire, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09804—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 9 January 2018—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Response to exceptional winter pressures

after

*followed by* Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee Debate: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee's Inquiry into the Article 50 Withdrawal Process

insert

*followed by* Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 10 January 2018—

after

*followed by* Portfolio Questions  
Justice and the Law Officers;  
Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Chief Constable's leave of absence

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 Health and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Response to Exceptional Winter Pressures.

**5. Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee's Inquiry into the Article 50 Withdrawal Process:** Joan McAlpine, on behalf of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee, moved S5M-09732—That the Parliament recognises the evidence gathered to date by the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee on the first phase of the Article 50 withdrawal negotiations, and notes the European Council Guidelines agreed on 15 December 2017 that set out the position of the other 27 Member States of the European Union in relation to the second phase of the negotiations, which will be related to transition and the framework for the future relationship.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Election of Member to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body:** Kezia Dugdale was nominated as the candidate for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The Parliament voted to elect Kezia Dugdale for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 106, Against 0, Abstentions 3).

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

**S5M-09805: Membership on Committees—**That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership apply from close of business on Tuesday 9 January 2018—

Claire Baker be appointed to replace Lewis Macdonald as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee;

Neil Findlay be appointed to replace Monica Lennon as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Kezia Dugdale be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as a member of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Mary Fee be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Lewis Macdonald be appointed to replace Neil Findlay as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

David Stewart be appointed to replace Colin Smyth as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Mary Fee as a member of the Justice Committee;

Monica Lennon be appointed to replace Elaine Smith as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Colin Smyth be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as a member of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee; and

Elaine Smith be appointed to replace Claire Baker as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

**S5M-09806: Substitution on Committees**—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership apply from close of business on Tuesday 9 January 2018—

Neil Findlay be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee;

Alex Rowley be appointed to replace Pauline McNeill as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Pauline McNeill be appointed to replace Mark Griffin as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Kezia Dugdale be appointed to replace Iain Gray as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Jenny Marra as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Elaine Smith be appointed to replace Kezia Dugdale as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Constitution Committee;

Mary Fee be appointed to replace Claire Baker as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Justice Committee;

David Stewart be appointed to replace James Kelly as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee;

Alex Rowley be appointed to replace Mary Fee as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee;

Monica Lennon be appointed to replace Richard Leonard as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Social Security Committee; and

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace David Stewart as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).



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

**9. Maintenance of Tenement Communal Property:** The Parliament debated S5M-08354 in the name of Ben Macpherson—That the Parliament recognises that a significant proportion of people in Edinburgh and across Scotland live in tenement buildings; believes that the maintenance of communal property, otherwise known as the common parts or “Scheme Property” as defined in the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004, in tenements is essential to the upkeep of the buildings and the standard of living for owner occupiers and tenants; understands with concern that, in many cases, such Scheme Property is in a state of disrepair, degradation or deterioration; believes that current legislation is not consistently fulfilling its intention to encourage owners to establish effective arrangements for managing communal repairs and undertaking maintenance; acknowledges the various potential solutions put forward by groups and individuals in the housing sector to help address this issue, and notes the view that, for the wellbeing of owner occupiers and tenants and to sustain and enhance the country’s urban infrastructure and environments, the government should review the situation and consider any legislative changes, new initiatives, enhanced use of existing rules and/or further action by local authorities that could facilitate improved upkeep of Scheme Property.

**10. Motion Without Notice:** Ben Macpherson 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 6.13 pm.

**No. 64, Wednesday 10 January 2018**

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 the Lord Advocate.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on the Chief Constable's leave of absence.

**3. Glasgow 2018 European Championships:** The Minister for Public Health and Sport (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-09789—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution that hosting world-class events makes to Scotland's international profile; welcomes the opportunity that the new flagship sporting event, the Glasgow 2018 European Championships, brings to Glasgow and Scotland in August; supports the aim that the championships will drive the ambition for Scotland to become an active nation by helping to inspire people to lead more active lifestyles; acknowledges that the championships will showcase all that Scotland has to offer and build on the legacy of the "best ever" Commonwealth Games in 2014; values the opportunity that the championships offer to engage with young people in Scotland's Year of Young People, and recognises that the championships will facilitate the development of strong relationships across Europe, including creating a unique partnership with Berlin and Germany.

Brian Whittle moved S5M-09789.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09789 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Glasgow 2018 European Championships), leave out from "and build on the legacy" to "in 2014" and insert "; notes the Health and Sport Committee's concerns that the 2014 Commonwealth Games did not have the legacy impact desired; believes that substantial efforts should be taken to ensure that hosting the championships has a positive effect on Scotland's low levels of physical activity".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Anas Sarwar moved S5M-09789.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09789 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Glasgow 2018 European Championships), insert at end "; congratulates the bid teams and successive Glasgow City Council administrations on their roles in securing both these championships and the Commonwealth Games in 2014, and believes that there should be medium to long-term analysis on the legacy impact of these events on poverty reduction, economic growth and new employment."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution that hosting world-class events makes to Scotland’s international profile; welcomes the opportunity that the new flagship sporting event, the Glasgow 2018 European Championships, brings to Glasgow and Scotland in August; supports the aim that the championships will drive the ambition for Scotland to become an active nation by helping to inspire people to lead more active lifestyles; acknowledges that the championships will showcase all that Scotland has to offer and build on the legacy of the “best ever” Commonwealth Games in 2014; values the opportunity that the championships offer to engage with young people in Scotland’s Year of Young People; recognises that the championships will facilitate the development of strong relationships across Europe, including creating a unique partnership with Berlin and Germany; congratulates the bid teams and successive Glasgow City Council administrations on their roles in securing both these championships and the Commonwealth Games in 2014, and believes that there should be medium to long-term analysis on the legacy impact of these events on poverty reduction, economic growth and new employment.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09812—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 January 2018

2.00 pm      Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Stage 1: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*      Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s International Policy Framework and Priorities for 2018

*followed by*      Financial Resolution: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm      Decision Time

*followed by*      Members’ Business

Wednesday 17 January 2018

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 18 January 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 January 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 January 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 January 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 18 January 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09813—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Social Security (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 March 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-09814: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Trade Bill (UK Legislation).

**S5M-09835: Membership on Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that Iain Gray be appointed to replace Monica Lennon as a member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Holocaust Memorial Day 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-09628 in the name of Adam Tomkins—That the Parliament recognises that 27 January 2018 marks Holocaust Memorial Day; believes that the day serves as an opportunity for learning institutions, faith groups and communities across Scotland, including in Glasgow, to remember the six million men, women and children murdered by the Nazi regime in occupied Europe; notes that the theme of the 2018 memorial day is the Power of Words; understands that this theme aims to look at how words can make a difference, both for good and evil; values the Holocaust Education 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; thanks them for their contribution to Scotland as a nation, and acknowledges the view that anti-Semitism in all its forms should be challenged without fear or favour.

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

## No. 65, Thursday 11 January 2018

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. Carer Positive Employer Initiative:** The Parliament debated S5M-09621 in the name of Tom Arthur—That the Parliament supports the Carer Positive employer recognition scheme and its aim of making life better for carers; notes the vital job that carers do, which Carers Scotland estimates contributes the equivalent of around £10.8 billion per year to the economy and will likely increase as the population continues to age; welcomes the large number of employers of differing sizes from a wide range of sectors who have signed up to support carers in their workplace through the Carer Positive initiative; understands that Carer Positive is funded by the Scottish Government and was developed in partnership with public, private and voluntary sector organisations in Scotland; further understands that Carer Positive employers can progress through three accreditation levels of engaged, established and exemplary; notes that around 270,000 people in Scotland combine work with care and that, without support and understanding at work, carers can experience high levels of stress and exhaustion; recognises the importance of this scheme in supporting carers and employers; further recognises that this scheme can lead to benefits for employers, such as reduced absences, lower levels of staff turnover and savings on recruitment costs, and notes that employers across the Renfrewshire South constituency and Scotland are being encouraged to take steps to become Carer Positive employers and discover the benefits of supporting their workforce and those who rely on them.
- 4. Developing the Young Workforce: Review of Progress at the Midpoint of the Seven-year Programme:** The Minister for Employability and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-09821—That the Parliament acknowledges the progress set out in the Developing the Young Workforce annual report 2016-17; notes the achievement of the programme's headline target, to reduce youth unemployment by 40% by 2021, four years ahead of schedule; recognises that there is more to do to address youth unemployment, particularly tackling gender imbalances in specific sectors and in improving employment opportunities for all young people, particularly those who are disabled, from minority ethnic backgrounds, or who are care-experienced, and believes that employers, schools, colleges and universities working in partnership through the Developing the Young Workforce regional groups can make a significant difference in improving the life chances of Scotland's young people.

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-09821.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09821 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Developing the Young Workforce: Review of Progress at the Midpoint of the Seven-year Programme), insert at end “, but recognises that these opportunities will only be realised if the aforementioned policies are

accompanied by those designed to create a more diverse education system, which fully embraces vocational and technical training in the way set out by the commission that was led by Sir Ian Wood.”

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

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-09821.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09821 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Developing the Young Workforce: Review of Progress at the Midpoint of the Seven-year Programme), leave out “, and believes” and insert “; recognises that the rise of exploitative zero-hours contracts is damaging to the future stability of the workforce; notes that the current methodology used by the Scottish Government considers a school leaver who becomes employed on a zero-hours contract to be in a ‘positive destination’; believes that zero-hours contracts should be removed as a ‘positive destination’ for young people in official Scottish Government statistics, and that public procurement should not reward companies and organisations that engage in operating zero-hours contracts, but further believes”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S5M-09821.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09821 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Developing the Young Workforce: Review of Progress at the Midpoint of the Seven-year Programme), insert at end “, and further believes that a decentralised Skills Development Scotland, aligned to college regions, benefiting from closer partnerships with businesses, schools and other local agencies, would help achieve the objectives of the report of the commission that was led by Sir Ian Wood.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the progress set out in the Developing the Young Workforce annual report 2016-17; notes the achievement of the programme’s headline target, to reduce youth unemployment by 40% by 2021, four years ahead of schedule; recognises that there is more to do to address youth unemployment, particularly tackling gender imbalances in specific sectors and in improving employment opportunities for all young people, particularly those who are disabled, from minority ethnic backgrounds, or who are care-experienced; believes that employers, schools, colleges and universities working in partnership through the Developing the Young Workforce regional groups can make a significant difference in improving the life chances of Scotland’s young people; but recognises that these opportunities will only be realised if the aforementioned policies are accompanied by those designed to create a more diverse education system, which fully embraces vocational and technical training in



the way set out by the commission that was led by Sir Ian Wood, and further believes that a decentralised Skills Development Scotland, aligned to college regions, benefiting from closer partnerships with businesses, schools and other local agencies, would help achieve the objectives of the report of the commission that was led by Sir Ian Wood.

**5. Committee Membership:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09857—That the Parliament agrees that Alex Rowley be appointed to replace David Stewart as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

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 5.04 pm.

**No. 66, Tuesday 16 January 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Father Andrew Garden, Priest of St David’s Catholic Church, Dalkeith, and St Luke and St Anne’s, Mayfield, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) moved S5M-09894—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Scotland’s International Policy Framework and Priorities for 2018:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-09887—That the Parliament notes the new International Framework and International Policy Statement published on 8 December 2017 and the four overarching objectives that it contains; supports the Scottish Government working with business, higher education, civic Scotland and the UK Government in achieving those objectives; agrees that maintaining an international perspective remains vital to the continued prosperity of Scotland’s economy, society and people; commends the efforts of those building partnerships to advance Scotland’s role as a good global citizen, and shares the importance of a human rights-based approach in doing so.

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-09887.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09887 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Scotland’s International Policy Framework and Priorities for 2018), leave out “and the UK Government in achieving those objectives” and insert “, trade unions and the UK Government in achieving the best outcomes for the people of Scotland; recognises that Scotland must now work toward a new lasting progressive partnership with the EU based on shared values and history”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 0, Abstentions 30).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-09887.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09887 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Scotland’s International Policy Framework and Priorities for 2018), after “society and people;” insert “commends the Principles for Just Trade Deals paper, which has been published by the Trade Justice Scotland Coalition; believes that international trade agreements are a key opportunity for Scotland to provide ethical leadership; further believes that such trade deals should support rather than undermine human rights, labour and environmental standards and that these trade agreements should be based on solidarity and facilitating the two-way sharing of knowledge and technologies with the Global

South; calls on the UK Government to ensure that the devolved administrations have a formal role in the negotiation and democratic scrutiny of future agreements;”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-09887.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09887 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Scotland’s International Policy Framework and Priorities for 2018), insert at end “; believes that there should be a clear protocol on human rights for Scottish public agencies operating in countries where there is cause for concern, and calls for the Scottish Government’s working practices and cabinet secretary sign-off protocols to be revised to make sure that basic checks on the human rights record of potential partners and investors are made at an earlier stage.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the new International Framework and International Policy Statement published on 8 December 2017 and the four overarching objectives that it contains; supports the Scottish Government working with business, higher education, civic Scotland, trade unions and the UK Government in achieving the best outcomes for the people of Scotland; recognises that Scotland must now work toward a new lasting progressive partnership with the EU based on shared values and history; agrees that maintaining an international perspective remains vital to the continued prosperity of Scotland’s economy, society and people; commends the Principles for Just Trade Deals paper, which has been published by the Trade Justice Scotland Coalition; believes that international trade agreements are a key opportunity for Scotland to provide ethical leadership; further believes that such trade deals should support rather than undermine human rights, labour and environmental standards and that these trade agreements should be based on solidarity and facilitating the two-way sharing of knowledge and technologies with the Global South; calls on the UK Government to ensure that the devolved administrations have a formal role in the negotiation and democratic scrutiny of future agreements; commends the efforts of those building partnerships to advance Scotland’s role as a good global citizen; shares the importance of a human rights-based approach in doing so; believes that there should be a clear protocol on human rights for Scottish public agencies operating in countries where there is cause for concern, and calls for the Scottish Government’s working practices and cabinet secretary sign-off protocols to be revised to make sure that basic checks on the human rights record of potential partners and investors are made at an earlier stage.

**5. Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill:**

**Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) moved S5M-08437—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. The Scottish Sports Association:** The Parliament debated S5M-09652 in the name of James Kelly—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the contribution of the Scottish Sports Association (SSA) in raising the profile and promoting the benefits of sport, and to over 13 policy areas in the Scottish Government; considers that the role of the SSA as the independent and collective voice for sport in Glasgow and across the country is vital; is concerned that, after 18 years of core funding, there are reports of a proposed withdrawal of funding for the SSA from both the government and sportscotland; believes that this is an unacceptable situation; understands that the government funds other membership organisations across the voluntary sector to enable their voices to be heard, and notes the view that, to ensure a sustainable future for the organisation, the SSA's funding should be restored in 2018-19.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

**No. 67, Wednesday 17 January 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that hundreds of drivers were stranded overnight on the M74 was answered by the Minister for Transport and the Islands (Humza Yousaf).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Protecting Public Services:** James Kelly moved S5M-09888—That the Parliament believes that the Draft Budget does not protect public services.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S5M-09888.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09888 in the name of James Kelly (Protecting Public Services), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes the publication of the Scottish Government Draft Budget 2018-19; welcomes the ongoing scrutiny of the Draft Budget by the Parliament, including by the Finance and Constitution Committee, and agrees that further discussions should take place during the forthcoming Budget Bill process.”

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

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-09888.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09888 in the name of James Kelly (Protecting Public Services), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “acknowledges that the UK Parliament block grant to the Scottish Government is increasing in real terms from 2017-18 to 2018-19; notes that any spending cuts to local services are a choice by the Scottish Government, not a necessity, and calls on the Scottish Government to abandon its plans to raise income tax and instead deliver a Budget that will focus on growing Scotland's economy and tax base.”

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

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-09888.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09888 in the name of James Kelly (Protecting Public Services), leave out from “Draft Budget” to end and insert “Budget for 2018-19 must protect public services, fund a fair pay increase for public sector workers and invest in low-carbon infrastructure; urges the Scottish Government to amend the proposals in the Draft Budget to achieve this, and considers that all opposition parties have a responsibility in a period of minority government to put forward positive and constructive proposals for change.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-09888.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09888 in the name of James Kelly (Protecting Public Services), insert at end “, and further believes that the Draft Budget fails to deliver the transformation required in both education and mental health services, and that it defies the will of the Parliament, and the Scottish Government’s own commitment, by omitting fair funding for internal ferries in the Northern Isles.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 61, Abstentions 35).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the Budget for 2018-19 must protect public services, fund a fair pay increase for public sector workers and invest in low-carbon infrastructure; urges the Scottish Government to amend the proposals in the Draft Budget to achieve this, and considers that all opposition parties have a responsibility in a period of minority government to put forward positive and constructive proposals for change.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09925—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 January 2018

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>	Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill LCM – Interim Report
<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 24 January 2018

2.00 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
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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 25 January 2018

11.40 am                     Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am                     General Questions

12.00 pm                     First Minister's Questions

*followed by*                Members' Business

2.30 pm                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm                      Stage 1 Debate: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening  
Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*                Business Motions

*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm                      Decision Time

Tuesday 30 January 2018

2.00 pm                      Time for Reflection

*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*                Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*                Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland)  
Bill

*followed by*                Business Motions

*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm                      Decision Time

*followed by*                Members' Business

Wednesday 31 January 2018

2.00 pm                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm                      Portfolio Questions  
Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 1 February 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-09926—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Mary Fee as a member of the Justice Sub-committee on Policing.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. The Economic Potential of Robert Burns:** The Parliament debated S5M-09328 in the name of Joan McAlpine—That the Parliament welcomes the contribution that Robert Burns continues to make to Scotland's economic and cultural life; understands that business generated during the Burns season includes spending on food and drink, hospitality, accommodation, kilt hire, printing and merchandising; notes that the creative economy is boosted through arts events such as the Big Burns Supper Festival in Dumfries, which is the culmination of Scotland's £390,000 Winter Festivals Programme; understands that year-round Burns-related tourism is on the increase thanks to Burns Scotland partner destinations such as the



Robert Burns Birthplace Museum in Alloway, Ellisland Farm near Auldgirth, the Monument Centre in Kilmarnock and Burns House Museum in Mauchline, as well as numerous places around Scotland associated with the poet; notes that Burns the brand helps promote Scotland's exports and trade links through Burns suppers around the globe, including through more than 250 member clubs of the Robert Burns World Federation; understands that Burns contributes to the success of Scotland's higher education institutions, including the Centre for Robert Burns Studies at the University of Glasgow, which encourages interest in the Bard through publications, seminar series, conferences, community and performance events, advice to exporters, research grant funding and international students and donor gifts, while providing strong strategic support to the National Burns Collection; understands that the last evaluation of Robert Burns' economic impact on modern Scotland was completed in 2003 for the BBC by the World Bank economist, Lesley Campbell, who estimated that he generated £157 million each year for Scotland, and believes that this figure has grown exponentially since the research was carried out and that celebrations of the Bard's birthday on 25 January will be an enriching experience in every sense of the word.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Joan McAlpine 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 6.15 pm.

## No. 68, Thursday 18 January 2018

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. 100 Years of Women in the British Armed Forces:** The Parliament debated S5M-08845 in the name of Maurice Corry—That the Parliament notes that 2017 is the centenary of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), which was the first time that women were formally fully enrolled in the armed forces; further notes that more than 57,000 women, including some from the west of Scotland, served in the WAAC from July 1917 till 1921, including some 10,000 in France in a variety of roles, including drivers, clerks, signallers, cooks, bakers, orderlies, waitresses, codebreakers, printers, gardeners, domestics, typists and phone operators; understands that the earliest advocates for the creation of the WAAC, and also the corps' first chief controller and controller, were the Scots, Mona Geddes and Helen Fraser; believes that women form a valued and integral part of the British Armed Forces; welcomes that, since September 2017, every role in the Royal Air Force is now open to women, making it the first branch of the British military to do so, and notes the views that other military branches should follow suit.
- 4. Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together:** The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-09927—That the Parliament recognises that social isolation and loneliness affect people of all ages and stages of life; believes that it is people and communities themselves that have a central role in building and maintaining social connections and supporting those who may be socially isolated; acknowledges that the Scottish Government has an important role to play in showing leadership as well as creating the conditions that allow people and communities to design and deliver solutions that best meet their needs; welcomes therefore the publication of the Scottish Government's draft strategy, A Connected Scotland, and encourages everyone to respond to this important consultation, and further welcomes the good work of a range of organisations from the third sector and elsewhere in tackling these issues, including the Campaign to End Loneliness and the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness, which aims to highlight the fact that everyone can do something to help lonely people in the community.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-09927.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09927 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together), leave out from “, and further welcomes” to end and insert “; recognises the need to find concrete ways of measuring and monitoring progress to best understand how the future strategy is working; welcomes the good work of a range of organisations from the third sector and elsewhere in tackling these issues, including the Campaign to End Loneliness and the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness, which aims to highlight the fact that everyone

can do something to help lonely people in the community, and further welcomes the appointment of a new UK minister to lead on loneliness and continue the work of Jo Cox.”

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

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-09927.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09927 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together), after “important consultation” insert “; recognises the importance of local government in delivering community services that tackle loneliness, and that austerity-driven budget cuts to local authorities reduce their capacity to do this.”

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

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-09927.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-09927 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Building a Connected Scotland: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness Together), insert at end “; believes that the planning decisions of local authorities can be driven by the pressures of demand at the expense of placemaking and social cohesion; considers that the way in which the built environment is established and maintained is an important factor in addressing social isolation and loneliness; welcomes that the draft strategy recognises that falls, and the fear of falling, are a common cause of social isolation, particularly among older people; recalls that the Parliament voted in favour of developing a national falls strategy on 2 March 2017, and urges the Scottish Government to explain how this is being progressed.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that social isolation and loneliness affect people of all ages and stages of life; believes that it is people and communities themselves that have a central role in building and maintaining social connections and supporting those who may be socially isolated; acknowledges that the Scottish Government has an important role to play in showing leadership as well as creating the conditions that allow people and communities to design and deliver solutions that best meet their needs; welcomes therefore the publication of the Scottish Government’s draft strategy, A Connected Scotland, and encourages everyone to respond to this important consultation; recognises the need to find concrete ways of measuring and monitoring progress to best understand how the future strategy is working; welcomes the good work of a range of organisations from the third sector and elsewhere in tackling these issues, including the Campaign to End Loneliness and the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness, which aims to highlight the fact that everyone can do something to help lonely people in the

community; further welcomes the appointment of a new UK minister to lead on loneliness and continue the work of Jo Cox; believes that the planning decisions of local authorities can be driven by the pressures of demand at the expense of placemaking and social cohesion; considers that the way in which the built environment is established and maintained is an important factor in addressing social isolation and loneliness; welcomes that the draft strategy recognises that falls, and the fear of falling, are a common cause of social isolation, particularly among older people; recalls that the Parliament voted in favour of developing a national falls strategy on 2 March 2017, and urges the Scottish Government to explain how this is being progressed.

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**No. 69, Tuesday 23 January 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Ben Petrie and Catherine Bough, pupils at Royal High School in Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10053—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 23 January 2018—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Decisions on Major Service Change Proposals in Glasgow and Clyde

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.20 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Decisions on Major Service Change Proposals in Glasgow and Clyde.

**5. Interim Report:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee, moved S5M-09954—That the Parliament notes the recommendations of the Finance and Constitution Committee's 1st Report 2018 (Session 5), European Union (Withdrawal) Bill LCM - Interim Report (SP Paper 255).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Condemns Unpaid Trial Shifts:** The Parliament debated S5M-08211 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament welcomes the Private Members Bill introduced by Stewart McDonald MP in the House of Commons to ban unpaid trial shifts; considers that this practice infringes workers' rights and notes calls for it to be stopped; understands that young people are the group most likely to face

exploitation; notes the view that, whether permanent work is offered or not, they should be paid for their work during a trial period; commends this bill, and considers that it will make a real difference for people throughout Scotland, including in Strathkelvin and Bearsden, seeking employment.

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

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

**No. 70, Wednesday 24 January 2018**

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. Justice:** Margaret Mitchell moved S5M-10038—That the Parliament believes that the Cabinet Secretary for Justice has not acted transparently or openly when updating Members regarding the Chief Constable’s investigation, special leave and potential return to work.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved amendment S5M-10038.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10038 in the name of Liam Kerr (Justice), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes the Cabinet Secretary for Justice’s statement to the Parliament of 10 January 2018 regarding the Chief Constable’s leave of absence; recognises the importance of due process being followed in respect of all investigations relating to officer conduct, and accepts the need for careful judgement to be exercised when commenting on ongoing investigations in order to ensure fairness to all affected parties.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S5M-10038.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10038 in the name of Liam Kerr (Justice), insert at end “; further believes that all future meetings between the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Government should be minuted, and notes the calls from the campaign, Get it Minuted, that the Scottish Government should be taking agendas, notes and minutes for all meetings.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 34, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Cabinet Secretary for Justice’s statement to the Parliament of 10 January 2018 regarding the Chief Constable’s leave of absence; recognises the importance of due process being followed in respect of all investigations relating to officer conduct; accepts the need for careful judgement to be exercised when commenting on ongoing investigations in order to ensure fairness to all affected parties; further believes that all future meetings between the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Government should be minuted, and notes the calls from the campaign, Get it Minuted, that the Scottish Government should be taking agendas, notes and minutes for all meetings.

**3. Railway Policing:** Liam Kerr moved S5M-10039—That the Parliament respects the devolution of railway policing as agreed in the Scotland Act 2016, but notes concern regarding the leadership challenges facing Police Scotland; believes that railway policing is of critical importance to public safety, particularly in responses to terrorism, and further believes therefore that it would be prudent to pause the integration of the British Transport Police into Police Scotland.

The Minister for Transport and the Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S5M-10039.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10039 in the name of Liam Kerr (Railway Policing), leave out from “, but notes concern” to end and insert “; notes the passage of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Act 2017; further notes that the Joint Programme Board is closely monitoring progress of the integration programme; asks the Scottish Government to keep the programme timetable under review with advice from the Joint Programme Board; recognises that the Scottish Government has given guarantees to protect the jobs, pay and pensions of British Transport Police officers and staff in Scotland; notes the publication of a series of workforce questions and answers to support this, and recognises the need for ongoing engagement with staff, officers and their representatives to ensure that the terms of transfer are fully understood.”

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-10039.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10039 in the name of Liam Kerr (Railway Policing), after “facing Police Scotland;” insert “further notes concerns regarding the effects on terms and conditions of employment of officers and staff undergoing transfer, and the subsequent impact that this could have on morale and retention of experienced officers and staff;”.

After debate, amendment S5M-10039.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 57, Abstentions 6). As a result, amendment SM5-10039.3 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 57, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament respects the devolution of railway policing as agreed in the Scotland Act 2016; notes the passage of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Act 2017; further notes that the Joint Programme Board is closely monitoring progress of the integration programme; asks the Scottish Government to keep the programme timetable under review with advice from the Joint Programme Board; recognises that the Scottish Government has given guarantees to protect the jobs, pay and pensions of British Transport Police officers and staff in Scotland; notes the publication of a series of workforce questions and answers to support this, and recognises the need for ongoing engagement with staff, officers and their representatives to ensure that the terms of transfer are fully understood.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10062—That the Parliament agrees—



(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 January 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 31 January 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 1 February 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 February 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)  
*followed by* Scottish Government Business  
*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 February 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;  
Finance and 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 8 February 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
11.40 am General Questions  
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions  
*followed by* Members' Business  
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business  
*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time

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

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10063—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 March 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**7. Adverse Childhood Experiences:** The Parliament debated S5M-09381 in the name of Gail Ross—That the Parliament notes that in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross, and across Scotland, there are still many children who are growing up with adverse childhood experiences (ACE), a term that covers abuse, neglect and household adversity, the effects of which can cause chronic stress responses and have a lasting impact on children as they grow into adults; notes research, which suggests that instances of ACE rise with the level of deprivation that a child is living in; understands that there are no published studies to date of the prevalence specifically of ACE among the general population of Scotland; notes what it sees as the benefits of early intervention and addressing ACE; considers that such an approach has a positive impact on the person as well as society as a whole, and notes the view that, in order to mitigate against these experiences, a greater understanding must be achieved among policy makers and that focus should lie on prevention, resilience and enquiry.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Gail Ross 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. 71, Thursday 25 January 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

**3. Electric Shock Training Collars in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-08960 in the name of Maurice Golden—That the Parliament understands that a range of experts, including academics, dog behaviourists, trainers and vets, consider the use of electric shock training collars to be both harmful to a dog's wellbeing and ineffective as training aids; believes that regulating use of these devices would do little to help protect dogs from harm and could create unnecessary bureaucracy; notes that Wales has implemented a ban on their sale and use, and notes the calls urging the Scottish Government to acknowledge that only a complete ban will offer dogs in the West Scotland region and across the country maximum protection, and for it to implement such action swiftly.

**4. Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill:** James Kelly moved S5M-10072—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**No. 72, Tuesday 30 January 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Christine Barclay, Rector, St Peter's Church in Linlithgow and St Columba's Church in Bathgate, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10172—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill, debate on the group of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Group 1: 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**5. Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-10159—That the Parliament agrees that the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

**6. Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10198—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 1 February 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

and insert

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Ministerial Statement: Supporting People to Study in Scotland

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Joe Fitzpatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion under Rule 11.2.4 to bring forward Decision Time. The motion was agreed to.

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

**9. St Andrew's First Aid:** The Parliament debated S5M-08301 in the name of Johann Lamont—That the Parliament acknowledges the campaign by St Andrew's First Aid, Scotland's only dedicated national first aid charity, to address the shortage of first aid skills in Scotland and to help save more lives in areas of social deprivation, including in Glasgow; understands that the call follows the publication of the Scottish OHCA Data Linkage Project, which looked into survival rates from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) in Scotland; notes that the report indicated that those living in the most deprived areas of the country were twice as likely to have an OHCA as people living in more affluent areas, with 28% against 14%, and that those from the most deprived areas were 43% less likely to survive a cardiac arrest than those from more affluent areas; notes that the report, which was delivered jointly by the University of Edinburgh and the Scottish Government, and supported by the Scottish Ambulance Service and National Services Scotland, found that survival rates in Scotland following OHCA are estimated between just six and eight per cent, with the European average sitting at 10.2%, which puts Scotland among European countries with the lowest survival rates; wishes St Andrew's First Aid success with its efforts to ensure that people across Scotland are equipped with vital, lifesaving first aid skills, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to recognise the importance of first aid and to support efforts to establish a nation of skilled first-aiders.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

## No. 73, Wednesday 31 January 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on the reported reform of firefighters' pay and conditions was answered by the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities, Social Security and Equalities were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-10183—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-10183.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10183 in the name of Derek Mackay (Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill), insert at end “, but, in so doing, regrets proposals to increase tax for 898,000 basic rate taxpayers, which breaks an SNP 2016 manifesto pledge.”

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

James Kelly moved amendment S5M-10183.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10183 in the name of Derek Mackay (Budget (Scotland) Bill), insert at end “, but, in so doing, believes that proposed Scottish income tax rates do not raise enough revenue or redistribute enough wealth to tackle poverty, ensure that local services are properly resourced, nor provide the funding for a public sector pay rise.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 102, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

- 4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10209—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 February 2018

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Equalities and Human Rights Committee Debate: Equality Statement - Scottish Draft Budget 2018-19

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 February 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Stemming the Plastic Tide: Action to Tackle the Impact of Single-use Plastics on Land and in our Seas

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 8 February 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Islands (Scotland) Bill

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

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 February 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions



*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 February 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 February 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-10210: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources - Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10211: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance and Property Interference - Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10212: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Equipment Interference – Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10213: Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that, subject to its agreement to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.2) 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,

the words “except on a final lodging-day, when amendments may be lodged only until 12:00” be omitted.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Bus Services:** The Parliament debated S5M-09970 in the name of Ross Greer—That the Parliament is concerned by reported rises in bus fares by First Bus, particularly in Glasgow and the West Scotland region; understands that fares for under-16s have risen by 40% and that single adult fares have increased by a further 15%; further understands that unaccompanied child fares have been withdrawn entirely following a move in 2017 to no longer offer return fares; considers that changes to fare structures that favour smartphone app-based ticketing will impact on those less likely to own a smartphone; expresses concern that fare rises will, it believes, also have a considerable negative impact on families, young people and low-earners; notes that several bus routes in Glasgow and the West Scotland region have been withdrawn or reduced, including the 4A service, with, it considers, little to no consultation with local residents, and further notes the view that that bus services should be affordable, environmentally sustainable and accessible to all members of society

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.

## No. 74, Thursday 1 February 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

**3. World Cancer Day 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-09742 in the name of Richard Lochhead—That the Parliament notes that 4 February 2018 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 40% of cases could be prevented by positive actions, including not smoking and keeping a healthy bodyweight; recognises that smoking is the biggest preventable cause of cancer; understands that for non-smokers, obesity is the biggest preventable cause, being linked to 13 types; notes figures suggesting that two-thirds of adults and over one-quarter of children in Scotland are overweight or obese; acknowledges what it sees as the opportunity presented by the Scottish Government's new diet and obesity strategy to unite around finding solutions to the problem; further acknowledges the call of organisations, including Cancer Research UK, on the government to help tackle the problem by regulating price promotions on junk food, and notes that Members can show their support for World Cancer Day through the wearing of its unity band.

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

**5. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10208—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill, debate on the group of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 1 hour.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting People to Study in Scotland.

**7. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 14, 4, 15, 5, 16, 6, 8, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 17.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 10 (For 90, Against 29, Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 89, Against 29, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 13A was not moved.

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

**8. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-10218—That the Parliament agrees that the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

## No. 75, Tuesday 6 February 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor David Fraser, Alva Baptist Church, Clackmannanshire, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Making the Most of Equalities and Human Rights Levers:** Christina McKelvie, on behalf of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee, moved S5M-10214—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Equalities and Human Rights Committee’s 7th Report, 2017, (Session 5), Looking Ahead to the Scottish Government’s Draft Budget 2018-19: Making the Most of Equalities and Human Rights Levers (SP Paper 246).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Right to Vote:** Nicola Sturgeon moved S5M-10285—That the Parliament recognises that it is 100 years since the Representation of the People Act 1918, which finally gave some women the right to vote, and the Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act 1918, which allowed women to stand for the UK Parliament; welcomes the activity taking place in Scotland and across the UK to celebrate and commemorate the centenary of women’s suffrage; further welcomes the considerable progress that has been made in women’s political representation over the last 100 years; pays tribute to the suffragettes and suffragists who fought to ensure women’s right to vote, in some cases at considerable personal sacrifice, and welcomes the work of many organisations and individuals seeking equal representation for women.

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S5M-10285.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10285 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Right to Vote), after second “100 years” insert “; recognises that the country is still far from achieving equal representation at any level of politics; welcomes campaigns such as #AskHerToStand, which encourage women to consider a career in politics”.

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

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-10285.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10285 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Right to Vote), leave out from “, and welcomes” to end and insert “; commends the many organisations and individuals that continue to work to realise women’s equal representation in public office as parliamentarians, local councillors and across society, and accepts that there is more work to be done to achieve equal representation for women.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that it is 100 years since the Representation of the People Act 1918, which finally gave some women the right to vote, and the Parliament (Qualification of Women) Act 1918, which allowed women to stand for the UK Parliament; welcomes the activity taking place in Scotland and across the UK to celebrate and commemorate the centenary of women’s suffrage; further welcomes the considerable progress that has been made in women’s political representation over the last 100 years; recognises that the country is still far from achieving equal representation at any level of politics; welcomes campaigns such as #AskHerToStand, which encourage women to consider a career in politics; pays tribute to the suffragettes and suffragists who fought to ensure women’s right to vote, in some cases at considerable personal sacrifice; commends the many organisations and individuals that continue to work to realise women’s equal representation in public office as parliamentarians, local councillors and across society, and accepts that there is more work to be done to achieve equal representation for women.

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

**6. Encouraging Cyber-resilience Among Young People:** The Parliament debated S5M-09921 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament believes that one of the biggest issues for young people in Aberdeenshire and across the country is the pressure to share images of an intimate nature online with their peers; notes the view that an increased awareness of the career consequences, legal implications and bullying and mental health repercussions of such behaviour should be encouraged; acknowledges that recent figures from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service show the number of children reported to prosecutors for sexual offences has risen by 21% in four years and the number of reported cases involving a child committing a sexual offence against another increased by 34% over the same period; understands that so-called sexting is one of the main reasons for this increase in sexual offences among children, and welcomes campaigns, such as the Young Scot programme, Digi, Aye? Programme, which aim to tackle these issues.

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

The meeting closed at 6.41 pm.

## No. 76, Wednesday 7 February 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on HMICS Strategic Review of undercover policing.

**3. Stemming the Plastic Tide: Action to Tackle the Impact of Single-use Plastics on Land and in our Seas:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-10307—That the Parliament acknowledges and shares the increasing recognition of the cumulative damage that plastics are doing to the environment and economy, not just domestically but also globally; agrees that there is a need for an evidence-based approach to tackle the problem; welcomes the actions that the Scottish Government and others have taken to tackle litter at source and in areas of litter accumulation, and supports the aim to both encourage behaviour change in society and to seek legislative solutions to this problem where necessary and appropriate.

Maurice Golden moved amendment S5M-10307.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10307 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Stemming the Plastic Tide: Action to Tackle the Impact of Single-use Plastics on Land and in our Seas), insert at end “, and calls for a moratorium on any new incineration facilities to support Scotland’s journey towards a more circular economy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 62, Abstentions 26).

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S5M-10307.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10307 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Stemming the Plastic Tide: Action to Tackle the Impact of Single-use Plastics on Land and in our Seas), insert at end “; recognises the important role that education plays in raising public awareness and the value of Scottish Government support for volunteer clean-up programmes; notes the significance of the need for government action to help companies develop alternative materials to single-use plastics, and calls on the Scottish Government to support the remanufacturing of plastics as part of developing the circular economy.”

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

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-10307.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10307 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Stemming the Plastic Tide: Action to Tackle the Impact of Single-use Plastics on Land and in our Seas), insert at end “; remains shocked at levels of plastic found in wildlife across the globe; understands that, during every clothes wash, thousands of plastic microfibers escape from clothing that is made from synthetic materials, and that billions of these small fibres make their way into the oceans; acknowledges that plastic in the environment can be a harmful pollutant, and commits to collective action to reduce plastic pollution from microfibers as part of a comprehensive action plan.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges and shares the increasing recognition of the cumulative damage that plastics are doing to the environment and economy, not just domestically but also globally; agrees that there is a need for an evidence-based approach to tackle the problem; welcomes the actions that the Scottish Government and others have taken to tackle litter at source and in areas of litter accumulation; supports the aim to both encourage behaviour change in society and to seek legislative solutions to this problem where necessary and appropriate; recognises the important role that education plays in raising public awareness and the value of Scottish Government support for volunteer clean-up programmes; notes the significance of the need for government action to help companies develop alternative materials to single-use plastics; calls on the Scottish Government to support the remanufacturing of plastics as part of developing the circular economy; remains shocked at levels of plastic found in wildlife across the globe; understands that, during every clothes wash, thousands of plastic microfibers escape from clothing that is made from synthetic materials, and that billions of these small fibres make their way into the oceans; acknowledges that plastic in the environment can be a harmful pollutant, and commits to collective action to reduce plastic pollution from microfibers as part of a comprehensive action plan.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10351—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 February 2018

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm          Decision Time



*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 February 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 February 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: A Migration System that Meets the Needs of Scotland

*followed by* Legislative Consent Memorandum: Financial Guidance and Claims Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 February 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 p Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 February 2018

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 1 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 22 February 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10352—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 March 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-10353: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10354: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration etc.) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10355: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10356: 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) (No.2) 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) (No.2) 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 9 February 2018. Amendments may be lodged until 16:30 on any day when the office of the Clerk is open.”

**S5M-10357: 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 Scottish Crown Estate Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Increasing Awareness of the Work of Veteran Charities in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-09384 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the Parliament recognises the important work undertaken by veteran charities and organisations in Scotland; highlights the difficulty of veterans seeking help for physical or mental health problems, especially within the armed forces community where it believes the culture can make seeking help appear difficult; notes the work of the Aberdeenshire-based military charity, Horseback UK; understands that, for just under 10 years, Horseback UK has helped injured soldiers and veterans using horsemanship skills, and continues to do so today; acknowledges that the purpose behind the charity is to inspire recovery, regain self-esteem and provide a sense of purpose and community to the wounded, injured and sick within the military community; notes that, for the last four years, the charity has taken its knowledge gained from working with veterans to other communities, including activities involving sport and disengaged young people, in order to enable those who have been injured mentally or physically to then help others, after clinical care, and further notes that the charity has developed mentoring programmes to create a sense of community and purpose for those hurt and who now have a real desire to change public perception towards mental health and disability.

The meeting closed at 6.19 pm.

## No. 77, Thursday 8 February 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

**3. East Neuk First Responders:** The Parliament debated S5M-10145 in the name of Willie Rennie—That the Parliament commends the work of the charity, East Neuk First Responders, which provides care in life-threatening emergencies until an ambulance arrives; recognises the difference that early interventions can make in a medical emergency, such as CPR and defibrillation to the chances of survival from a heart attack and cardiac arrest; understands that East Neuk First Responders also provides first aid training, covers at events, runs a school lifesaver project and works in partnership with community councils to install public access defibrillators; considers that there are potential lifesavers in every community who could assist in the period it takes for the emergency services to arrive; notes the opportunities for partnerships to further utilise the expertise that exists, connecting and alerting volunteers who are qualified to provide critical care when they happen to be in the vicinity of a medical emergency, for example through the GoodSAM system, which can simultaneously dispatch the emergency services and local first aiders; recognises that, particularly in rural areas, the quick response and intervention of community first responders can save lives, and thanks the volunteers and staff at East Neuk First Responders and other initiatives that exist around the country.

**4. Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Transport and the Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-10358—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Islands (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Islands (Scotland) Bill - Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-09803—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Islands (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

## No. 78, Tuesday 20 February 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mr David Campbell, Church & Community Pastor, Maddiston Evangelical Church, Falkirk, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Scottish Rate Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-10397—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 2018-19 are as follows—
  - (a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,000,
  - (b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,000 and up to a limit of £12,150,
  - (c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £12,150 and up to a limit of £31,580,
  - (d) a higher rate of 41%, charged on income above £31,580 and up to a limit of £150,000, and
  - (e) a top rate of 46%, charged on income above £150,000.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 67, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

- 4. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time.
- 5. Quick Credit Voucher, Tackling Fuel Poverty in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-09838 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament recognises the Quick Credit Voucher scheme from Scottish Power; believes that the scheme offers a £49 credit payment designed to support customers who are referred to foodbanks and may be in need of fuel assistance; notes that the scheme is being piloted at the Hamilton District Foodbank in the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse parliamentary constituency; praises Scottish Power for showing, what it believes to be, an ethical and morally responsible approach in assisting customers to tackle fuel poverty; reiterates praise for the volunteers of the foodbank, noting their tireless work in providing food and assistance for over 4,015 people throughout 2016-17; believes that the Quick Credit Voucher model can be used as a template by others when offering customers support with their energy needs, and notes that other energy companies, including E.ON, npower, British Gas, EDF and SSE are being encouraged to respond to this campaign, helping those across Scotland who face the uncertainty of fuel poverty.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

**No. 79, Wednesday 21 February 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Urgent Question:** An urgent question on what the Scottish Governments response is to reports that the merger of the British Transport Police in Scotland and Police Scotland is to be delayed was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson).

**2. 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.

**3. Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill – Stage 3:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-10518—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10579—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 22 February—

after

2.30 pm          Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Prestwick Airport

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10562—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 February 2018

2.00 pm          Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Scottish Government Debate: Developing a Scottish Healthy Weight Strategy

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 February 2018

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 1 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Plan to Tackle Climate Change and Reduce Emissions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 March 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 March 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 8 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10563—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of Scottish Crown Estate Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 June 2018.

The motion was agreed to.



**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10564—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Islands (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 30 March 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-10565: 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 Prescription (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-10566: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10567: Approval of SSI—**That the Parliament agrees that the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Support for Victims) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**10. St John's Children's Ward, Still Closed to Out-of-hours Inpatients:** The Parliament debated S5M-10290 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament notes that the children's ward at St John's Hospital, Livingston, was closed to out-of-hours inpatients on 7 July 2017 for the third time in five years; understands that the latest report from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has concluded that the area's population should be served by a 24/7 inpatient service; believes that this reaffirms the college's previous report on this matter; understands that the closure is due to an ongoing failure to recruit the appropriate staff; believes that, in its report, the college found the staff to be exhausted because of the continued pressure to maintain services with too few colleagues, and notes the view that NHS Lothian and the Scottish Government should set out a clear and realistic timetable for the establishment of a staffing model, which will both support the ward and its staff and end the closure for good.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

## No. 80, Thursday 22 February 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Establishment of the Scottish Stone Group:** The Parliament debated S5M-09968 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament welcomes the establishment of the Scottish Stone Group, which has been set up to raise awareness of the country's indigenous stone sector and promote an important environmentally-sustainable material, by what it considers some of Scotland's leading stone companies, Denfind Stone of Angus, Hutton Stone of the Borders and Tradstocks of Stirlingshire; notes that, while approximately 85% of stone used in Scotland is currently imported, the group aims to promote the use of indigenous natural stone and grow the industry, creating more jobs and apprenticeships, and wishes it success in realising these ambitions.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Prestwick Airport.
- 5. Scotland's Population Needs and Migration Policy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-10571—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish Government's paper, Scotland's Population Needs and Migration Policy: Discussion Paper on Evidence, Policy and Powers for the Scottish Parliament, which details the unique challenges facing Scotland's population and the potential economic gains if migration was sustained; notes the findings of reports from the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee and the UK Parliament's Scottish Affairs Committee and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration, which agreed that the current migration system needs to change to reflect local circumstances; notes that the Fresh Talent scheme, which was introduced in 2005 by the Labour and Liberal Democrat coalition administration was both a recognition of the need for a differentiated solution to migration and a demonstration that such a differential approach is possible within a UK-wide system, and supports calls for a debate on the current UK-wide system and for that system to better serve Scotland through an evidence-led approach to appropriate powers for the Parliament, enabling the development of a differentiated, more flexible solution, which is tailored to meet Scotland's specific needs.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S5M-10571.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10571 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Scotland's Population Needs and Migration Policy), leave out from "unique" to end and insert "challenges facing Scotland and the rest of the UK's population and the potential economic gains if migration was sustained; notes the findings of reports by the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

and the UK Parliament's Scottish Affairs Committee and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration; further notes the concerns of the public and numerous business groups regarding the practicality of significant internal deviation within the UK's migration system, and recognises that any variable migration scheme for Scotland must be developed in close co-operation with the UK Government and within an overall framework."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-10571.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10571 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Scotland's Population Needs and Migration Policy), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "believes that immigration has proven valuable to the economy, population and public services, including the NHS, in all parts of the UK; further believes that immigration and freedom of movement within the EU has enriched the country; notes that, while the Fresh Talent Initiative addressed a specific need, its scale was not sufficient to solve the population and economic challenges that exist in Scotland, and other parts of the UK, and that larger-scale, substantially differentiated approaches would pose a risk to the Common Travel Area, and considers therefore that what is required is a new UK-wide debate on the benefits of immigration and for the UK Government to cease its divisive rhetoric, abandon its arbitrary immigration cap and produce a statement on the benefits of workers from overseas, similar to that produced by the Scottish Government's Chief Economist in January 2018."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 4, Against 104, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

**6. Financial Guidance and Claims Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved S5M-10568—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 22 June 2017, relating to core functions of the Single Financial Guidance Body (SFGB); provisions that will make it a criminal offence to pretend to be giving financial guidance on behalf of the SFGB, and the introduction of regulation of claims management companies by the Financial Conduct Authority to Scotland, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

## No. 81, Tuesday 27 February 2018

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend Dr Derek Browning, the 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-10713—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 27 February 2018—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Developing a Scottish healthy weight strategy

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: European Union Withdrawal Bill: Update

(b) Thursday 1 March 2018—

delete

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's plan to tackle climate change and reduce emissions

insert

2.15 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's plan to tackle climate change and reduce emissions  
The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Developing a Scottish Healthy Weight Strategy:** The Minister for Public Health and Sport (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-10652—That the Parliament supports the development of an ambitious new Scottish healthy weight strategy; believes that fresh action is necessary, as two thirds of the population are above a healthy weight and almost a third of children are in danger of being overweight or obese; recognises that obesity and the absence of a healthy diet are clearly linked to harms, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer; supports proposals that are anticipated to have the greatest effect, including restricting junk food price promotions, exploring the strengthening of current labelling arrangements and enhancing how nutrition information is communicated; acknowledges that the food environment in which people live must be addressed in this work as this has a significant impact on the choices that people make for their diet, and encourages the Scottish Government to examine where the current draft strategy can be strengthened as a result of feedback to the recent consultation.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-10652.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10652 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Developing a Scottish Healthy Weight Strategy), after “their diet” insert “; believes that a cross-portfolio approach is required to achieve meaningful change and embed the ambitions set out in the draft strategy; recognises the crucial role that an active lifestyle plays in tackling obesity and related conditions”.

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

David Stewart moved amendment S5M-10652.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10652 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Developing a Scottish Healthy Weight Strategy), insert at end “; notes the importance of an active lifestyle for maintaining good physical and mental health and wellbeing and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that resources are made available to support increased physical activity programmes for all ages and backgrounds; believes that the case for action is clear, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to consider bringing forward the timescale for the publication and implementation of its strategy as a matter of urgency.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the development of an ambitious new Scottish healthy weight strategy; believes that fresh action is necessary, as two thirds of the population are above a healthy weight and almost a third of children are in danger of being overweight or obese; recognises that obesity and the absence of a healthy diet are clearly linked to harms, including type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer; supports proposals that are anticipated to have the greatest effect, including restricting junk food price promotions, exploring the strengthening of current labelling arrangements and enhancing how nutrition information is communicated; acknowledges that the food environment in which people live must be addressed in this work as this has a significant impact on the choices that people make for their diet; believes that a cross-portfolio approach is required to achieve meaningful change and embed the ambitions set out in the draft strategy; recognises the crucial role that an active lifestyle plays in tackling obesity and related conditions; encourages the Scottish Government to examine where the current draft strategy can be strengthened as a result of feedback to the recent consultation; notes the importance of an active lifestyle for maintaining good physical and mental health and wellbeing and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that resources are made available to support increased physical activity programmes for all ages and backgrounds; believes that the case for action is clear, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to consider bringing forward the timescale for the publication and implementation of its strategy as a matter of urgency.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10729—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 28 February—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

2.10 pm Ministerial Statement: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

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

**8. Scotch Whisky Contribution to Scottish Tourism Industry:** The Parliament debated S5M-10433 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that Scotch whisky makes to the Scottish tourism sector; believes that 2016 saw a record number of visits to Scotch whisky distilleries, totalling 1.7 million, meaning that Scotch whisky distilleries, as a tourist attraction, are as popular as the Scottish National Gallery and St Paul's Cathedral; understands that the average visitor spend was £31 per person and £53 million overall in 2016; welcomes the new distillery to Hawick by The Three Stills Company, the first in the Scottish Borders since 1837, where a local visitor centre is planned, and wishes new and old whisky distilleries continued success in the coming year and beyond.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

**No. 82, Wednesday 28 February 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Business Motion:** That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on Thursday 1 March—

delete

12.45 pm          Members' Business

delete

2.15 pm          Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm          Ministerial Statement: Scotland's plan to tackle climate change and reduce emissions

insert

1.15 pm          Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm          Ministerial Statement: Scotland's plan to tackle climate change and reduce emissions

after

*followed by*      Stage 3 Amendments: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by*      Scottish Government debate: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Emergency Bill

The motion was agreed to.

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

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Lord Advocate (James Wolffe) made a statement and answered questions on the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.

**4. Early Years and Childcare:** Michelle Ballantyne moved S5M-10650—That the Parliament recognises the strong cross-party support for the expansion of childcare, but expresses its grave concern regarding the findings of the recent Accounts Commission report, Early Learning and Childcare, which stated that there were “significant risks” that local authorities would not be in a position to deliver the Scottish Government's target of 1,140 hours by 2020 because of the difference in estimated budget costs and additional pressures on staffing and additional infrastructure; notes the concerns expressed by the commission that the Scottish Government failed to undertake the necessary cost-benefit analysis of the 600 hours

provision, therefore failing to assess the impact on parents and providers of expanded childcare provision, particularly in terms of eligibility and the accessibility and flexibility of provision, and demands that the Scottish Government takes immediate action to address the concerns of the Accounts Commission and to engage constructively with groups, such as Fair Funding for our Kids, the National Day Nurseries Association Scotland and local authorities, to agree a comprehensive strategy that will deliver quality provision across Scotland.

Maree Todd moved amendment S5M-10650.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10650 in the name of Michelle Ballantyne (Early Years and Childcare), insert at end “; acknowledges the Audit Scotland finding that, since 2016, the Scottish Government and councils have been working closely together to plan how they will deliver this expansion and assess its impact; believes that the expansion of early learning and childcare will transform the life chances of children in Scotland, helping to give all children the best start in life; agrees that, by the end of the current session of Parliament, staff, including in partner providers, delivering funded early learning and childcare, should be paid at least the living wage; believes that the early learning and childcare delivered through the expansion must be high quality if the benefits to children are to be realised, and considers that the Audit Scotland finding, that parents were overwhelmingly positive about the quality of the provision and the benefits for their children, provides a strong foundation for the expansion to 1,140 hours by August 2020.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the strong cross-party support for the expansion of childcare, but expresses its grave concern regarding the findings of the recent Accounts Commission report, Early Learning and Childcare, which stated that there were “significant risks” that local authorities would not be in a position to deliver the Scottish Government’s target of 1,140 hours by 2020 because of the difference in estimated budget costs and additional pressures on staffing and additional infrastructure; notes the concerns expressed by the commission that the Scottish Government failed to undertake the necessary cost-benefit analysis of the 600 hours provision, therefore failing to assess the impact on parents and providers of expanded childcare provision, particularly in terms of eligibility and the accessibility and flexibility of provision; demands that the Scottish Government takes immediate action to address the concerns of the Accounts Commission and to engage constructively with groups, such as Fair Funding for our Kids, the National Day Nurseries Association Scotland and local authorities, to agree a comprehensive strategy that will deliver quality provision across Scotland; acknowledges the Audit Scotland finding that, since 2016, the Scottish Government and councils have been working closely together to plan how they will deliver this expansion and assess its impact; believes that the expansion of early learning and childcare will transform the life chances of children in Scotland, helping to give all children the best start in life; agrees that, by the end of the current session of Parliament, staff, including in partner providers, delivering funded early learning and



childcare, should be paid at least the living wage; believes that the early learning and childcare delivered through the expansion must be high quality if the benefits to children are to be realised, and considers that the Audit Scotland finding, that parents were overwhelmingly positive about the quality of the provision and the benefits for their children, provides a strong foundation for the expansion to 1,140 hours by August 2020.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10721—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 March 2018

1.15 pm            Time for Reflection

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*      Members' Business

*followed by*      Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*      Ministerial Statement: Widening Access to Higher Education

*followed by*      Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018 [Draft]

*followed by*      Stage 1 Debate: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*      Financial Resolution: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*      Business Motions

*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm            Decision Time

*followed by*      Members' Business

Wednesday 7 March 2018

1.30 pm            Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm            Portfolio Questions

Education and Skills

*followed by*      Stage 3 Debate: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*      Scottish Government Debate: Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 8 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 March 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 14 March 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 15 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10722—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prescription (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 June 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-10724: Designation of Lead Committee:** That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-10725: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft]:** That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

**S5M-10726: Approval of SSI:** That the Parliament agrees that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Supplementary and Consequential Provisions) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10746: Designation of Lead Committee:** That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee be designated as a secondary committee, in consideration of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.

**S5M-10751: Meetings of Committees:** 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 1.15pm to 2.00pm on 6 March 2018.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-09834 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament notes that 26 February marks the beginning of Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2018; acknowledges that these disorders are serious mental health conditions that affect people psychologically, socially, and physically; understands that approximately 1.25 million people in the UK have an eating disorder, of which an estimated 89% are female; praises the Scottish Eating Disorders Interest Group and the charity, Beat, on providing what it sees as vital help for people with such conditions and their families; notes that the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027 commits to working toward the development of a digital tool to specifically support young people with eating disorders; highlights the programme, See Me, which it considers has been instrumental in tackling the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health issues, including eating disorders, and notes the calls for all stakeholders to continue to working together to ensure that the appropriate help is available and that early intervention is essential in reducing unnecessary deaths.

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

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

## No. 83, Thursday 1 March 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10745—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business on Thursday 1 March—

delete

1:15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's plan to tackle climate change and reduce emissions

*followed by* Stage 3 Amendments: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Emergency Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Insert

*followed by* *Scottish Government Debate: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Emergency Bill*

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed.

**2. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

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

**4. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) moved S5M-10735—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

**5. Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10745—That, subject to the Parliament’s agreement to treat the Bill as an Emergency Bill, the Parliament agrees to consider the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill as follows: stage 1 on Wednesday 7 March; stage 2 on Tuesday 13 March and stage 3 on Wednesday 21 March.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

**6. Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10764—That, subject to the Parliament’s agreement to treat the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill as an emergency Bill, the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business Wednesday 7 March—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage

insert

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 2.03 pm.

**No. 84, Tuesday 6 March 2018**

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection: Commissioner Keith Banks (The Salvation Army), Chaplain, Glasgow Airport,** led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10833—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 6 March—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's plan to tackle climate change and reduce emissions

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Atrial Fibrillation in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-09376 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament welcomes Focus on Atrial Fibrillation in Scotland; A report by the Cross Party Group on Heart Disease and Stroke, which is due to be published on 23 January 2018; recognises that this heart condition, which affects an estimated 145,000 people across the country, including in the South Scotland parliamentary region, increases the risk of stroke by fivefold; welcomes the work that has taken place in compiling the report, and thanks the members of the advisory panel who supported and informed the report and helped formulate the recommendations.

**4. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (John Swinney).

**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 plan to tackle climate change and reduce emissions.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Widening Access to Higher Education.

**7. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-10794—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

**8. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland Bill – Stage 1:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-10795—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**9. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-10654—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (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).

**10. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10843—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 7 March—

delete

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

and delete

5:30 pm Decision Time

and insert

5:00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**11. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10844—That the Parliament agrees, further to its resolution on 1 March 2018 to treat the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill as an Emergency Bill, to suspend the first sentence in Rule 9.21.6 for the purposes of stage 2 consideration of the bill and that stage 2 will be taken by the Finance and Constitution Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9 and 11 as noted above.

**13. LEADER Programme:** The Parliament debated S5M-10223 in the name of Mairi Gougeon—That the Parliament acknowledges the excellent high-quality projects currently being delivered by the LEADER programme, the EU fund that has been



supporting community-led local development in rural areas for over 25 years; notes what it considers the solid and unique framework provided by LEADER, which creates local partnerships between individuals, rural-based enterprises and communities, enabling them to innovate, diversify and become more sustainable; recognises the value of LEADER in facilitating co-operation between community-led projects in different parts of rural Scotland, including in Angus North and Mearns, the UK and Europe; commends the LEADER staff and local action groups across the 21 programmes in Scotland, which have, to date, approved, or are in the process of approving, more than 400 projects since 2014; notes the interim report by the National Council of Rural Advisers, which it understands highlights that, in terms of targeting resources, there is scope to learn from the application of the LEADER approach that drives community-led local development and has a unique role in enabling local partnerships, and notes calls for urgent clarity from the UK Government on what will replace this funding once the UK is no longer a member of the EU, including how money will be allocated, how projects will be approved and delivered, and what the total allocations will be.

**14. Motion Without Notice:** Mairi Gougeon 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. 85, Wednesday 7 March 2018**

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

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

**2. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) moved S5M-10817—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**3. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-10784—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (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 94, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10838—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 March 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Pre-Stage 2 Debate: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 14 March 2018

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Members' Business

*followed by* 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 15 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on South of Scotland Partnership

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 March 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.35 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 March 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 15 March 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

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

**6. Electronic and Internet Voting:** The Parliament debated S5M-10817 in the name of Stewart Stevenson— That the Parliament acknowledges that there is an increasingly wide spectrum of applications for digital technology, including those related to internet shopping, banking, travel and automated supermarket checkouts; understands that the latest digital technology has the potential to be developed for electronic and internet voting and deliver electors flexibility in their choice of voting method; considers that the traditional paper voting method has remained virtually unchanged since 1872 and has yet to benefit from advancements in technology; notes the calls by the Institution of Engineering and Technology for government to embrace the latest knowledge in electronic voting, which it believes will encourage more young people in the Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency and across Scotland to vote and help reduce the costs of the traditional paper voting system; recognises that there are important security considerations relating to confidentiality and eligibility that must first be resolved; believes that when these issues are resolved and public confidence is earned, electronic voting has the potential to deliver lower cost elections and improve voter turnout; acknowledges what it sees as the opportunity presented by the Scottish Government’s consultation on electoral reform to further investigate the potential benefits of electronic and internet voting systems, and notes the calls on individuals and organisations to take part.

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Stewart Stevenson 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. 86, Thursday 8 March 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

**3. Save the Greenbelt:** The Parliament debated S5M-10476 in the name of Graham Simpson—That the Parliament notes the efforts of campaigners fighting to save greenbelt land at Woodhall and Faskine estates in North Lanarkshire from development; considers that greenbelt and greenspaces play an important role in aiding physical and mental health; notes the view that such land should not be given up for development, and commends the Save Woodhall and Faskine group on its efforts to save what it believes is an important area for generations to come.

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

**5. International Women's Day:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) moved S5M-10851—That the Parliament unites on International Women's Day to reaffirm its commitment to upholding and protecting the rights of women and girls, which are fundamental human rights; welcomes Scotland's Year of Young People 2018, which aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally; further welcomes the opportunity to reflect on young women and girls' experience of gender inequality and what they would like to see change in the future; notes the Scottish Government's commitment and ongoing activity to tackle gender inequality; pays tribute to the many and valued contributions of young women and girls, in Scotland, across the UK and around the world, who are advocating for, and in some cases making, change towards gender parity in their communities, and acknowledges organisations, such as Girlguiding Scotland, Young Scot and YWCA Scotland – the Young Women's Movement, which play a vital role in ensuring that the voices of young women and girls are heard and acted on.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-10851.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10851 in the name of Angela Constance (International Women's Day), after "globally;" insert "notes that more girls are studying STEM subjects and law but more must be done to retain and promote women, as men still dominate these fields at senior levels; welcomes the work of the UK Government to address issues such as the gender pay gap;".

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

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-10851.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10851 in the name of Angela Constance (International Women’s Day), insert at end “, and notes that the theme of this International Women’s Day is Press for Progress and, in this vein, presses for progress on the elimination of violence against women, closing the gender pay gap, ending period poverty and, for once and for all, smashing the glass ceiling that prevents women achieving their full potential.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament unites on International Women’s Day to reaffirm its commitment to upholding and protecting the rights of women and girls, which are fundamental human rights; welcomes Scotland’s Year of Young People 2018, which aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally; notes that more girls are studying STEM subjects and law but more must be done to retain and promote women, as men still dominate these fields at senior levels; welcomes the work of the UK Government to address issues such as the gender pay gap; further welcomes the opportunity to reflect on young women and girls’ experience of gender inequality and what they would like to see change in the future; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment and ongoing activity to tackle gender inequality; pays tribute to the many and valued contributions of young women and girls, in Scotland, across the UK and around the world, who are advocating for, and in some cases making, change towards gender parity in their communities; acknowledges organisations, such as Girlguiding Scotland, Young Scot and YWCA Scotland – the Young Women’s Movement, which play a vital role in ensuring that the voices of young women and girls are heard and acted on, and notes that the theme of this International Women’s Day is Press for Progress and, in this vein, presses for progress on the elimination of violence against women, closing the gender pay gap, ending period poverty and, for once and for all, smashing the glass ceiling that prevents women achieving their full potential.

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

**S5M-10839: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10840: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10841: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Authorities subject to the Socio-economic Inequality Duty) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10842: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Searches under Part 5: Constables in Scotland: Code of Practice) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-10901: Committee Meeting**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Local Government and Communities Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 1.15pm to 2.00pm on 13 March 2018 for the purpose of consideration of the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

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 5.02 pm.



**No. 87, Tuesday 13 March 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend MaryAnn Rennie, Parish Minister, The Abbey Church of Dunfermline, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10976—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 15 March—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on South of Scotland Partnership

and insert

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on South of Scotland Partnership

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10975—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 may continue on Wednesday 14 March.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**5. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Pre Stage 2:** The Parliament debated the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.

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

The meeting closed at 4.59 pm.

## No. 88, Wednesday 14 March 2018

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

**1. Commonwealth Day 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-10573 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament welcomes the theme for Commonwealth Day 2018, which is Towards a Common Future; acknowledges the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association’s (CPA) British Islands and Mediterranean Region to strengthen its role within the association; congratulates Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians on its efforts to increase female representation in Commonwealth legislatures and towards the mainstreaming of gender considerations in all CPA activities and programmes, and notes the hope that the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in April 2018 will achieve its aims to reaffirm common values, address shared global challenges and agree how to work to create a better future for all citizens in the Commonwealth, particularly young people.

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

**3. Procurement:** Jackie Baillie moved S5M-10962—That the Parliament believes that the procurement of goods, services and construction projects by the Scottish Government and the wider public sector should provide value for money, ensure that good employment practices are followed, have a supply chain that is anchored in Scotland and provide opportunities for businesses and jobs; regrets that the Scottish Government has failed to achieve these objectives, and believes that an urgent review of procurement, including employment practice and the operation of the Scottish Futures Trust, is required.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S5M-10962.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10962 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Procurement), leave out from “that the Scottish Government” to end and insert “the threat posed to the Scottish Government’s ability to continue to lead the way in promoting sustainable procurement by the UK Government’s attempts to use withdrawal from the EU as an excuse to take devolved powers away from the Parliament, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s plans to publish a report of procurement activity in Scotland by the end of financial year 2018-19.”

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

Jamie Halcro Johnston moved amendment S5M-10962.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-10962 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Procurement), leave out from “an urgent review” to end and insert “the Scottish Government should encourage and increase the use of sustainable procurement practices to cut wasteful spending.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10987—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 March 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.35 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 March 2018

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Members' Business

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

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 22 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 March 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 March 2018

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 29 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 22 March 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10988—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Incinerators, Public Health and Planning in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-10364 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament recognises the important role of the planning system in making decisions about future developments and the use of land in communities; believes that planning decisions should always strive to enhance communities and create high-quality, sustainable places that support the health and wellbeing of current and future generations; understands that planning applications for incineration and energy-from-waste proposals are attracting high levels of opposition from the public and that concerns over public health, traffic, safety and impact on residential amenity are commonly raised as grounds for objection by residents in Lanarkshire, as well as other parts of Scotland; agrees that increasing community engagement in the planning process is important and is concerned that the public does not feel adequately informed or reassured when presented with incineration and energy-from-waste proposals; understands that, at a local and regional level, there is apparent widespread public and political opposition to incineration and energy-from-waste planning applications, leading to concerns that Scottish Planning Policy and the statutory planning process is not affording sufficient protection to communities, and notes the calls, as a matter of public interest, on the Scottish Government to update the Parliament on the latest public health information and research that is

available on incineration and energy-from-waste technologies, including the impacts on human health and how this informs the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Plan and the expectations of everyone involved in the planning process.

**8. 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 6.03 pm.

**No. 89, Thursday 15 March 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

**3. Driverless Cars Bringing Transformative Change to Scotland:** The Parliament debated S5M-10471 in the name of Ivan McKee—That the Parliament notes reports that automated transport, including driverless cars, will be on the roads in the UK in 2021 and will be commonplace in Scotland by 2030; considers that this development will represent more than a simple transport revolution, with significant and fundamental implications for society, the economy, jobs, transport policy, environment and energy policy, space planning, safety and privacy, and notes the belief that steps must be taken now to explore all of the opportunities and challenges that these developments will bring so that people in the Glasgow Provan constituency and across Scotland can fully benefit from being at the forefront of what it sees as the coming transformative change.

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

**5. Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10993—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill, debate on the groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 50 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Ministerial Statement: Update on South of Scotland Partnership.

**7. Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 60, Against 62, Abstentions 0)

- 2 (For 60, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 60, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 60, Against 62, Abstentions 0)

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**8. Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** James Kelly moved S5M-10790—That the Parliament agrees that the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

**9. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11069—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 20 March—

delete

5.35 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.



**No. 90, Tuesday 20 March 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Jonathan Ainslie, School visitor, Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11112—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill debate on the groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Group 1 to 3: 1 hour 50 minutes  
Group 4 to 6: 1 hour 50 minutes  
Group 7 to 9: 2 hours 45 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Scottish fishing industry's concerns about the terms of the Brexit transition agreement between the UK Government and the European Union. The question was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing).

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

**5. Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 31, 3, 41, 4, 32, 35, 36, 37, 5, 38, 7A, 7B, 7D, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 39B, 25, 27 and 28.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

30	(For 63, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
33	(For 94, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
34	(For 94, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
6	(For 89, Against 35, Abstentions 0)
7C	(For 90, Against 34, Abstentions 0)
7	(For 64, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
1	(For 63, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
10	(For 89, Against 32, Abstentions 0)
11	(For 87, Against 35, Abstentions 0)
12	(For 89, Against 33, Abstentions 0)
39D	(For 89, Against 35, Abstentions 0)
39	(For 63, Against 61, Abstentions 0)

40	(For 88, Against 35, Abstentions 0)
24	(For 64, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
26	(For 83, Against 41, Abstentions 0)
2A	(For 83, Against 41, Abstentions 0)
2	(For 62, Against 61, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

29	(For 33, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
7E	(For 60, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
39A	(For 61, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 39C was not moved.

Amendment 23 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the third time limit by 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer altered the time of Decision Time by 30 minutes in consequence of the motion under Rule 9.8.5A being agreed to and notified members accordingly.

The Presiding Officer determined, under rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject matter.

**6. Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-11111—That the Parliament agrees that the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11170—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) that, for the purposes of consideration of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill on Wednesday 21 March, in Rule 2.2.4 of the Standing Orders “19:30” be substituted for “19:00”; and

(b) to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 21 March—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**9. Holodomor Remembrance Day 2017:** The Parliament debated S5M-08629 in the name of Peter Chapman—That the Parliament notes the day of commemoration and remembrance of the Ukrainian Holodomor, which will take place on 25 November 2017; considers that the Holodomor, literally meaning extermination by hunger, was a deliberate man-made famine designed by Joseph Stalin’s Soviet regime to crush Ukrainian nationalism and the Ukrainian peasantry, whom he viewed as a threat; understands that, due to the wall of secrecy imposed by the former Soviet Union, it is difficult to know how many perished during the Holodomor of 1932-33, although recognises that recent research suggests that between three and seven and a half million may have died as a direct result of the Soviet-imposed famine in Ukraine; notes that, during the height of the famine, international offers of aid and support were turned down by the regime, while vital food stores were allowed to rot in warehouses under armed guard; believes the Holodomor to be a deliberate act of genocide that must be fully understood and recognised by current and future generations, and notes the important role that the Holodomor Remembrance Day plays in achieving this aim.

The meeting closed at 7.21 pm.

**No. 91, Wednesday 21 March 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11152—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour

Groups 4 and 5: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 6 to 8: 2 hours 25 minutes

Groups 9 to 15: 3 hours 50 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination:** The Parliament debated S5M-10173 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament recognises that 21 March 2018 is the UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; understands that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaims that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set out therein without distinction to race, colour or national origin; notes that racial inequality and racial discrimination continue to be prevalent and, at times, accepted in society, despite the ratification of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination nearly 53 years ago; condemns all forms of racism and racial discrimination in Scotland; notes that the UN has urged taking comprehensive measures to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerances; welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government's Race Equality Framework for Scotland 2016-2030 and the Race Equality Action Plan 2017-2021, and notes the calls for there to be regular updates on actions taken to fully eradicate racism and racial discrimination in Scotland.

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

**4. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 42, 66, 44, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 16, 17, 59, 60, 63 and 64.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 15 (For 74, Against 54, Abstentions 0)
- 23 (For 73, Against 54, Abstentions 0)
- 24 (For 128, Against 0, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 96, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 97, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
- 41 (For 97, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
- 43 (For 97, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
- 58 (For 68, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 61 (For 65, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 62 (For 90, Against 36, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 14A (For 28, Against 100, Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 31, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
- 18 (For 31, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
- 19 (For 59, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 20 (For 59, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 21 (For 59, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 22 (For 58, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
- 26 (For 58, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
- 27 (For 58, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 28 (For 59, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
- 29 (For 57, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 37 (For 59, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 65 (For 60, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
- 44A (For 59, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 45 (For 59, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 49 (For 59, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
- 54 (For 59, Against 69, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Amendment 3 was pre-empted.

The Presiding Officer determined, under rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject matter.

**5. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland’s Place in Europe (Michael Russell) moved S5M-11136—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 95, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11215—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 22 March—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Major Infrastructure Projects

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11161—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 March 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Fair Start Scotland: Launching Scotland's New Employment Support Service and Welcoming the Opportunity for Better Integration and Alignment

*followed by* Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: City Regions - Deal or No Deal?

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 March 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 29 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Every Child, Every Chance: Scotland's First Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2018-2022

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Support for the (UNESCO) Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 April 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 18 April 2018

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 19 April 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 29 March 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11162—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the



Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 14 September 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11163—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 April 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-11164: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 11.40 am to 12 noon on 19 April for the purpose of meeting with the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

**S5M-11165: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill (UK Legislation).

**S5M-11166: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities and Human Rights Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**S5M-11167: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Adult Carers and Young Carers: Identification of Outcomes and Needs for Support) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-11168: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.

## No. 92, Thursday 22 March 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Down's Syndrome Awareness Week:** The Parliament debated S5M-10188 in the name of Johann Lamont—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Down's Syndrome Awareness Week, from 19 to 25 March 2018, in highlighting the contribution made by, and issues affecting, people with Down's syndrome; understands that Down's Syndrome Scotland is set to host a fundraising concert in Glasgow to launch the week; further understands that a number of young people with the condition are set to be commissioners and hosts for the forthcoming World Down Syndrome Congress, which is to be held in Glasgow in July 2018 where 1,200 delegates will visit the city, and wishes all involved the best for Down's Syndrome Awareness Week.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Major Infrastructure Projects.
- 5. Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace:** The Minister for Employability and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-11160—That the Parliament shares the vision of the Fair Work Convention that, by 2025, people in Scotland will have a world-leading working life in which fair work drives success, wellbeing and prosperity for individuals, businesses, organisations and society; considers fair work as central to achieving inclusive growth; commends all employers that recognise the value of their workforce by giving them fair access to opportunity, respect, security, fulfilment and an effective voice; recognises the vital role of trade unions to Scotland's economy, society and workforce; condemns those who seek to exploit workers, and recognises the importance of the EU social pillar in ensuring that workers can have ongoing protections and rights in statute.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-11160.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11160 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace), leave out from “to Scotland's economy” to end and insert “, and their individual members, to Scotland's economy, society and workforce; condemns those who seek to exploit workers; welcomes the commitment given by the UK Government that all employment rights derived from EU law are to be incorporated in domestic law following the UK's departure from the EU; acknowledges that the vast majority of recommendations from the independent Taylor review of modern employment practices will be taken forward, and considers that these commitments will position the UK at the forefront internationally in addressing the challenges and opportunities of modern working.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 76, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-11160.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11160 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Building Greater Fairness in the Workplace), insert at end “; notes, however, the hypocrisy of the Scottish Government, which has failed to ensure fair pay and employment rights when awarding public money to private firms, as reported on several public projects across Scotland; further notes that the Scottish Government has added to the problem of insecure work through the long-term use of agency workers in its agencies; calls on the Scottish Government to end this exploitative practice, and further calls on ministers to urgently review public procurement in Scotland to end these abhorrent working practices.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 25, Abstentions 0).

**6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11236—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2018 be approved.

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 5.05 pm.

**No. 93, Tuesday 27 March 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Shuna Dicks, Minister, Cults Parish Church of Scotland, Aberdeen, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Employability and Training (Jamie Hepburn) made a statement and answered questions on Fair Start Scotland: Launching Scotland's New Employment Support Service and Welcoming the Opportunity for Better Integration and Alignment.
- 4. Local Government and Communities Committee: City Regions: Deal or No Deal?:** Bob Doris, on behalf of the Local Government and Communities Committee, moved S5M-11230—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Local Government and Communities Committee's 1st report, 2018 (Session 5), City Regions: Deal or No Deal? (SP Paper 254).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.
- 6. Cancer Awareness for Young People:** The Parliament debated S5M-11056 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament understands that 40% of cancers in adulthood are preventable; notes the view therefore that there is a need to make sure that every young person is educated about cancerous signs and symptoms; commends the vital work carried out already by Teenage Cancer Trust through its Education and Awareness programme in schools to empower young people to take control of their own health, and notes the calls for more to be done to protect the next generation and for Members to work together to ensure that every school in Scotland, including in the Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, can help pupils to receive the cancer education that they need, particularly with 2018 being the Year of Young People.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

**No. 94, Wednesday 28 March 2018**

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. Better Buses:** John Finnie moved S5M-11289—That the Parliament believes that coordinated action is needed to deliver cheaper fares, more routes and reliable services to make buses a practical option for more people and communities across Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to set a statutory target in its forthcoming transport bill to reverse the decline in bus usage.

Humza Yousaf moved amendment S5M-11289.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11289 in the name of John Finnie (Better Buses), leave out from “coordinated” to end and insert “partnership working at national and local level is needed to deliver cheaper fares, more routes and reliable services to make buses a practical option for more people and communities across Scotland; further believes that the forthcoming transport bill is a key opportunity to set the framework for transport authorities and bus operators to work together to reverse the decline in bus usage; considers that the bill will give local authorities the flexibility to pursue partnership working, local franchising or running their own buses, allowing them to better respond to local needs, and further considers that the proposed new statutory partnership model should allow transport authorities to set their own objectives for the good of their communities.”

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-11289.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11289 in the name of John Finnie (Better Buses), insert at end “, or via another appropriate but measurable method in relevant Scottish Government transport strategies, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with local authorities to ensure that timetabling and bus provision better meet local demands.”

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-11289.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11289 in the name of John Finnie (Better Buses), insert at end “and put municipal ownership and bus reregulation at the heart of the bill to allow local authorities to set up bus services to serve their communities, protect bus routes, deliver minimum standards in concessionary travel, in particular for young people, and drive up staff terms and conditions, and is concerned that any measures to cut back availability of the current concessionary travel scheme will decrease bus usage further.”

After debate, amendment S5M-11289.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendments S5M-11289.3 and S5M-11289.4 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 0, Abstentions 5).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that partnership working at national and local level is needed to deliver cheaper fares, more routes and reliable services to make buses a practical option for more people and communities across Scotland; further believes that the forthcoming transport bill is a key opportunity to set the framework for transport authorities and bus operators to work together to reverse the decline in bus usage; considers that the bill will give local authorities the flexibility to pursue partnership working, local franchising or running their own buses, allowing them to better respond to local needs, and further considers that the proposed new statutory partnership model should allow transport authorities to set their own objectives for the good of their communities.

**3. Scrap the Council Tax:** Andy Wightman moved S5M-11290—That the Parliament believes that the present Council Tax system must end; agrees that its replacement must be a progressive alternative, and calls on the Scottish Government to convene a cross-party implementation group by 31 May 2018.

Derek Mackay moved amendment S5M-11290.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11290 in the name of Andy Wightman (Scrap the Council Tax), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that the present Council Tax system was changed in 2016 to make it more progressive; acknowledges that these changes will result in an estimated additional £500 million over the course of the current parliamentary session; considers that any changes to local government taxation must be done in partnership with local authorities; recognises that the Land Commission is undertaking work on the introduction of a land value tax and that a joint review of local governance is underway, and notes that the Scottish Government is open to further dialogue on options for local tax reform and any plan that would command the clear support of Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-11290.2.1—

As an amendment to amendment S5M-11290.2 in the name of Derek Mackay (Scrap the Council Tax), insert at end “, but believes that any reform of local taxation should not be used as an opportunity to increase the tax burden on households.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

James Kelly moved amendment S5M-11290.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11290 in the name of Andy Wightman (Scrap the Council Tax), insert at end “; notes that the current SNP administration

came to power more than 10 years ago promising to scrap the unfair Council Tax, yet its successive governments have failed to do so, and believes that councils should be re-empowered and have the choice to raise revenue in different ways, for example through a tourist tax, a tax on vacant or economically inactive land or a social responsibility levy on alcohol sales.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the present Council Tax system was changed in 2016 to make it more progressive; acknowledges that these changes will result in an estimated additional £500 million over the course of the current parliamentary session; considers that any changes to local government taxation must be done in partnership with local authorities; recognises that the Land Commission is undertaking work on the introduction of a land value tax and that a joint review of local governance is underway, and notes that the Scottish Government is open to further dialogue on options for local tax reform and any plan that would command the clear support of Parliament.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11339—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 April 2018

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: Air Quality in Scotland Inquiry

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 18 April 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 19 April 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Safe Injection Facilities

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 April 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time



*followed by Members' Business*

Wednesday 25 April 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

*followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security (Scotland) Bill*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 26 April 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 19 April 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-11340: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

**S5M-11341: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 17.5 of Standing Orders, the Local Government and Communities

Committee be appointed as lead committee on the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's revised National Outcomes.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Earth Hour 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-10561 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament welcomes WWF Earth Hour 2018, which starts at 8.30pm on 24 March; understands that, while people do a wide range of things to show that they care about the planet's future, millions will choose to mark Earth Hour by going "lights out" for 60 minutes as a symbolic show of solidarity in tackling climate change; celebrates reports that families and communities across Scotland will be taking part, joining the Parliament and some of the world's biggest landmarks, such as the Sydney Opera House, the Eiffel Tower and Edinburgh Castle, in switching off their lights as a visual display of their commitment; believes that Scotland's local authorities have always played a major role in the success of the event, with Scotland being the first country to have its councils give the hour 100% support; considers that this awareness event has become a moment for people around the world to think about the importance of helping bring real change to the lives of people; acknowledges what it sees as the continued cross-party support for the aims of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, and notes the view that this should be built on in the Scottish Government's forthcoming climate change legislation.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

**No. 95, Thursday 29 March 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2018:** The Parliament debated S5M-10268 in the name of Jamie Halcro Johnston—That the Parliament notes that 5 to 9 March 2018 is Scottish Apprenticeship Week; understands that this year's theme is Apprenticeships are the Business; appreciates that the week aims to highlight the importance and value of apprenticeships to individuals, businesses and the economy, with events, visits and activity taking place across the country to encourage more employers to take on apprentices and ask young people to consider an apprenticeship; notes the emergence of foundation and graduate schemes, which now complement modern apprenticeships; acknowledges that Members are being encouraged to get involved by visiting an apprenticeship employer or training provider in their area, and hopes that all of the employers, training providers and apprentices involved in the activities have a successful week.
- 4. Motion Without Notice:** Jamie Halco Johnston 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 Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Every Child, Every Chance: Scotland's First Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2018-2022.
- 6. Scotland's Support for the (UNESCO) Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-11347—That the Parliament notes the terms and purposes of the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, which was adopted by UNESCO in 2003, and calls on the UK Government to ratify it.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S5M-11347.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11347 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Scotland's Support for the (UNESCO) Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage), leave out from “, and calls” to end and insert “; notes the UK Government's position that it is necessary to carefully prioritise resources towards those conventions that will have the most impact on the safeguarding of heritage, such as the recent ratification of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property; understands the importance that oral traditions, social practices and festive events have to Scotland and the wider UK's cultural fabric, and joins the UK Government's continuing calls to encourage communities to celebrate such practices and to pass them on to

future generations for them to do the same, and believes that the UK Government should, in due course, ratify the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**7. Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Local Government and Housing (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-11350—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**8. Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill – UK Legislation:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-11345—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill, which completed House of Lords report stage on 27 February 2018, relating to the creation of a new offence regarding the misuse of lasers in relation to vehicles, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11397—That the Parliament agrees that Neil Bibby be appointed to replace Alex Rowley as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**No. 96, Tuesday 17 April 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Alexander Ritchie, Minister of Erskine United Free Church, Burntisland and former Moderator of the General Assembly, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11679—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 17 April—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Tayside

after

*followed by* Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Debate: Air Quality in Scotland Inquiry

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on BiFab

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 Ministers.

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

**5. Air Quality in Scotland Inquiry:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee moved S5M-11643—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee's 1st Report, 2018 (Session 5), *Air Quality in Scotland Inquiry* (SP Paper 117).

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

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Update on BiFab.

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

**8. 150th Anniversary of Aberdeen Trades Union Council:** The Parliament debated S5M-10859 in the name of Lewis Macdonald—That the Parliament recognises that Aberdeen Trades Union Council (ATUC) is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2018; understands that the ATUC, which was formed in 1868 as the first permanent alliance of organised workers in different trades and industries in the north east, continues to represent the interests of workers today; notes that the celebrations started with a civic reception, which was hosted by the Lord Provost and city council at the Town House on 7 March and will continue throughout the year at regular annual events, including International Women’s Day, International Workers Memorial Day, the May Day and St Andrew’s Day marches, with a civic reception with Aberdeenshire Council in November; commends all who have been involved with the ATUC throughout its long and illustrious history, and looks forward to many more years of effective trade union organisation and representation in Aberdeen and North East Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

**No. 97, Wednesday 18 April 2018**

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 a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**2. Historic Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-11659—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11683—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 April 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: National Plan for Gaelic

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 25 April 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Social Security (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 26 April 2018

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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings)  
(Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 2 May 2018

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Members' Business

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 3 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by Members' Business*

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by Scottish Government Business*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 26 April 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11684—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 16 November 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-11685: First Minister's Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions**—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 8 May should be 9.30am on Tuesday 8 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 4 May;

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Thursday 10 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 4 May;

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 29 May should be 9.30am on Tuesday 29 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 June should end at 12 noon on Thursday 24 May; and

lodge a First Minister's Question for answer on Thursday 31 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 29 May.

**S5M-11686: Committee Membership**—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership apply from close of business on Thursday 19 April 2018—

Gil Paterson is to be appointed to replace Kate Forbes on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

David Torrance is to be appointed to replace Kate Forbes on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Jenny Gilruth is to be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor on the Justice Committee;

Kate Forbes is to be appointed to replace Fulton MacGregor on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee;

Tom Arthur is to be appointed to replace David Torrance on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Fulton MacGregor is to be appointed to replace David Torrance on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Fulton MacGregor is to be appointed to replace Tom Arthur on the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Kate Forbes is to be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth on the Health and Sport Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Artificial Intelligence, Future Prosperity, a Threat to Employment or Existential Threat?:** The Parliament debated S5M-10161 in the name of Kenneth

Gibson—That the Parliament considers that artificial intelligence (AI) represents a potential asset to Scotland’s economy and could contribute to growth in productivity and gross domestic product (GDP); acknowledges the findings of the PwC report, The economic impact of artificial intelligence on the UK economy, which was published in June 2017 and states that the impact of AI across Scotland’s economy could boost annual GDP by up to £16,700 million by 2030; realises that the development of AI will require new industries to be formed in order to supply and service new automated solutions, therefore contributing to net employment growth; appreciates that Scotland embracing AI technology could bring benefits across society, including greater prosperity, productivity and more individual leisure time, not least to the people and communities of Cunninghame North; also notes the Cities Outlook report, published in January 2018, which suggests that 230,000 jobs in Scottish cities could be lost to automation and globalisation by 2030; is aware however, that some experts in the field of AI fear that its development will ultimately be detrimental to humanity, a matter often raised in science fiction; understands that Professor Kevin Warwick, of Coventry University, attests that networked AI systems cannot be just “switched off” when they go rogue, which is a particular problem in military applications where AI is currently being developed; understands that the Tesla car maker, Elon Musk, asserts AI to be as big a threat to humanity as climate change or nuclear war; believes that, in California, a “singularity”, which will be an ultra-intelligent machine that can make itself even more clever will have been developed within three or four decades; notes the view that, to ensure systems are developed in a responsible and controlled way, open up economic opportunities and minimise potential threats, a debate on AI and its implications for Scotland is long overdue; concludes that AI and its growing importance is an issue of global significance, and notes calls for the Parliament to address this.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

## No. 98, Thursday 19 April 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

**3. RAF100, the Centenary of the RAF:** The Parliament debated S5M-10590 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament acknowledges the centenary of the founding of the Royal Air Force (RAF) on 1 April 1918; notes its role in many conflicts, including the Second World War; acknowledges that, by denying the Luftwaffe air supremacy during the Battle of Britain, it helped prevent the German invasion of the UK; notes that the two Royal Auxiliary Air Force squadrons, 602 (City of Glasgow) and 603 (City of Edinburgh), which were established in 1925 and remain active, played a significant role in that conflict, including bringing down the first enemy aircraft in the UK over the River Forth in 1940; understands that many air bases have been established in Scotland because of its strategic importance, with those at Lossiemouth and Leuchars still in use; notes the founding of the RAF Regiment in 1941, to protect airfields from airborne troops, and the support that was provided by the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and Princess Mary's Nursing Service; acknowledges the establishment of the Women's Royal Air Force (WRAF) in 1949; notes that the first female officer trainees enrolled in 1970 and that the WRAF merged with the RAF in 1994, with the ban on women serving in close combat units being lifted in July 2016; considers the RAF to be an agile, adaptable and capable service that makes a vital contribution as a force for good in the world by delivering flexible air power wherever it is needed; notes what it sees as its multi-faceted roles in the UK and across the world; acknowledges that its past and present bases and operations around include the Falklands, Iraq, Afghanistan, Cyprus and many others; welcomes its role in keeping UK airspace safe and its commitment to providing opportunities, apprenticeships and careers for men and women in many diverse trades and specialities, including technical and engineering, aircrew, air operations and support, logistics, medical, personnel support, intelligence and force protection; understands that the centenary is to be marked as "RAF100" in a programme of events that will salute the service; notes that these will include community, regional and national events and activities that will run from April to September; acknowledges that there will be a centenary parade and flypast over London on 10 July 2018; wishes all involved with the celebrations the very best in their endeavours; looks forward to the many planned events; congratulates the RAF on its 100 years of years of service, and praises its personnel, past and present.

**4. Safe Injection Facilities:** The Minister for Public Health and Sport (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-11695—That the Parliament believes that substance abuse must be approached as a public health issue; notes that Glasgow City Council and the Glasgow City Integration Joint Board have developed proposals to implement a safe drug consumption facility in the city in an effort to reduce harm and save lives; agrees that international evidence indicates that safer drug consumption facilities can potentially save lives and that implementation should be permitted in Glasgow;

notes that, as the Lord Advocate has indicated, the lawful operation of safer injecting facilities could only be secured through changes to the existing legislative regime; asks the UK Government to make the necessary changes to allow the introduction of a facility in Glasgow, and believes that, irrespective of the creation of such a facility, every effort should be made to help prevent people from starting to misuse illegal substances and to help them get the support that they need to be protected from the harm caused by their use of drugs.

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-11695.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11695 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Safe Injection Facilities), leave out from “agrees that international evidence” to end and insert “recognises concerns regarding this approach; asks the Scottish Government to conduct a full sector-led review of its existing drug strategy, and believes that, irrespective of the creation of such a facility, every effort should be made to help prevent people from starting to misuse illegal substances and to help them get the support that they need to recover from addiction.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-11695.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11695 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Safe Injection Facilities), insert at end “; believes that this is too important an issue for it to become a constitutional conflict between the Scottish and UK governments; notes with grave concern the spike in drug-related deaths in Scotland; recognises that substance abuse is not limited to any one demographic or age group, and believes that the addiction strategy is failing and a new, more holistic and rounded approach, recognising the complex nature of substance abuse, is needed, which considers wider inequality and appropriate support, whether that be in primary care, schools, prisons or other settings.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 54, Abstentions 6).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-11695.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11695 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Safe Injection Facilities), insert at end “; urges, therefore, the Scottish and UK governments to adopt evidence-led drug policies to protect public health and prevent unnecessary drug-related harm and deaths, and believes that the scale of the challenge necessitates a step change in the approach to drugs, with solutions, in addition to safe injection services, that include heroin assisted treatment, protecting drug and alcohol service budgets, ending the destructive use of imprisonment for people misusing drugs and instead diverting them to treatment and education as part of the decriminalisation of the possession of drugs for personal use, local authorities making licensing decisions based on

venues' efforts to keep their customers safe, and introducing a regulated market for cannabis.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 9, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 27, Abstentions 1).

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

**No. 99, Tuesday 24 April 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Majors Lynn and Raelton Gibbs, Divisional Leaders, The Salvation Army, West Scotland Division, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11824—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for:

(a) Tuesday 24 April 2018—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Negotiations on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

(b) Wednesday 25 April 2018—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.10 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 26 April 2018—

delete

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

and insert

2.30 pm Stage 3 Amendments: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Negotiations on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

**5. National Plan for Gaelic:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-11788—That the Parliament welcomes the publication and launch of the National Gaelic Language Plan, and regards this as an opportunity to build on the good success of recent years and to ensure a faster rate of progress in all key areas of Gaelic development in Scotland, maintaining support and encouragement for standalone Gaelic schools and increasing the number of people speaking, using and learning the Gaelic language in Scotland.

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-11788.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11788 in the name of John Swinney (National Plan for Gaelic), insert at end “, and, to this end, believes that the priority must be on Gaelic medium education and on ensuring that there are sufficient numbers of Gaelic-speaking and Gaelic-qualified teachers available to meet the demand, especially in secondary schools.”

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

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-11788.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11788 in the name of John Swinney (National Plan for Gaelic), insert at end “, and notes that the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 set up the framework for the National Gaelic Language Plan with the aim of growing the language usage to a point where it can be normalised.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication and launch of the National Gaelic Language Plan, and regards this as an opportunity to build on the good success of recent years and to ensure a faster rate of progress in all key areas of Gaelic development in Scotland, maintaining support and encouragement for standalone Gaelic schools and increasing the number of people speaking, using and learning the Gaelic language in Scotland; to this end, believes



that the priority must be on Gaelic medium education and on ensuring that there are sufficient numbers of Gaelic-speaking and Gaelic-qualified teachers available to meet the demand, especially in secondary schools, and notes that the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 set up the framework for the National Gaelic Language Plan with the aim of growing the language usage to a point where it can be normalised.

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

**7. Show Some Heart, the Jayden Orr Campaign:** The Parliament debated S5M-10084 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament commends Show Some Heart, the Jayden Orr campaign, which has been launched by the family of Jayden Orr, from Port Glasgow, who sadly passed away at the age of 10 while practicing his favourite sport and pastime of ice skating; notes that the campaign has various targets, including raising public awareness of the importance of defibrillator machines and campaigning to raise funds to ensure that a defibrillator is located in every school in Inverclyde; further notes the importance of registering a defibrillator machine with the Scottish Ambulance Service, which maintains the register, as this allows it to guide people to a machine until an ambulance arrives; welcomes the backing of this campaign from the Greenock Telegraph, which has been hugely supportive of the family; commends the strength of the Orr family and this campaign to improve society, and wishes them every success.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

**No. 100, Wednesday 25 April 2018**

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

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

**2. Social Security (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11826—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Social Security (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 5: 1 hour

Groups 6 to 8: 1 hour 25 minutes

Groups 9 to 12: 2 hours 15 minutes

Groups 13 to 16: 3 hours 15 minutes

Groups 17 to 20: 4 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Social Security (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 17, 18, 19, 1, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 40, 43, 44, 45, 2, 46, 3, 47, 48, 49, 4, 5, 50, 6, 51, 52, 7, 53, 56, 57, 8, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 9, 10, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 11, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 146, 89, 90, 91, 12, 13, 14, 139, 140, 141, 92, 93, 132, 144, 15, 94, 95, 147, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 16, 103, 104A, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 148, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122 and 123

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

35 (For 90, Against 33, Abstentions 0)

36 (For 90, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

37 (For 97, Against 25, Abstentions 0)

38 (For 97, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

39 (For 97, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

42 (For 96, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

54 (For 94, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

55 (For 95, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

133 (For 31, Against 92, Abstentions 0)

134 (For 32, Against 91, Abstentions 0)

- 135 (For 32, Against 92, Abstentions 0)
- 136 (For 32, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
- 137 (For 32, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
- 138 (For 26, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
- 142 (For 26, Against 96, Abstentions 0)
- 143 (For 26, Against 96, Abstentions 0)
- 145 (For 31, Against 91, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88 and 111 (and as a consequence 111A and 111B).

The following amendments were moved and with the agreement of the Parliament withdrawn: 41,124 and 81.

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

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

**4. Social Security (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-11802—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11834—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Success of the Commonwealth Games

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 2 May 2018

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Members' Business

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 3 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Digital Connectivity

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 May 2018

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:15 pm Members' Business

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 10 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 3 May 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11835—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 18 May 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11836—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 25 May 2018.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Parliamentary Bureau Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11837—That the Parliament agrees that the Alcohol (Minimum Price per Unit) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

**No. 101, Thursday 26 April 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

**3. Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11847—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 1 hour 5 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour 55 minutes

Groups 8 to 9: 2 hours 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 5, 6, 7, 8, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 40 and 33.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

1 (For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 0)

2 (For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 0)

10 (For 96, Against 19, Abstentions 0)

23 (For 85, Against 28, Abstentions 0)

39 (For 108, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

34 (For 29, Against 84, Abstentions 0)

2A (For 29, Against 86, Abstentions 0)

35 (For 52, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

36 (For 25, Against 90, Abstentions 0)

37 (For 25, Against 90, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 38.

Amendment 9 was moved and with the agreement of the Parliament withdrawn (and as a consequence amendment 9A fell).

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

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

**5. Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland:** Kezia Dugdale, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-11787— That the Parliament agrees, under section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to appoint Paul Walker as a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Motion Without Notice:** Joe FitzPatrick moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.51 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.51 pm.



**No. 102, Tuesday 1 May 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Keith Short, Senior Pastor, St John's Church, Linlithgow, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-11996—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 1 May—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Agreement of multi-year funding package for expansion of funded early learning and childcare

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Childcare and Early Years (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Agreement of multi-year funding package for expansion of funded early learning and childcare.

**5. Success of the Commonwealth Games:** The Minister for Public Health and Sport (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-11967—That the Parliament commends the incredible achievements of Team Scotland at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast; recognises that this was Scotland's best ever away games and, by winning 44 medals, beat the previous medal tally of 29 in Melbourne in 2006; considers that this demonstrates that Scottish sport is growing in strength and depth, with sportscotland and governing bodies of sport working to support athletes, coaching and support staff, and believes that sustained investment and commitment in the whole sporting system is vital to enable people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to regularly take part in sport and exercise.

Brian Whittle moved amendment S5M-11967.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11967 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Success of the Commonwealth Games), insert at end “; notes the role of UK Sport in funding elite sport, and believes that reducing inequality in access to participation should be a priority for the Scottish Government.”

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

David Stewart moved amendment S5M-11967.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11967 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Success of the Commonwealth Games), insert at end “; recognises the importance of using sporting success to increase active participation as part of building a healthier society, and believes that this is further helped by delivering affordable and free access to sporting participation for the many.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends the incredible achievements of Team Scotland at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast; recognises that this was Scotland’s best ever away games and, by winning 44 medals, beat the previous medal tally of 29 in Melbourne in 2006; considers that this demonstrates that Scottish sport is growing in strength and depth, with sportscotland and governing bodies of sport working to support athletes, coaching and support staff; believes that sustained investment and commitment in the whole sporting system is vital to enable people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to regularly take part in sport and exercise; notes the role of UK Sport in funding elite sport; believes that reducing inequality in access to participation should be a priority for the Scottish Government; recognises the importance of using sporting success to increase active participation as part of building a healthier society, and believes that this is further helped by delivering affordable and free access to sporting participation for the many.

**6. Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing) moved S5M-11829—That the Parliament agrees that the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 115, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

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

**8. Support for Rape Crisis Centres and Prosecutions:** The Parliament debated S5M-11217 in the name of Kezia Dugdale—That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government’s broad commitment to addressing violence against women and girls, which it set out in the strategy, Equally Safe; recognises the specific work that it has carried out to date to improve the justice system for victim-survivors of gender-based violence and the emphasis on ensuring that survivors of sexual violence are responded to sensitively and appropriately by the justice agencies; notes the recent change of policy by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) on compelling reluctant complainers in rape cases to give evidence and what it sees as the significant opposition that this has attracted from charities that work directly with survivors; recognises the concerns of people who state that this change in policy could jeopardise both the wellbeing of survivors and their access to justice; notes the calls for the Lord Advocate to reconsider this policy and to engage with Rape Crisis Scotland to ensure that COPFS’s approach is informed by the needs and experiences of rape complainers,

and further notes the calls for Police Scotland, COPFS and the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service to work with the Scottish Government and stakeholders to redouble their efforts in addressing the reasons that complainers feel unable to continue with the justice process and for the Scottish Government to ensure that all rape crisis centres in Lothian and across Scotland receive adequate and sustainable funding to facilitate survivor engagement with the criminal justice system and meet their support needs.

**9. 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 6.20 pm.

## No. 103, Wednesday 2 May 2018

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

**1. Campaign to Save ATMs:** The Parliament debated S5M-10648 in the name of Dean Lockhart—That the Parliament notes the campaign by Which? and the Federation of Small Businesses to call a halt to the potential closure of free-to-use ATMs across Scotland because of plans to reduce the interchange fee by the cashpoint network, LINK; recognises that ATMs are an important service in communities, particularly for people on low incomes, older people and in areas such as the Trossachs, Perthshire, Kinross and Fife; believes that this might exacerbate the problem of bank branch closures as some consumers might be left without access to even the most basic banking services; notes the calls for the Payment Systems Regulator to take action to prevent there being complete ATM absence in some areas, and acknowledges the view that assurances should be given that consumers and small businesses can maintain access to the network of free-to-use ATMs.

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

**3. NHS Financial Accountability:** Miles Briggs moved S5M-11984—That the Parliament notes the financial problems in NHS Ayrshire, Tayside and Lothian; understands that these issues are being faced across Scotland; notes the ongoing lack of transparency on the state of board and integration joint board finances; calls for the immediate publication of the current financial position for all NHS bodies and for a progress review of integration joint boards, and believes that, failing sustained and immediate action, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport should be held accountable for the ongoing problems.

Minister for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S5M-11984.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11984 in the name of Miles Briggs (NHS Financial Accountability), insert at end “; supports calls for the implementation of any recommendations from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) on the future governance arrangements for NHS board endowment funds; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to publish a financial framework for health and social care, in line with the recommendations of the Auditor General, following publication of the Scottish Government’s forthcoming medium-term financial outlook; believes that the Health and Sport Committee should have the opportunity to consider the framework to give further parliamentary oversight to the finances of boards and integration authorities; recognises that progressive financial and fiscal planning is necessary to ensure investment in Scotland’s health, care and wider public services, and believes that the UK Government should set out its long-term plans for health and care funding in advance of the 2019 UK Spending Review, and that all health resource consequentials from this should be passed on in full in Scotland.”

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

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S5M-11984.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-11984 in the name of Miles Briggs (NHS Financial Accountability), insert at end “; further believes that all NHS boards are experiencing financial pressures, which are added to by a need to deliver financial efficiencies; notes the patient care issues that are being experienced by boards across Scotland, as evidenced by consecutive Audit Scotland reports showing that seven out of eight key performance standards, including cancer waiting times, are not being met; understands that BMA Scotland believes that many staff are ‘under pressure like never before’, and considers that, as well as financial accountability, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport should be equally accountable for the staffing and patient care issues that are being experienced in Scotland’s health service.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the financial problems in NHS Ayrshire, Tayside and Lothian; understands that these issues are being faced across Scotland; notes the ongoing lack of transparency on the state of board and integration joint board finances; calls for the immediate publication of the current financial position for all NHS bodies and for a progress review of integration joint boards; believes that, failing sustained and immediate action, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport should be held accountable for the ongoing problems; supports calls for the implementation of any recommendations from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) on the future governance arrangements for NHS board endowment funds; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to publish a financial framework for health and social care, in line with the recommendations of the Auditor General, following publication of the Scottish Government’s forthcoming medium-term financial outlook; believes that the Health and Sport Committee should have the opportunity to consider the framework to give further parliamentary oversight to the finances of boards and integration authorities; recognises that progressive financial and fiscal planning is necessary to ensure investment in Scotland’s health, care and wider public services, and believes that the UK Government should set out its long-term plans for health and care funding in advance of the 2019 UK Spending Review, and that all health resource consequentials from this should be passed on in full in Scotland.

**4. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12003—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish National Investment Bank

*followed by* Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Revised Written Agreement with the Scottish Government on the Budget Process

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Changes to Standing Orders on the Budget Process

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 May 2018

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

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 10 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: A Route Map to an Energy Efficient Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 16 May 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 17 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by Members' Business*

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 10 May 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

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

**S5M-12004: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 1.00pm to 2.25pm on 10 May 2018 for the purpose of taking evidence from UK Government Ministers on the Article 50 negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

**S5M-12005: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Justice Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 1.00pm to 2.30pm on 24 May 2018 for the purpose of taking evidence from the Secretary of State for Scotland on the implications for the Scottish justice system of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

**S5M-12006: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum in relation to the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Legislation).

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Civil Contingency in Nuclear Weapon Transport:** The Parliament debated S5M-11539 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament understands that the Ministry of Defence regularly transports nuclear weapons on public roads in convoys that pass through or close to communities in the Argyll and Bute, Dumfries and



Galloway, East Dunbartonshire, East Lothian, Edinburgh, Falkirk, Glasgow, Midlothian, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, Scottish Borders, Stirling, South Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire and West Lothian local authority areas; believes that there is an inherent risk in transporting high explosives and radioactive material together on public roads; understands that information on what to do in an emergency involving a nuclear reactor is regularly circulated to residents close to the Coulport and Faslane bases but that no equivalent information relating to an incident involving nuclear weapons is available to communities along the regular convoy route; believes that although defence is a reserved matter, it would be for the civil authorities such as police, fire and rescue and local authorities to attempt to respond to any emergency as so-called category 1 responders, and notes the view that these civil authorities must have sufficient assessments and plans in place to respond.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Mark Ruskell 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. 104, Thursday 3 May 2018

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

**3. Save the Hampden Roar Campaign:** The Parliament debated S5M-10278 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament notes the Evening Times' campaign, Save the Hampden Roar, to retain Hampden Park as the home of Scottish football; understands that the SFA is to make a decision on whether it will renew the lease of the national stadium; recognises that Hampden Park has been the country's home football ground since 1903 when it was opened as the largest stadium in the world; highlights that it has played host to countless memorable international and club football games, including being the venue of the 1960 European Cup final where Real Madrid defeated Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3, and the scene of the famous Zinedine Zidane goal in the 2002 Champions League final; looks forward to the stadium showcasing four matches at the 2020 European Championships; notes that, in addition to football matches, Hampden Park has held other major sporting events, including for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and been the venue for major concerts; acknowledges the significant economic benefit that it believes Hampden Park brings locally and to the wider Glasgow area; notes the comments by the Glasgow City Council leader, Councillor Susan Aitken, that the case for the national stadium to retain its Glasgow home of 115 years is compelling, and further notes the calls on the SFA to commit its future to Hampden Park.

**4. Scotland's Digital Connectivity:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-12010—That the Parliament acknowledges that the gap in broadband coverage between Scotland and the rest of the UK has been bridged in recent years; recognises the role played by the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband (DSSB) programme, including local authority partners, which has now exceeded its 95% fibre broadband coverage target and will continue rolling out throughout 2018 and into 2019; notes the investment of £600 million by the Scottish Government in the Reaching 100% (R100) programme, which seeks to provide access to superfast broadband to all homes and businesses, including in remote, rural and island communities, and calls on the UK Government to increase its funding contribution to R100 from just 3% of the total and ensure that Scotland sees tangible financial, social and environmental benefits from the broadband Universal Service Obligation.

Finlay Carson moved amendment S5M-12010.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12010 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Scotland's Digital Connectivity), leave out from "the gap" to end and insert "broadband coverage is important to communities and businesses across Scotland; recognises the role played by the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband (DSSB) programme as part of a wide range of measures being

taken by both the UK and Scottish governments to roll out broadband across Scotland; acknowledges that the DSSB programme aims to provide fibre coverage to 95% of premises; notes that superfast broadband speeds in Scotland lag behind England and Wales, with a digital gap widening between urban and rural Scotland; welcomes the fact that £100.8 million of this funding has already come from the UK Government and that £62.8 million has come from the Scottish Government; notes that the Scottish Government agreed to take delivery of UK funding and manage broadband delivery in Scotland following mutual agreement between both governments; notes that, despite the R100 programme target, the Scottish Government has not committed any of the proposed £600 million to reach 100% in the 2018 Scottish Budget; understands that the R100 programme was initially planned to be delivered by 2021 but that the completion date has been changed until the end of that year, and notes that the UK Government allocated funding back in 2014 for Phase 2 but that the Scottish Government has been unable to provide any detail on how this investment will be spread across future budget years 2018-21.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-12010.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12010 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Scotland’s Digital Connectivity), leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert “recognises that the Scottish Government’s 95% fibre broadband target does not guarantee superfast broadband speeds and that there remains a digital divide in Scotland, where many rural and deprived communities have slow or no broadband access; acknowledges that progress has been made in improving overall broadband coverage from a low base; recognises that, as well as the role played by the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband (DSSB) programme, including local authority partners, communities have also played their part in increasing access by creating their own broadband systems, which should be supported by the R100 roll-out, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to work together to provide universal coverage that is future-proofed, where all communities have access to affordable, high-speed broadband and ensures that Scotland is a world leader in digital connectivity.”

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S5M-12010.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12010 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Scotland’s Digital Connectivity), after “island communities” insert “; calls on the Scottish Government to publish a full and clear regional timetable for the roll-out of superfast broadband; further calls for R100 to prioritise the remote, rural and island communities that currently endure unreliable, intermittent or no broadband connections; recognises that the Scottish Government’s participation in delivering improved broadband, thus far, has been slow, particularly for those areas with the worst performing services, and that the cost of delivering the R100 programme may be significantly more than it has publicised”.

After debate, amendment S5M-12010.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 2, Abstentions 6). As a result, amendment S5M-12010.1 was pre-empted.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that the Scottish Government’s 95% fibre broadband target does not guarantee superfast broadband speeds and that there remains a digital divide in Scotland, where many rural and deprived communities have slow or no broadband access; acknowledges that progress has been made in improving overall broadband coverage from a low base; recognises that, as well as the role played by the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband (DSSB) programme, including local authority partners, communities have also played their part in increasing access by creating their own broadband systems, which should be supported by the R100 roll-out, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to work together to provide universal coverage that is future-proofed, where all communities have access to affordable, high-speed broadband and ensures that Scotland is a world leader in digital connectivity.

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

**No. 105, Tuesday 8 May 2018**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Sang Cha, Minister, Alloa St Mungo's Parish Church, Alloa, led Time for Reflection.

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

**3. Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work (Keith Brown) moved S5M-12076—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish National Investment Bank Implementation Plan, which sets out proposals and recommendations for the establishment of the bank, and further notes the emphasis that these proposals place on the bank being bold and ambitious by providing patient mission-based finance, which will help create and shape future markets and help Scotland achieve its full economic potential.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-12076.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12076 in the name of Keith Brown (Scottish National Investment Bank), insert at end “; acknowledges concerns expressed by stakeholders that a cluttered policy landscape can lead to confusion, a lack of alignment, duplication and weakened accountability, and calls on the Scottish Government for clarity of focus and delivery with respect to the role and objectives of the bank.”

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

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S5M-12076.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12076 in the name of Keith Brown (Scottish National Investment Bank), leave out from “the emphasis” to end and insert “that, with economic growth in Scotland continuing to trail equivalent growth across the UK, it is crucial that the Scottish National Investment Bank is created as soon as possible; further notes with concern that existing measures to boost growth, such as the Scottish Growth Scheme, have not been fully utilised; believes that the Scottish National Investment Bank should not start life under-capitalised, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a comprehensive industrial strategy to maximise the impact of the Scottish National Investment Bank and drive increased growth.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Andy Wightman moved amendment S5M-12076.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12076 in the name of Keith Brown (Scottish National Investment Bank), insert at end “along with better social and environmental outcomes; believes that the bank should develop a strategic

programme of low-carbon investment, including housing and broadband infrastructure; further believes that the bank's Executive Board should represent a wide range of interests and that the Parliament should play a key role in shaping the bank's ethical investment code, and agrees that future development work should consider whether a banking licence would increase the bank's financial options and the opportunities that a Scottish payments company would provide to reduce the costs to small businesses of processing payments."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Scottish National Investment Bank Implementation Plan, which sets out proposals and recommendations for the establishment of the bank; further notes the emphasis that these proposals place on the bank being bold and ambitious by providing patient mission-based finance, which will help create and shape future markets and help Scotland achieve its full economic potential; acknowledges concerns expressed by stakeholders that a cluttered policy landscape can lead to confusion, a lack of alignment, duplication and weakened accountability, and calls on the Scottish Government for clarity of focus and delivery with respect to the role and objectives of the bank.

**4. Written Agreement on the Budget Process:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee, moved S5M-11875—That the Parliament agrees the revised Written Agreement on the budget process between the Scottish Government and the Finance and Constitution Committee.

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

**5. Budget Process - Standing Order Rule Changes:** Clare Haughey, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-11991—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 1st Report 2018 (Session 5), *Budget Process - Standing Order rule changes* (SP Paper 308), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 9 May 2018.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-12112—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill introduced in the House of Commons on 13 March 2018 relating to the repeal of section 4(7) of the Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) Act 2009, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Dog Attack Figures:** The Parliament debated S5M-10404 in the name of Alex Neil—That the Parliament expresses its concern at figures obtained by a recent Clyde News investigation, which suggest that, between January and June 2017, 205 children were taken to A&E due to dog bites; understands that the number of people receiving treatment for such bites in Scotland has risen from 1,939 in 2015 to 2,027 in 2016 and that, in the first six months of 2017, 1,057 children and adults in the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde area went to hospital; considers these figures to be very worrying, and notes calls for a post-legislative review of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010, including the degree to which the Act is being effectively enforced by local authorities.

**9. Motion Without Notice:** Alex Neil 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. 106, Wednesday 9 May 2018

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

**1. Eliminating Hepatitis C in Scotland: A Call to Action:** The Parliament debated S5M-10402 in the name of Tom Arthur—That the Parliament notes the publication of the report, *Eliminating Hepatitis C in Scotland: A Call to Action*, by the Hepatitis C Trust; understands that this follows an inquiry supported by a cross-party group of hepatitis C parliamentary champions; believes that Scotland has an ambitious commitment to eliminate the condition by 2030, which an estimated 34,500 people in the country have, 40% of whom are undiagnosed; recognises the challenges to achieving elimination; believes that the report makes a positive contribution to achieving this through both identifying barriers to treatment and making recommendations, and looks forward to a future where hepatitis C is eliminated and no longer a public health concern for people in Renfrewshire South and across Scotland.

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

**3. NHS Tayside Public Inquiry:** Anas Sarwar moved S5M-12107—That the Parliament notes the catalogue of concerns regarding mental health services in NHS Tayside raised by campaigners and families of people who have died by suicide in the region; understands that Dundee has had a 61% increase in its suicide rate in a year, and agrees with the families' call that the Scottish Government must instigate a public inquiry into mental health services in the region.

The Minister for Mental Health (Maureen Watt) moved amendment S5M-12107.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12107 in the name of Anas Sarwar (NHS Tayside Public Inquiry), leave out from “understands” to end and insert “welcomes the decision of the new chair of NHS Tayside to commission an independent inquiry into mental health and suicide prevention services across the region; believes that this inquiry must be an opportunity to capture the concerns of the patients and families who have felt let down by services; considers that the inquiry should also help ensure that recommendations from recent Health Improvement Scotland and Mental Welfare Commission inspection reports are fully implemented; believes that, if the NHS Tayside-commissioned inquiry is hindered in its undertaking by either non-cooperation by providers or by lacking appropriate independence, the Scottish Government should subsequently convert it to an inquiry under the auspices of the Inquiries Act 2005; supports calls for the forthcoming Suicide Prevention Strategy to help deliver more constant crisis support for people who have lost a loved one to suicide; approves of the creation of a national suicide prevention leadership group to help support the creation and delivery of local prevention action plans, and endorses the inclusion of the development of reviews, where necessary multi-agency, into all deaths from suicide as part of the new Suicide Prevention Strategy.”

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



Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-12107.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12107 in the name of Anas Sarwar (NHS Tayside Public Inquiry), after “the Parliament” insert “notes the concerns expressed by families regarding the treatment of their loved ones within mental health services in NHS Tayside, access to facilities and the limited scope of the inquiry announced by the board; believes that a wider independent inquiry across the region would allow for these concerns to be investigated comprehensively in order to restore faith in these services among patients and their relatives and friends; further believes that it is important that families seeking answers are included in the establishment and remit of a wider inquiry;”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the concerns expressed by families regarding the treatment of their loved ones within mental health services in NHS Tayside, access to facilities and the limited scope of the inquiry announced by the board; believes that a wider independent inquiry across the region would allow for these concerns to be investigated comprehensively in order to restore faith in these services among patients and their relatives and friends; further believes that it is important that families seeking answers are included in the establishment and remit of a wider inquiry; notes the catalogue of concerns regarding mental health services in NHS Tayside raised by campaigners and families of people who have died by suicide in the region; welcomes the decision of the new chair of NHS Tayside to commission an independent inquiry into mental health and suicide prevention services across the region; believes that this inquiry must be an opportunity to capture the concerns of the patients and families who have felt let down by services; considers that the inquiry should also help ensure that recommendations from recent Health Improvement Scotland and Mental Welfare Commission inspection reports are fully implemented; believes that, if the NHS Tayside-commissioned inquiry is hindered in its undertaking by either non-cooperation by providers or by lacking appropriate independence, the Scottish Government should subsequently convert it to an inquiry under the auspices of the Inquiries Act 2005; supports calls for the forthcoming Suicide Prevention Strategy to help deliver more constant crisis support for people who have lost a loved one to suicide; approves of the creation of a national suicide prevention leadership group to help support the creation and delivery of local prevention action plans, and endorses the inclusion of the development of reviews, where necessary multi-agency, into all deaths from suicide as part of the new Suicide Prevention Strategy.

**4. Waiting Times:** Anas Sarwar moved S5M-12108—That the Parliament notes that the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011 establishes a legal 12-week treatment time guarantee for eligible patients who are due to receive planned inpatient or day case treatment; further notes that Audit Scotland has shown that this has not been delivered for all patients; acknowledges the impact that long and unknown waits can have on an individual’s work, family life and mental and physical wellbeing, and believes that, in the interest of patient care and the principles of honesty and

transparency, NHS boards should communicate an accurate expected waiting time range to patients.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S5M-12108.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-12108 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Waiting Times) insert at end “; supports the Scottish Government making any necessary changes to the Charter of Patient Rights and Responsibilities and guidance to NHS boards to ensure that this is delivered, and believes that, to meet the evolving needs of the people of Scotland, NHS and care services must be supported to shift the balance of care from acute to primary and social care where possible, and that effective engagement with the public will be key to this being achieved.”

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 that the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011 establishes a legal 12-week treatment time guarantee for eligible patients who are due to receive planned inpatient or day case treatment; further notes that Audit Scotland has shown that this has not been delivered for all patients; acknowledges the impact that long and unknown waits can have on an individual’s work, family life and mental and physical wellbeing; believes that, in the interest of patient care and the principles of honesty and transparency, NHS boards should communicate an accurate expected waiting time range to patients; supports the Scottish Government making any necessary changes to the Charter of Patient Rights and Responsibilities and guidance to NHS boards to ensure that this is delivered, and believes that, to meet the evolving needs of the people of Scotland, NHS and care services must be supported to shift the balance of care from acute to primary and social care where possible, and that effective engagement with the public will be key to this being achieved.

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-12137—That the Parliament agrees—

a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau MotionsF

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: European Union (Withdrawal) Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 16 May 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*followed by* Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee Debate: Erasmus+

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 17 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Scottish Veterans Commissioner's report on Veterans Health and Wellbeing

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 May 2018

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 23 May 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 24 May 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 17 May 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. The Condition of Scotland's Roads:** The Parliament debated S5M-11185 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as serious issues with Scotland's roads; believes that they have considerably deteriorated following the recent extreme weather, with new potholes being created and existing ones becoming worse; understands that recent statistics suggest that more than a quarter of the country's roads are in an unsatisfactory state and that, between 2015 and 2017, almost 12,000 miles of these were either earmarked for inspection or required maintenance; notes reports that, since 2010, spending on maintenance has been reduced by 20%; understands that a recent report by confused.com claimed that the potholes on Scotland's roads were the worst in the UK; believes that the report suggests that these potholes are four miles deep in total, cost £104 million in repairs in 2016, with requests for payments for repairs due to the damage inflicted by them rising by 130% between 2013 and 2017, and that over £2 million has been paid out in pothole-related compensation, and further believes that, despite efforts by local authorities, including the Scottish Borders Council's commitment to spend £22 million on roads and bridges, the recent severe weather has now made repair almost impossible, meaning that Scotland's roads are now facing a crisis.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

**No. 107, Thursday 10 May 2018**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

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

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

**3. HIAL's Car Parking Charges:** The Parliament debated S5M-11968 in the name of Tavish Scott—That the Parliament notes the reported widespread public concern in response to the recent decision by Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd (HIAL) to impose car parking charges at Sumburgh, Kirkwall and Stornoway airports; understands that this decision was taken without any prior consultation with airport users, the local authorities or the airport consultative committees, despite HIAL's Strategic Plan promising "effective collaboration with airport users and stakeholders"; believes that this decision will overwhelmingly affect island residents who use the airports as part of a lifeline service for accessing the mainland and who already face what it considers to be relatively high costs for doing so; understands that Sumburgh Airport is 25 miles away from the main town of Lerwick and that its remoteness means many islanders have little option but to drive to the airport; believes that the transport links between these island airports and many of the areas that they serve are intermittent, do not meet every flight and do not always connect the airports with outlying areas; understands that this lack of public transport infrastructure forces many islanders to leave their cars at the airports, in many cases for weeks at a time if they are working offshore or abroad, and notes the calls for HIAL to reconsider this proposal.

**4. A Route Map to an Energy Efficient Scotland:** The Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S5M-12140—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Energy Efficient Scotland Route Map and continued recognition by the Scottish Government of energy efficiency as a national infrastructure priority; acknowledges that, by 2040, the Energy Efficient Scotland programme will make the country's homes and buildings warmer, greener and more efficient, remove poor energy efficiency as a driver of fuel poverty, help achieve Scotland's climate change targets and maximise the local economic benefits across all of Scotland arising from an investment programme that has a "whole economy" value of around £10 billion; welcomes Scotland's ambitions to tackle climate change and fuel poverty as a huge opportunity to transform the energy efficiency of existing domestic and non-domestic buildings, drawing together action at a national and local level that is undertaken by individuals, businesses and the public and third sectors, and notes that this will build on the work of the Scottish Government, Scotland's 32 local authorities and partners that have improved over one million homes and non-domestic properties since 2008.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S5M-12140.1

As an amendment to motion S5M-12140 in the name of Kevin Stewart (A Route Map to an Energy Efficient Scotland), leave out from "and continued

recognition” to “£10 billion” and insert “; considers that the target for all homes reaching EPC ‘C’ rating, where feasibly possible, should be no later than 2030, not 2040, given the urgency to reduce carbon emissions and to ensure that every home in Scotland is warm and properly insulated; believes that an earlier target will alleviate, more quickly, the problems arising from poorly insulated houses, which can all have a negative impact on people’s health and wellbeing; notes that a letter addressed to the Minister for Local Government and Housing, signed by opposition party members, called on the Scottish Government to adopt targets for 2030”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-12140.4

As an amendment to motion S5M-12140 in the name of Kevin Stewart (A Route Map to an Energy Efficient Scotland), insert at end “; believes that the Scottish Government’s proposed target to reduce fuel poverty levels to below 10% of households by 2040 is not ambitious enough and condemns a generation to living in fuel poverty, and further believes that the forthcoming Fuel Poverty (Scotland) Bill should provide a clear statutory foundation for the new fuel poverty strategy, including an ambitious new target date for the eradication of fuel poverty, and should include action to eliminate poor energy performance as a driver of fuel poverty, with priority given to fuel poor homes and homes in rural, remote and island communities.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Energy Efficient Scotland Route Map; considers that the target for all homes reaching EPC ‘C’ rating, where feasibly possible, should be no later than 2030, not 2040, given the urgency to reduce carbon emissions and to ensure that every home in Scotland is warm and properly insulated; believes that an earlier target will alleviate, more quickly, the problems arising from poorly insulated houses, which can all have a negative impact on people’s health and wellbeing; notes that a letter addressed to the Minister for Local Government and Housing, signed by opposition party members, called on the Scottish Government to adopt targets for 2030; welcomes Scotland’s ambitions to tackle climate change and fuel poverty as a huge opportunity to transform the energy efficiency of existing domestic and non-domestic buildings, drawing together action at a national and local level that is undertaken by individuals, businesses and the public and third sectors; notes that this will build on the work of the Scottish Government, Scotland’s 32 local authorities and partners that have improved over one million homes and non-domestic properties since 2008; believes that the Scottish Government’s proposed target to reduce fuel poverty levels to below 10% of households by 2040 is not ambitious enough and condemns a generation to living in fuel poverty, and further believes that the forthcoming Fuel

Poverty (Scotland) Bill should provide a clear statutory foundation for the new fuel poverty strategy, including an ambitious new target date for the eradication of fuel poverty, and should include action to eliminate poor energy performance as a driver of fuel poverty, with priority given to fuel poor homes and homes in rural, remote and island communities.

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.



## Annex A: Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

18 May 2017

**Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Order Confirmation Act 1982 to amend the definition of “actuary” and to amend the description of persons who may be elected collector of the Fund. (SP Bill 13) (Private Bill)

Introduced by: The Trustees of the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 13-EN), a Promoter's Memorandum (SP Bill 13-PM), a Promoter's Statement (SP Bill 13-PS), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 13-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

1 June 2017

**Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about success fee agreements; to make provision about expenses in civil litigation; to make provision about the offices of the Auditor of the Court of Session, the auditor of the Sheriff Appeal Court and the auditor of the sheriff court; and to make provision about the bringing of civil proceedings on behalf of a group of persons. (SP Bill 14) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Supported by: Annabelle Ewing

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 14-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 14-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 14-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 14-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

9 June 2017

**Islands (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for a national islands plan; to impose duties in relation to island communities on certain public authorities; to make provision about the electoral representation of island communities; and to establish a licensing scheme in respect of marine development adjacent to islands. (SP Bill 15) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Fergus Ewing

Supported by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 15-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 15-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 15-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 15-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

15 June 2017

**Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about gender representation on boards of Scottish public authorities. (SP Bill 16) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 16-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 16-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 16-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 16-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

19 June 2017

**Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 on the provision of information in relation to the named person service and the preparation and implementation of child's plans. (SP Bill 17) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 17-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 17-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 17-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 17-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill. (*withdrawn on 19 September 2019*)

20 June 2017

**Social Security (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament making provision about social security. (SP Bill 18) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 18-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 18-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 18-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 18-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

21 June 2017

**Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to repeal the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 19) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: James Kelly

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 19-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 19-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 19-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 19-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

4 September 2017

**Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law on the regulation of social landlords and to reduce the influence of local authorities over registered social landlords. (SP Bill 20) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 20-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 20-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 20-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 20-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

6 November 2017

**Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to pardon persons convicted of certain historical sexual

offences and to provide a process for convictions for those offences to be disregarded. (SP Bill 21) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 21-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 21-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 21-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 21-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

13 November 2017

**Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount)**

**(Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to give retrospective effect to the amendments made by the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Additional Amount-Second Homes Main Residence Relief) (Scotland) Order 2017. (SP Bill 22) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Derek Mackay

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 22-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 22-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 22-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 22-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

4 December 2017

**Planning (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about how land is developed and used. (SP Bill 23) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Supported by: Kevin Stewart

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 23-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 23-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 23-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 23-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

24 January 2018

**Scottish Crown Estate Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to rename Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management); to make provision about the management of the Scottish Crown Estate; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 24) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Roseanna Cunningham

Supported by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 24-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 24-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 24-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 24-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

25 January 2018

**Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2018/19, 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 2019/20, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 25) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: Derek Mackay  
Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon, Joe FitzPatrick  
Statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 25-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

8 February 2018

**Prescription (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law relating to the extinction of rights and obligations by the passage of time. (SP Bill 26) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson  
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 26-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 26-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 26-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 26-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

22 February 2018

**Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for electronic monitoring of offenders and as to certain other restrictive measures imposable on offenders; to make provision about periods and processes as regards disclosure of convictions by offenders; and to make provision relating to the organisation and functions of the Parole Board for Scotland. (SP Bill 27) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson  
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 27-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 27-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 27-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 27-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

27 February 2018

**UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for Scotland in connection with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU. (SP Bill 28) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney  
Supported by: Michael Russell  
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 28-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 28-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 28-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 28-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

13 March 2018

**Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill**—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 12 years and to make consequential changes to the law on the disclosure of criminal records and of other information relating to individuals working or seeking to work with children or certain adults; on the provision of information by the Principal Reporter to persons adversely affected by the behaviour of children; on the taking of certain children to a place of safety by the police; on the search of certain children by the police; on police interviews with certain children; and on the taking of forensic samples from certain children by the police; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 29) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Supported by: : Maree Todd

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 29-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 29-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 29-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 29-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—

12 May 2017

Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

Mental Health (Absconding) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 326(4)(c) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

*This instrument was withdrawn on 15 June 2017.*

Mental Health (Safeguards for Certain Informal Patients) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 326(4)(c) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

*This instrument was withdrawn on 19 May 2017.*

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2017 [draft]

laid under section 201(4) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

15 May 2017

Mental Health (Cross-border transfer: patients subject to detention requirement or otherwise in hospital) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 326(4) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Mental Health (Cross-border transfer: patients subject to requirements other than detention) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 326(4) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Mental Health (Cross-border Visits) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 326(4) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

19 May 2017

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Additional Amount-Second Homes Main Residence Relief) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]

laid under section 68(2)(ja) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

30 May 2017

Registration of Independent Schools (Prescribed Person) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 133(2C)(b) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

1 June 2017

Advice and Assistance (Proceedings for Recovery of Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

2 June 2017

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Agreements of a Specified Kind) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 42(2) of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

14 September 2017

Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Devolved Tax) (Wild Fisheries) Order 2017 [draft]

laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to the Scotland Act 1998

Scotland Act 1998 (Insolvency Functions) Order 2017 [draft]

laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to the Scotland Act 1998

Private Residential Tenancies (Statutory Terms) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 77(3) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

Private Residential Tenancies (Information for Tenants) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 77(3) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 76(2)(a) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

22 September 2017

Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

26 September 2017

Telecommunications Restriction Orders (Custodial Institutions) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 80(7) of the Serious Crime Act 2015

28 September 2017

Budget (Scotland) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]  
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2017

6 October 2017

Fishing Vessels and Fish Farming (Miscellaneous Revocations) (Scotland) Scheme 2017 [draft]  
laid under section 15(3) and 31(6) of the Fisheries Act 1981

Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]  
laid under section 2(8) and (9)(d) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

26 October 2017

Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration, etc.) Regulations 2017 [draft]  
laid under Sections 116(3)(j) and (4)(a) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Amendment) Order 2017 [draft]  
laid under section 116(4)(b) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

30 October 2017

Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 2(8) of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Additional Support Needs Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Scottish Charity Appeals Panel) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

*This instrument was withdrawn and replaced with an instrument of the same name on 9 November 2017.*

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

6 November 2017

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 [draft]  
laid under section 69(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014



9 November 2017

Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

*This instrument is a re-laid draft and replaces the instrument of the same name that was laid on 30 October 2017 and which was withdrawn. This instrument was also withdrawn and replaced with an instrument of the same name on 21 November 2017.*

15 November 2017

Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]

laid under section 103(4)(a) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

*This instrument was withdrawn and replaced with an instrument of the same name on 28 November 2017.*

21 November 2017

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2018 [draft]

laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

*This instrument is a re-laid draft and replaces the instrument of the same name that was laid on 9 November 2017 and which was withdrawn.*

28 November 2017

Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]

laid under section 103(4)(a) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

*This instrument is a re-laid draft and replaces the instrument of the same name that was laid on 15 November 2017 and which was withdrawn.*

11 December 2017

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance and Property Interference – Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft]

laid under section 24(9) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Equipment Interference – Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft]

laid under section 24(9) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources - Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 24(9) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

15 December 2017

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 13(2) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

20 December 2017

Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration, etc.) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under sections 116(3)(j) and (4)(a) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

21 December 2017

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Supplementary and Consequential Provisions) Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 142(2)(b) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

17 January 2018

Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

22 January 2018

Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 26A(11)(b) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

25 January 2018

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 133(2)(b) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Searches under Part 5: Constables in Scotland: Code of Practice) Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 459(6)(b) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

26 January 2018

National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

Equality Act 2010 (Authorities subject to the Socio-economic Inequality Duty) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

20 February 2018

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

28 February 2018

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/87)  
laid under section 41(3) and (4)(c) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

1 March 2018

Alcohol (Minimum Price per Unit) (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 146 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

30 April 2018

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

2 May 2018

Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected or Detrimental Land) (Eligible Land, Regulators and Restrictions on Transfers and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 98(5) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

4 May 2018

Scottish Fiscal Commission (Modification of Functions) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 8(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

8 May 2018

Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft]  
laid under section 58(4) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

### **Negative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the negative procedure—

16 May 2017

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) (Amendment) 2017 (SSI 2017/153)  
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 May 2017

Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016  
(Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/156)  
laid under section 41(2)(b)(ii) of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden  
Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

18 May 2017

Loch Carron Urgent Marine Conservation Order 2017 (SSI 2017/158)  
laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

25 May 2017

Education Authority Annual Plan Planning Period (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI  
2017/165)  
laid under section 3F(5) of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000

31 May 2017

Environmental Impact Assessment (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland)  
Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/168)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act  
1972, section 106(3) of the Electricity Act 1989 and section 275 of the Town  
and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Requirements for Teachers (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI  
2017/170)  
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

1 June 2017

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI  
2017/171)  
laid under section 125 of the Police Act 1997

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (Practice and Procedure) (No. 2) Amendment  
Rules 2017 (SSI 2017/172)  
laid under section 326 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland)  
Act 2003

Mental Health (Conflict of Interest) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/174)  
laid under section 326 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland)  
Act 2003

Mental Health (Patient Representation) (Prescribed Persons) (Scotland) Regulations  
2017 (SSI 2017/175)  
laid under section 326 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland)  
Act 2003

Mental Health (Certificates for Medical Treatment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI  
2017/176)  
laid under section 326 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland)  
Act 2003

Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/177)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Milk and Other Products (Pupils in Educational Establishments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/178)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Seed (Fees etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/179)

laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

2 June 2017

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/180)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and section 1(5) of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983

Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/182)

laid under section 1(3)(b) of the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/187)

laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Building (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/188)

laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/189)

laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

14 June 2017

Loch Carron Urgent Marine Conservation (No. 2) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/205)

laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

16 June 2017

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Prescribed Days) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/207)

laid under section 42(3) of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

20 June 2017

Building (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/214)

laid under section 54(4) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

29 June 2017

Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/225)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Universal Credit (Claims and Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/227)

laid under sections 29(8) and 30(7) of the Scotland Act 2016

7 September 2017

Railway Closures (Exclusion) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/280)

laid under section 38(3) of the Railways Act 2005

Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/281)

laid under Section 101(2) of the Water (Scotland) Act 1980 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Water Intended for Human Consumption (Private Supplies) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/282)

laid under Section 101(2) of the Water (Scotland) Act 1980 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Teachers' Superannuation and Pension Scheme (Additional Voluntary Contributions) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/283)

laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

8 September 2017

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/284)

laid under section 103(4) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/285)

laid under section 138(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

M8/M73/M74 Motorways (30mph, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limit) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/286)

laid under section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/287)

laid under section 48 of the Food Safety Act 1990

Individual Learning Account (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/288)

laid under section 3(1) of the Education and Training (Scotland) Act 2000

11 September 2017

National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/289)  
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

14 September 2017

Notice to Local Authorities (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/295)  
laid under section 11(6) of the Homelessness etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

Private Residential Tenancies (Information for Determining Rents and Fees for Copies of Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/296)  
laid under section 77(4) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

Private Residential Tenancies (Prescribed Notices and Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/297)  
laid under section 77(4) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

21 September 2017

Functions of Health Boards (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/304)  
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

22 September 2017

Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/310)  
laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

28 September 2017

Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/317)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

6 October 2017

Sea Fishing (Miscellaneous Revocations) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/323)  
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 and paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Sea Fishing (Miscellaneous Revocations) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/324)  
laid under section 20 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967, section 18 of the Sea Fisheries Act 1968 and section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981

Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/325)  
laid under section 20 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/326)

laid under section 113 Local Government Finance Act 1992

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/328)

laid under paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/329)  
laid under section 101(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

25 October 2017

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (North Lanarkshire Council) Designation Order 2017 (SSI 2017/342)

laid under paragraph (4) of schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (North Lanarkshire Council Parking Area) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/343)

laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (North Lanarkshire Council) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/344)

laid under section 82(7) of the Road Traffic Act 1991

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/357)

laid under section 113 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

26 October 2017

Development of Water Resources (Designated Bodies: Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/347)

laid under section 3(4) of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

Water and Sewerage Services to Dwellings (Collection of Unmetered Charges by Local Authority) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/348)

laid under section 68(4) of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

Rent Regulation and Assured Tenancies (Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/349)

laid under section 53(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Monitoring Surface Coal Mining Sites) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/350)

laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Section 70 (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/353)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Additional Support for Learning (Collection of Data) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/355)



laid under section 34(4) of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004

Additional Support for Learning Dispute Resolution (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/356)  
laid under section 34(4) of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004

30 October 2017

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals (Procedure) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/364)  
laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/366)  
laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

1 November 2017

Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 2017 (SSI 2017/367)  
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 6, Transitory and Saving Provisions) (Modern Limited Duration Tenancies) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/370)  
laid under section 126(2)(j) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

2 November 2017

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Rules of Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/369)  
laid under paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

6 November 2017

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/381)  
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

9 November 2017

Seed (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/384)  
laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/387)  
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Water Environment (Miscellaneous) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/389)  
laid under section 36(5) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

13 November 2017

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2017 (SSI 2017/393)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

16 November 2017

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Health and Education Chamber and General Regulatory Chamber Charity Appeals (Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/398)

laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

24 November 2017

Novel Foods (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/415)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

30 November 2017

Razor Clams (Prohibition on Fishing and Landing) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/419)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

Notice to Local Authorities (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/421)

laid under section 11(6) of the Homelessness etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

Sale of Nicotine Vapour Products (Vending Machines) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/422)

laid under section 34(3) of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016

7 December 2017

Letting Agent (Registration and Code of Practice) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/428)

laid under section 101(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

Fife Council Area and Perth and Kinross Council Area (Keltybridge and Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield) Boundaries Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/430)

laid under section 17(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

13 December 2017

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/433)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/434)

laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

15 December 2017

Universal Credit (Claims and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/436)

laid under sections 29(8) and 30(7) of the Scotland Act 2016

Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/450)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/451)

laid under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 and section 36C(2) of the Electricity Act 1989

20 December 2017

Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/454)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

21 December 2017

Specified Crustaceans (Prohibition on Landing, Sale and Carriage) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/455)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

Allotments (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/457)

laid under section 142(4) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 (Relevant Third Party) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/461)

laid under section 3(7)(c) of the Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011

16 January 2018

Animal Feed (Basic Safety Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/15)

laid under section 84 of the Agriculture Act 1970

18 January 2018

Community Care (Provision of Residential Accommodation Outwith Scotland) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/16)

laid under section 23(3) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

25 January 2018

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/12)

laid under section 56(4) of the Finance Act 1973

29 January 2018

Functions of Health Boards and Special Health Boards (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/27)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

2 February 2018

Self-directed Support (Direct Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/29)

laid under section 22 of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013

Carers (Waiving of Charges for Support) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/31)

laid under section 90(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Short Breaks Services Statements) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/32)

laid under section 42 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Review of Adult Carer Support Plan and Young Carer Statement) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/33)

laid under section 42 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/34)

laid under section 42 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016

19 February 2018

Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/63)

laid under section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/64)

laid under section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Day Nursery Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/65)

laid under section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/66)

laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/67)

laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/68)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/69)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

27 February 2018

Sheriff Court Fees Order 2018 (SSI 2018/81)  
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2018 (SSI 2018/82)  
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2018 (SSI 2018/83)  
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2018 (SSI 2018/84)  
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Justice of the Peace Court Fees (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/85)  
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/86)  
laid under section 86 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

14 March 2018

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/94)  
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

22 March 2018

Loch Carron Urgent Marine Conservation (No. 2) Order 2017 (Urgent Continuation) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/100)  
laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

29 March 2018

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/110)  
laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 (SSI 2018/112)  
laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967

18 April 2018

National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2017 Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/123)  
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Additional Voluntary Contributions) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/124)  
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

2 May 2018

Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected or Detrimental Land)  
(Compensation) (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/137)  
laid under section 98(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected or Detrimental Land) (Applications,  
Ballots and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/140)  
laid under section 98(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/141)  
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Services Pensions Act 2013

3 May 2018

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland)  
Amendment Order 2018 (SSI 2018/142)  
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

### **Laid only instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

15 May 2017

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Savings Provision)  
Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/152 (C.12))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

16 May 2017

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2017 (SSI  
2017/154)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

17 May 2017

Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016  
(Commencement No. 3, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2017  
(SSI 2017/155 (C.13))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

25 May 2017

Education (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2017 (SSI  
2017/164 (C.14))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

31 May 2017

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (European Small Claims  
Procedure and European Order for Payment Procedure) 2017 (SSI 2017/169)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

2 June 2017

Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2)  
Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/183 (C.15))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and  
Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Lay Representation) 2017 (SSI 2017/186)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

9 June 2017

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2017  
(SSI 2017/192 (C.16))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

13 June 2017

Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional and  
Savings Provisions) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/197 (C.17))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

14 June 2017

Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2017 (SSI  
2017/201 (C.18))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

15 June 2017

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Withdrawal of  
Agents and Judicial Review) 2017 (SSI 2017/200)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

16 June 2017

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules  
Amendment) (Regulation (EU) 2015/848) 2017 (SSI 2017/202)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

20 June 2017

Act of Sederunt (Summary Application Rules 1999 Amendment) (Trafficking and  
Exploitation Orders) 2017 (SSI 2017/211)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

6 September 2017

Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Act 2017 (Commencement) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/279 (C.20))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 September 2017

Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/293 (C.21))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/294 (C.22))

laid under section 34(4) of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Publicity, Remedial and Remediation Orders) 2017 (SSI 2017/298)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 October 2017

Pollution Prevention and Control (Designation of Medium Combustion Plant Directive) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/322)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 7, Amendment and Saving Provision) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/330 (C.24))

laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 October 2017

Act of Sederunt (Civil Legal Aid Rules Amendment) 2017 (SSI 2017/332)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 October 2017

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 5, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/345 (C.25))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 3, Amendment, Saving Provision and Revocation) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/346 (C.26))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010



Education (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 3) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/352 (C.27))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Education (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/354 (C.28))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 November 2017

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules Amendment) (Illegal Working Orders) 2017 (SSI 2017/386)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 November 2017

Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012 (Commencement) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/402 (C.29))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 November 2017

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Sittings of the Court) 2017 (SSI 2017/414)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 November 2017

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 9) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/420 (C.31))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 December 2017

The Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2017 SSI 2017/424 (C. 32)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The Lands Tribunal for Scotland Amendment (Fees) Rules 2017 SSI 2017/426

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The Lands Tribunal for Scotland Amendment Rules 2017 SSI 2017/427

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

7 December 2017

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (No.5) (Proceeds of Crime etc.) 2017 (SSI 2017/429)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 December 2017

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 14 and Saving Provision) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/445 (C.33))  
laid under section 201 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 and section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 December 2017

Criminal Finances Act 2017 (Commencement) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/456 (C.34))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 10, Saving, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/458 (C.35))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules Amendment (Transfer from Lands Tribunal for Scotland) 2017 (SSI 2017/459)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules Amendment (Drug Dealing Telecommunications Restriction Orders) 2017 (SSI 2017/460)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 January 2018

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2018 (SSI 2018/12)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 January 2018

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/25 (C.3))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 January 2018

Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/26 (C.4))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

5 February 2018

Education (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 5 and Savings Provision)  
Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/36 (C.5))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

1 March 2018

Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2018  
(SSI 2018/88 (C.8))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

22 March 2018

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No.7) Regulations 2018 (SSI  
2018/99 (C.9))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

2 May 2018

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 8 and Saving Provision)  
Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/138 (C.11))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 11) Order  
2018 (SSI 2018/139 (C.12))

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—

12 September 2017

Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 10)

13 December 2017

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 11)

20 December 2017

Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Constitution: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Trade Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 12)

5 March 2018

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Parking (Code of Practice) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 13)

14 March 2018

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 14)

26 April 2018

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 10a)

## 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—

5 April 2018

Code of Conduct for Councillors (SG 2018/38)  
laid under section 1(5) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland)  
Act 2000

*This document was withdrawn and replaced with the Code of Conduct for Councillors (SG/2018/65), which was laid on 18 April 2018.*

18 April 2018

Code of Conduct for Councillors (SG/2018/65)  
laid under section 1(5) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland)  
Act 2000

*This document replaces the Code of Conduct for Councillors (SG/2018/38), which was laid on 5 April 2018 and was withdrawn.*

### Documents subject to consultation

The following documents were laid before the Parliament for consultation on the dates indicated—

11 September 2017

Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007  
Remedial Order 2018 [draft] [Proposed Draft Order] (SG/2017/153)  
laid under section 13(3)(a) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland)  
Act 2001 for the purposes of consultation required by section 13(3)(b) of that  
Act

Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007  
Remedial Order 2018 [draft] [Statement of Reasons] (SG/2017/154)  
laid under section 13(3)(a) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland)  
Act 2001 for the purposes of consultation required by section 13(3)(b) of that  
Act

8 November 2017

Public Services Reform (Poverty and Inequality Commission) (Scotland) Order 2018  
[draft] [Proposed Draft Order] (SG/2017/239)  
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 (Poverty and Inequality Commission) (Scotland) Order 2018  
[draft] [Proposed Explanatory Document] (SG/2017/240)

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

29 March 2018

National Outcomes for Scotland: Consultation process undertaken to produce draft National Outcomes for Scotland (SG/2018/39)

laid under section 1(6) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

### **Other documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

24 May 2017

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2017 (SPSO/2017/05)

laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

6 June 2017

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Operating Plan 2017–2018: SG/2017/79

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

14 June 2017

Common Agricultural Futures Programme Further Update - a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland: AGS/2017/3

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 16/17 year ended 31 March 2017 (SP Paper 175)

laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 June 2017

Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17: SP Paper 175

laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Civil Justice Council - Fourth Annual Report and Programme: SCJC/2017/01

laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

19 June 2017

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report of Policing 2016/17: SPA/2017/01

laid under section 39 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

20 June 2017

Scottish Enterprise Business Plan 2017–2018 Operating Year Update: SG/2017/89

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

Scottish Police Authority 2026: Serving a Changing Scotland – our 10 year strategy for policing in Scotland: SPA/2017/02

laid under section 34 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

21 June 2017

HMICS Thematic Inspection of the Scottish Police Authority – Phase 1 Review of Openness and Transparency: HMICS/2017/03

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scotland's Colleges 2017 – A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland: AGS/2017/4

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Compendium of Case Reports for June 2017: SPSO/2017/06

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

26 June 2017

Statement of income and capital accounts in relation to Paragraph 9(1) of The Crown Estate Transfer Scheme 2017: SG/2017/97

laid under section 9(4) of The Crown Estate Transfer Scheme 2017

General Pharmaceutical Council Annual Report, Annual fitness to practise report Annual accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/100

laid under paragraphs 7 & 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

27 June 2017

HMICS Thematic Inspection of the Scottish Police Authority Forensic Services: HMICS/2017/04

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scottish Water Annual Report & Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/96

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

28 June 2017

Northern Lighthouse Board Aquaculture Inspection Report 2016 SG/2017/107

laid under section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Review of Professional Regulation and Registration with Annual Report and Accounts 2016/2017 SG/2017/83

laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Northern Lighthouse Board Inspection/Audit of Local Aids to Navigation and Offshore Structures 2016 Report SG/2017/108

laid under section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

Scottish Welfare Fund Independent Review Service Annual Report 2017

SWF/2017/01

laid in pursuance of section 17(1) and (2A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

29 June 2017

Joint Thematic Review of MAPPA in Scotland – Progress Review HMICS/2017/05

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012: Annual Report – 2017

laid under section 4(2) of the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012

The Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2015-2016 SG/2017/29

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

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts (For the year ended 31 March 2017) SG/2017/90

laid under section 6(4) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000

Education Scotland Annual Accounts 2016-17 SG/2017/84

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board Report of the trustees and accounts for the year-ended 31 December 2016 SG/2017/92

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2016 SG/2017/91

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Committee on Climate Change UK Joint Progress Report Volume 1: Reducing emissions and preparing for climate change: Summary and recommendations SG/2017/93

laid under section 36(1) of the Climate change Act 2008

Committee on Climate Change UK Joint Progress Report Volume 3: Progress in preparing for climate change SG/2017/95

laid under section 36(1) of the Climate change Act 2008

Committee on Climate Change UK Joint Progress Report Volume 2: Meeting Carbon Budgets: Closing the policy gap SG/2017/94

laid under section 36(1) of the Climate change Act 2008



Scottish Welfare Fund Independent Review Service annual report 2017  
(SWF/2017/01)

laid under section 17(1) and (2A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman  
Act 2002

6 July 2017

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17: SG/2017/75  
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

10 July 2017

General Dental Council Annual Report and Accounts 2016 (SG/2017/28)  
laid under Sections 2B & 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

*This document was withdrawn and replaced with the General Dental Council Annual  
Report and Accounts 2016 (SG/2017/121), which was laid on 20 July 2017.*

11 July 2017

Covert Human Intelligence Sources, DRAFT Code of Practice – July 2017:  
SG/2017/116

laid under Section 24(4) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Covert Surveillance & Property Interference, DRAFT Code of Practice – July 2017:  
SG/2017/118

laid under Section 24(4) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Equipment Interference, DRAFT Code of Practice – July 2017: SG/2017/117

laid under Section 24(4) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland)  
Act 2000

UK Anti-Doping Ltd Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17:SG/2017/73

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

12 July 2017

British Library Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17: SG/2017/110

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17: SG/2017/87

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Heritage Lottery Fund National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution Annual  
Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017: SG/2017/68

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 2017: SG/2017/69

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The United Kingdom Sports Council - Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Fund  
Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017: SG/2017/38  
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

13 July 2017

Scottish Law Commission Report on Prescription: SG/2017/109  
laid under Section 3 of the Law Commissions Act 1965

14 July 2017

Committee on Climate Change Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17: SG/2017/82  
laid under Paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008

The Office of Communications Annual Report & Accounts For the period 1 April 2016  
to 31 March 2017: SG/2017/221  
laid under paragraph 12(4) of the Schedule to the Office of Communications  
Act 2002

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report & Accounts 2016-2017: SG/2017/104  
laid under Section 5 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

UK Statistics Authority's Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17: UKSA/2017/01  
laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

18 July 2017

Big Lottery Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17: SG/2017/113  
laid under section 34 of, and paragraph 21 of schedule 4A of, the National  
Lottery etc. Act 1993

Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year  
ended 31 March 2017: SG/2017/111  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended  
31 March 2017: SG/2017/103  
laid under sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of  
the Press

Queen's and Lords Treasurer's Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the  
Year ended 31 March 2017: SG/2017/114  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Transport Focus Annual report and accounts 2016-17: SG/2017/80  
laid under section 19 and schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

British Tourist Authority trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland Annual Report and  
Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017: SG/2017/88  
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Health and Care Professions Council Annual report and accounts 2016–17:  
SG/2017/102

laid under articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions  
Order 2001

19 July 2017

BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17: BBC/2017/01  
laid under the Memorandum of Understanding

British Transport Police Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31  
March 2017: SG/2017/101

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Civil Service Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2016–17: SG/2017/86  
laid under paragraph 17(5) of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform and  
Governance Act 2010

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2016-2017:  
SG/2017/67

laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

Electoral Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17: ELC/2017/01  
laid under paragraph 20A(1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections  
and Referendums Act 2000

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2016/17:  
SG/2017/120

laid under sections 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2017:  
SPSO/2017/07

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

20 July 2017

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Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the First Minister of Scotland, and the  
Welsh Ministers For the year ended 31 March 2017: SG/2017/119

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SG/2017/10

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National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2016–17: SG/2017/122  
laid under paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 2 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013

31 July 2017

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/130  
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1 August 2017

Standards Commission for Scotland: Annual Report 2016/17 SCfS/2017/01  
laid under paragraph 10F to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standard in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

2 August 2017

Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2016-2017 SG/2017/98  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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laid under section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

4 August 2017

Scottish Canals Annual Report & Accounts 2016/2017 SG/2017/127  
laid under Section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

23 August 2017

Self-directed support 2017 progress report - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission for Scotland: AGS/2017/6  
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25 August 2017

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/135  
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Annual Report of Seirbheis nam Meadhanan Gàidhlig (Gaelic Media Service) and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/141  
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29 August 2017

Food Standards Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 SG/2017/17  
laid under section 15(5) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

Scottish Housing Regulator - National Report on the Social Housing Charter:  
Headline Findings 2016/17 SG/2017/129

laid under section 41 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Investigation Reports and  
Report of Discontinued Investigations SPSO/2017/08

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

31 August 2017

Mobility and Access Committee's for Scotland (MACS) Annual Report 2016-17  
SG/2017/143

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

Crofting Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2016-2017 SG/2017/105

laid under Section 2B and Schedule 1, paragraph 19 of the Crofters  
(Scotland) Act 1993 as amended by the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2007  
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(Scotland) Act 2013

11 September 2017

Proposed Draft Order - The Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups  
(Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 SG/2017/153

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Act

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Act

12 September 2017

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 SG/2017/70

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts  
2016/17 SG/2017/99

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Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/576)

National Records of Scotland: Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011, Report by the  
Keeper of the Records of Scotland, 2017 SG/2017/123

laid under Section 12(1) of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

Government Chemist Review 2016 SG/2017/156

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13 September 2017

Registers of Scotland Annual Report 2016-2017 SG/2017/151  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/157  
laid under Section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

19 September 2017

Transport Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017  
SG/2017/128  
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Act 2000

Scotland, The Hydro Nation 4th Annual Report SG/2017/152  
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Central Functions of the Social Security Agency: Location Analysis – Phase 1 and  
Phase 2 SG/2017/160  
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any laying power

20 September 2017

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September  
2017 SPSO/2017/09  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service –Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17  
SCTS/2017/02  
laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 and  
section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

22 September 2017

The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local  
Authorities' Functions: 2016 - 2017 SG/2017/169  
laid under Section 12 of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act  
2009

Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 SG/2017/133  
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under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act  
2000

25 September 2017

Reducing emissions in Scotland 2017 Progress Report to Parliament SG/2017/161  
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Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31  
March 2017 Resource Accounts RS/2017/01

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Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 Devolved Taxes Account RS/2017/02  
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26 September 2017

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2016-2017  
laid under section 18 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

27 September 2017

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/144  
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2000

28 September 2017

The 2016/17 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts: SG/2017/148  
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Act 2000

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Administration for the year ended 31 March  
2017: SG/2017/168  
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any laying power

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any laying power

The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017:  
SG/2017/149  
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Act 2000

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017:  
SG/2017/147  
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Act

Scottish Land Commission: Making More of Scotland's Land, Our Programme of  
Work September 2017: SG/2017/164  
laid under Section 9(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Commission: Making More of Scotland's Land, Our Strategic Plan  
2018 to 2021: SG/2017/145  
laid under Section 8(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement, Consultation Response  
Report: SG/2017/163  
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Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement: SG/2017/162  
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29 September 2017

NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17:  
SG/2017/137  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17: SG/2017/196  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Scottish Housing Regulator Annual Performance Report & Accounts 2016/17:  
SG/2017/150  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Scottish Public Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17:  
SG/2017/198  
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Act 2000

Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17:  
SG/2017/138  
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Act 2000

Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 Annual Report on Transport and Works  
Orders: SG/2017/197  
laid under section 21 of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

4 October 2017

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Report and Financial Statements Year Ended  
31 March 2017: SG/2017/158  
laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17:  
SG/2017/155  
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Act 2000

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2016/17: SG/2017/203  
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2010



6 October 2017

National Confidential Forum Annual Report 2016-2017: SG/2017/172  
laid under paragraph 12(5) of schedule A1 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Risk Management Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17: SG/2017/171  
laid under Section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 October 2017

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2017 SG/2017/174  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/175  
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 2017 SG/2017/176  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/177  
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NHS Education for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/178  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

10 October 2017

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/181  
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The 2016/17 audit of NHS Tayside: Financial sustainability SG/2017/180  
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Tayside Health Board Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/179  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

11 October 2017

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/207

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NHS Fife Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/182

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Grampian Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2016/2017 SG/2017/183

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NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2017 SG/2017/185

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Highland Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/184

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/186

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12 October 2017

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/187

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The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/190

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 2017 SG/2017/188

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 2017 SG/2017/189

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Waiting Times Centre Board (also known as the Golden Jubilee Foundation) Annual Report and Accounts For Year ended 31 March 2017  
SG/2017/191

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Response to the Committee on Climate Change's report on progress towards targets  
SG/2017/208

laid under Section 9(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

13 October 2017

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2017  
SG/2017/192

laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017  
SG/2017/193

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NHS Health Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2017  
SG/2017/194

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Annual Accounts Financial year ended 31 March 2017  
SG/2017/195

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 2017  
SG/2017/202

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NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017  
SG/2017/201

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd Annual Report & Accounts 2017  
SG/2017/167

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

16 October 2017

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17  
SG/2017/204

laid under Section 30(1) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act  
1990

Commissioner for Ethical Standards Annual Report and Accounts  
2016/17SG/2017/215

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Annual Report 2016-2017 SG/2017/214  
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18 October 2017

Transport Scotland's ferry services AGS/2017/7

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Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued  
Investigations SPSO/2017/10

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002

19 October 2017

Children's Hearings Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31 March  
2017 SG/2017/223

laid under paragraph 23 of schedule 1 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland)  
Act 2011

20 October 2017

Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland 12th Annual Report 1 April 2016 to  
31 March 2017 SG/2017/205

laid under paragraph 15 of schedule 1 of the Education (Additional Support  
for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004

Creative Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017  
SG/2017/213

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Act 2000

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year  
Ended 31st March 2017 SG/2017/210

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Act 2000

National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31  
March 2017 SG/2017/212

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Act 2000

National Galleries of Scotland Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/211

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25 October 2017

NHS in Scotland 2017: a report prepared for the Auditor General of Scotland AGS/2017/8

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Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) Annual Report 2016/17 SG/2017/229

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Scottish Children's Reporter Administration (SCRA) Annual Accounts Year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/230

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26 October 2017

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/227

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Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: 2016-17 Annual Report SPSO/2017/AR

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Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report 2016-2017 SHRC/2017/01

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Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report 2016-17

CCYP/2017/2

laid under section 10 (1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Supporting Children's Learning: Statutory Guidance on the Education (Additional Support for Learning) Scotland Act 2004 (as amended) Code of Practice (Third Edition) 2017 SG/2017/233

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27 October 2017

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 SG/2017/139

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30 October 2017

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail Agus Cunntasan Na Bliadhna Gu 31 Màrt 2017  
/ Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/234  
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Act 2000

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report  
2016/17 CES/2017/01

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pursuance of section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and  
Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

31 October 2017

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2016/17  
SPCPF/2017/01

laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary  
Pensions Act 2009

The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2015  
SG/2017/170

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The Scottish Civil Estate: Efficiency and Sustainability 2016/17 SG/2017/199  
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Scottish Government Report on the exercise of the Section 5 power under the  
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (as amended) SG/2017/231

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amended)

1 November 2017

Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland - HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2016-17  
SG/2017/173

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Government and not under any laying power

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2016-17 SG/2017/165

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(Scotland) Act 2003

7 November 2017

The Queen's Printer for Scotland: Report for period 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017  
SG/2017/228

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any laying power

9 November 2017

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17  
SG/2017/246

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Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Report 2016-2017  
SG/2017/244

laid under Section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Accounts & Report 2016-2017  
SG/2017/245

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Scottish Environment Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2016-2017  
SG/2017/243

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Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/242  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

GTC Scotland Annual Report and Accounts-Year to 31 March 2017 GTCS/2017/12  
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Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Review 2016/17 SG/2017/248  
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13 November 2017

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/247

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16 November 2017

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2016/2017 SG/2017/249  
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HMICS Local Policing and Inspection Programme Inspection of Tayside Division Report HMICS 2017/07

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17 November 2017

Scottish Road Works Commissioner 2016/17 Annual Report and Accounts:  
SG/2017/251

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Act 2000

22 November 2017

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Investigation Reports and  
Report of Discontinued Investigations SPSO/2017/11

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Ombudsman Act 2002

24 November 2017

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts Year ended 30 June 2017  
SG/2017/226

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Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and  
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2016-2017 SG/2017/225

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(Scotland) Act 2007

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial  
Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/266

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Act 2000

27 November 2017

The Tax Tribunals for Scotland - Annual Report 2016/17 SG/2017/254

laid under section 60 of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

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Comptroller and Auditor General SG/2017/265

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29 November 2017

Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system 2017 SG/2017/252

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Regulation of the Press



30 November 2017

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report and Accounts  
Year Ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/253

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and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 22(5) of the Public  
Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 December 2017

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Making Complaints Work for Everyone report  
SPSO/2017/OR

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Act 2002

Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17  
SG/2017/258

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Act 2000

Northern Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/259

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Act 2000

South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17  
SG/2017/261

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17  
SG/2017/260

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/262

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17  
SG/2017/255

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Act 2000

Glasgow Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/256

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Act 2000

Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/257

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Act 2000

5 December 2017

Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2016-17 SG/2017/166

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6 December 2017

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2016-17 SG/2017/277

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7 December 2017

Visit Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/267

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Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Administrative Boundary Review: Fife Council area and Perth & Kinross Council area at Kelttybridge and Fife Environmental Energy Park at Westfield SG/2017/280

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The Scottish Government Non Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/273

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The 2016/17 audit of the Scottish Government's Non-Domestic Rating Account SG/2017/274

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8 December 2017

Report to the Scottish Parliament in respect of changes to The National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) SG/2017/281

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Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/142

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Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2017/271

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The 2016/17 audit of the Scottish Police Authority SG/2017/272

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

12 December 2017

Scotland's Carbon Footprint 1998 SG/2017/250  
laid under Section 37 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

13 December 2017

Police Investigations and Review Commissioner, Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 SG/2017/236  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner, Commissioner's Annual Report 2016-17 SG/2017/216  
laid under section 43(5) of the Police Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

Scottish Law Commission Report on Defamation SG/2017/263  
laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

15 December 2017

Statement of the Scottish Ministers Summarising Written Observations on the Proposed Draft Police Act 1997 and Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018 SG/2017/238  
laid under section 13(4) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

TS Prestwick Holdco Ltd Annual Account Financial Year 2016-17 SG/2017/279  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

David MacBrayne Limited Group Annual Report & Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/217  
laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

Argyll Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/220  
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 2017 SG/2017/219  
laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

CalMac Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/218  
laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

18 December 2017

Scottish Law Commission Report on Moveable Transactions SG/2017/264  
laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/287

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/284

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

19 December 2017

General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic Plan 2017-20: Year Two SG/2017/288

laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/269

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 2017 SG/2017/268

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 December 2017

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Investigation Reports and Report of Discontinued Investigations SPSO/2017/12

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2017 SG/2017/286

laid under Section 42A(1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards 2016 Annual Report SG/2017/285

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

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2016-17 SG/2017/270

laid under section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Report of the Intelligence Services Commissioner for 2016 SG/2017/78

laid under section 60(4) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

Annual Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to the Scottish Ministers for 2016-2017 SG/2017/222

laid under section 107(3A) of the Police Act 1997

Report of the Interception of Communications Commissioner Annual Report for 2016 (covering the period January to December 2016) SG/2017/77  
laid under section 58(6) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

21 December 2017

Scottish Water Interim Accounts For the six months to 30 September 2017  
SG/2017/289  
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

Sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 SG/2017/224  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and pursuant to Article 15 of the Royal Charter for the Scottish Sports Council

Sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 SG/2017/241  
laid under Section 35 of the National Lottery etc Act 1993

8 January 2018

Community Justice Scotland - Corporate Plan 2017-2020 SG/2018/2  
laid under Section 10(7) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

16 January 2018

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2016/17 SG/2018/1  
laid under Section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

A Connected Scotland: Tackling social isolation and loneliness and building stronger social connections SG/2018/6  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

23 January 2018

Security Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17 SG/2018/9  
laid under paragraph 17 of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

24 January 2018

2016/17 Annual Report of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland  
EMBS/2018/01  
laid under section 8(2) of the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2018 SPSO/2018/01  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

25 January 2018

Code of Practice on the Exercise by Constables in Scotland of Search Powers  
Conferred by Sections 289 and 303C of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002  
SG/2018/12

laid under Section 293(3) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts –  
Supplementary Budget Bill Publication – January 2018 SG/2018/10

laid under Section 5(2)(a) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Committee on Climate Change updated advice on the appropriate levels of future  
Scottish emission reduction targets and the best design of a statutory climate target  
framework SG/2018/11

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

26 January 2018

Scotland's Budget Documents 2018-19: Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting Document  
for the year ending 31 March 2019 SG/2018/7

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

29 January 2018

HMICS Local Policing+ Inspection Programme: Inspection of custody centres located  
in Tayside Division HMICS/2018/01

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

2 February 2018

Scottish Land Commission: Code of Practice – Amnesty on Tenants' Improvements  
SG/2018/13

laid under Section 27(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Commission: Code of Practice – Planning the Future of Limited  
Partnerships SG/2018/14

laid under Section 27(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Commission: Code of Practice – The Management of Relationships  
Between Agricultural Tenants and the Holder of Sporting Rights SG/2018/15

laid under Section 27(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Commission: Code of Practice – The Maintenance of the Condition of  
Tenanted Agricultural Holdings SG/2018/16

laid under Section 27(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

6 February 2018

20th Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board: Report for the period April  
2016 to March 2017 SG/2018/19

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

7 February 2018

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland - Strategic Review of Undercover Policing in Scotland, November 2017 SG/2018/4  
laid under section 78(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

22 February 2018

Scottish Law Commission Tenth Programme of Law Reform SG/2018/25  
laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

27 February 2018

Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics 2016-17 SG/2018/23  
laid under Section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2017 SG/2018/26  
laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

28 February 2018

Climate Change Plan: The Third Report on Proposals and Policies 2018-2032 SG/2018/18  
laid under section 35 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The Climate Change Plan Meeting the Emissions Reduction Targets 2018-2032: The Third Report on Proposals and Policies: Written statement laid before the Scottish Parliament pursuant to section 35 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 SG/2018/22  
laid under section 35 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

6 March 2018

HMICS Local Policing + Inspection Programme: Inspection of firearms licensing Report HMICS/2018/03  
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

9 March 2018

The Sixth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 65 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: SG/2018/28  
laid under Section 66(1) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

21 March 2018

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2018 SPSO/2018/03  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 March 2018

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Strategic Plan 2018-2020 SPSO/2018/SP  
laid under Section 17A of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

27 March 2018

Managing the implementation of the Scotland Acts AGS/2018/2

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 March 2018

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland- Our Revised Strategic Plan 2018-2020 CCYP/2018/1

laid under section 14A(7) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Law Commission - Report on Review of Contract Law: Formation, Interpretation, Remedies for Breach, and Penalty Clauses SG/2018/34

laid under paragraph 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Private Rented Housing Panel/Homeowner Housing Panel Annual Report 2016 SG/2018/29

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 and the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 placed a statutory duty for the Scottish Ministers to lay the Private Rented Housing Panel/Homeowner Housing Panel Annual Report before Parliament. When the functions of the Panels transferred to the First-tier Tribunal Housing and Property Chamber on 1 December 2016, the respective statutory duties were repealed. This document is therefore being laid before the Scottish Parliament for information purposes only.

Eighth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 SG/2018/21

laid under section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

29 March 2018

Return of expenditure Incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and Incidences of Notifiable Disease in imported animals for the year 2017: SG/2018/31

laid under section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

Scottish Land Commission: Making More of Scotland's Land: Our Programme of Work 2018 to 2021 SG/2018/35

laid under section 9(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021: SG/2018/36

laid under schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2018/19 PSOS/2018/01

laid under section 35(4)(b) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

10 April 2018

The Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2016-2017 SG/2018/30

laid under Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993



18 April 2018

SG/2018/32 Guidance on Engaging Communities in Decisions Relating to Land  
laid under section 44(7) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

19 April 2018

Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the  
year ended 31 July 2017 SG/2018/44  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Borders College Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 July 2017  
SG/2018/45  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

City of Glasgow College Annual Report 16/17 SG/2018/46  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Dundee & Angus College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31  
July 2017 SG/2018/47  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

Fife College Annual Accounts 2016-17 SG/2018/48  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

23 April 2018

University of the Highlands & Islands: Moray College Annual Report and Financial  
Statements for the year ended 31 July 2017 SG/2018/55  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the year to 31 July 2017  
SG/2018/56  
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 2017 SG/2018/57  
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 2017 SG/2018/58  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

SG/2018/59: South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride - Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2017 SG/2018/59  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 April 2018

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 SG/2018/62  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West Lothian College Annual Report and Accounts 2016-2017 SG/2018/61  
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 2017 SG/2018/60  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

25 April 2018

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for April 2018 SPSO/2018/04  
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

26 April 2018

Northern Lighthouse Board: Inspection/Audit of Local Aids to Navigation and Offshore Structures - 2017 Report SG/2018/69  
laid under section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

Scottish Government Sixth Annual Report on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 SG/2018/37  
laid under Section 33(2)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

Sixth Annual Report on the Implementation And Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 SG/2018/43  
laid under Section 33 (1)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

30 April 2018

Scottish Enterprise Business Plan 2018–2019 Operating Year Update SG/2018/71  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

2 May 2018

Revenue Scotland Corporate Plan 2018-21 RS/2018/01  
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

3 May 2018

Treasure Trove in Scotland - Report by Queen's and Lord Treasurer's  
Remembrancer 2016/2017 SG/2018/73

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

## **Annex E: Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on the dates indicated—

12 May 2017

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 7th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill (SP paper 139)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 25th Report 2017 (Session 5) Stage 1 Report on the Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 138)

15 May 2017

Education and Skills Committee, 6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): How is Additional Support for Learning working in practice? (SP paper 140)

17 May 2017

Justice Committee, 12th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Apologies (Scotland) Act 2016 (Excepted Proceedings) Regulations 2017 (SP Paper 143)

18 May 2017

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 6<sup>th</sup> Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 142)

Health and Sport Committee, 7th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 146)

22 May 2017

Social Security Committee, 1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage One Report on the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 145)

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 3rd Report 2017 (Session 5): Hidden Lives New Beginnings: Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland (SP Paper 147)

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report 2016 - 17 (SP Paper 149)

24 May 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 27th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 154)

Health and Sport Committee, 8th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report (SP Paper 155)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 28th Report 2017 (Session 5): Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 159)

25 May 2017

Public Petitions Committee, 1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report 2016 - 17 (SP Paper 152)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (Session 5): 6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report (SP Paper 153)

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, 4th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report 2016-17 (SP Paper 150)

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, 5th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 151)

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing, 1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Governance of the Scottish Police Authority (SP Paper 158)

30 May 2017

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee, 1st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report 2016-17 (SP Paper 161)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 29th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report 2016-17 (SP Paper 157)

31 May 2017

Social Security Committee, 2nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report 2016-17 (SP Paper 162)

Justice Committee, 13th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report 2016-17 (SP Paper 167)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Annual Report 2016-17 (SP Paper 164)

Local Government and Communities Committee, 6th report 2017 (Session 5): Local Government and Communities Committee Annual Report 2017 (SP Paper 168)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 30th Report 2017 (Session 5) Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 163)

5 June 2017

Justice Committee, 14th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 169)

6 June 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 31st Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 170)

13 June 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 171)

15 June 2017

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 8th Report, 2017 (Session 5): The draft Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SP Paper 172)

Health and Sport Committee, 9th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 173)

16 June 2017

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 7th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Code of Conduct for MSPs and Written Statement Revisions (SP Paper 174)

20 June 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 33rd Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 177)

Health and Sport Committee, 10th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 178)

23 June 2017

Finance and Constitution Committee, 7th Report 2017 (Session 5): Report on Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 182)

26 June 2017

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, 6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): No Small Change: the Economic Potential of Closing the Gender Pay Gap (SP Paper 179)

27 June 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th Report 2017 (Session 5): Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 180)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 35th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 27 June 2017 (SP Paper 181)

1 September 2017

Education and Skills Committee, Session 5, 10th Report 2017: Teacher Workforce Planning for Scotland's Schools (SP Paper 186)

6 September 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 36th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 5 September 2017 (SP Paper 185)

8 September 2017

Non-Government Bills Unit, Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill Committee, 1st Report 2017 (Session 5): Preliminary Stage Report (SP Paper 189)

10 September 2017

Local Government and Communities Committee, 7th Report 2017 (Session 5): Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 (SP Paper 190)

13 September 2017

Local Government and Communities Committee, 8th Report 2017 (Session 5): Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 (SP Paper 191)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 37th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 12 September 2017 (SP Paper 194)

14 September 2017

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 8th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Complaint against Alexander Burnett MSP (SP Paper 192)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 9th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Complaint against Rachael Hamilton MSP and Jackson Carlaw MSP (SP Paper 193)

20 September 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 38th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 19 September 2017 (SP Paper 195)

21 September 2017

Justice Committee, 16<sup>th</sup> Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 198)

22 September 2017

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 9th Report 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 197)

25 September 2017

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee, 2nd Report (Session 5): Post-legislative Scrutiny: The National Fraud Initiative (SP Paper 196)

27 September 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 39th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 26 September 2017 (SP Paper 199)

28 September 2017

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 10th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Complaint Against Alexander Burnett MSP (SP Paper 200)

3 October 2017

Education and Skills Committee, 11th Report, 2017 (Session 5): School infrastructure (SP Paper 201)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered on 3 October 2017 (SP Paper 203)

5 October 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 41st Report 2017 (Session 5): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2016-2017 (SP Paper 202)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 42nd Report 2017 (Session 5): Motion S5M-07795: The Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Reporting Procedures) Resolution 2017 (SP Paper 206)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 43rd Report 2017 (Session 5): Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill Stage 2 - Revised Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Paper 207)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 44th Report 2017 (Session 5): Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 208)

6 October 2017

Justice Committee, 17th Report, 2017 (Session 5): International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2017 (SP Paper 205)

25 October 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 45th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 24 October 2017 (SP Paper 210)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 46th Report 2017 (Session 5): Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 (SP Paper 211)

26 October 2017

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, 7th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 [draft] (SP Paper 209)

27 October 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 47th Report 2017 (Session 5): Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 212)

30 October 2017

Local Government and Communities Committee, 9th Report 2017 (Session 5): Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland (SP Paper 213)

31 October 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 48th Report 2017 (Session 5): Social Security (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 214)

1 November 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th Report 2017 (Session 5): Islands (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 216)



Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 31 October 2017 at Stage 1 (SP Paper 217)

Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill Committee, 1st Report 2017 (Session 5): Preliminary Stage report on the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 220)

Health and Sport Committee, 12th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Report: Functions of Health Boards (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/304) (SP Paper 221)

2 November 2017

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, 8th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Scotland Act 1998 (Insolvency Functions) Order 2017 [draft] (SP Paper 218)

Justice Committee, 18th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2017 (SP Paper 219)

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 10th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Report by the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee considered on 31 October 2017 (SP Paper 222)

3 November 2017

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee, 1st Report 2017 (Session 5): Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill - Preliminary Stage Report (SP Paper 223)

9 November 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 51st Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 November 2017 (SP Paper 228)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 52nd Report 2017 (Session 5): Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 227)

Finance and Constitution Committee, 8th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 226)

14 November 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 November 2017 (SP Paper 229)

17 November 2017

Justice Committee, 19th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Telecommunications Restriction Orders (Custodial Institutions) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] (SP Paper 232)

20 November 2017

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 4th Report 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 report on the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 230)

22 November 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 55th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 November 2017 (SP Paper 234)

23 November 2017

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, 11th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee on 21 November 2017 (SP Paper 235)

27 November 2017

Health and Sport Committee, 14th Report 2017 (Session 5): Sport for Everyone (SP Paper 236)

28 November 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 56th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 November 2017 (SP Paper 238)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 57th Report 2017 (Session 5): Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 239)

29 November 2017

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, 9th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 237)

30 November 2017

Justice Committee, 20th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 240)

Health and Sport Committee, 15th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2017 [draft] (SP Paper 241)

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 11th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee on 29 November 2017 (SP Paper 233)

5 December 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 58th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 December 2017 (SP Paper 242)

7 December 2017

Justice Committee, 21st Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 243)

12 December 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 60th Report 2017 (Session 5): Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 248)

13 December 2017

Finance and Constitution Committee, 9th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Scottish Fiscal Commission – Chair Reappointment (SP Paper 245)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 December 2017 (SP Paper 247)

15 December 2017

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 report on the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 230.1)

18 December 2017

Justice Committee, 22nd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Criminal Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SP Paper 249)

19 December 2017

Justice Committee, 23rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Application and Modification of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016) (Scotland) Order 2017 (SP Paper 252)

20 December 2017

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 61st Report 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 December 2017 (SP Paper 250)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd Report 2017 (Session 5): Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 251)

21 December 2017

Justice Committee, 24th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 253)

9 January 2018

Finance and Constitution Committee, 1st Report, 2018 (Session 5): European Union (Withdrawal) Bill LCM - Interim Report (SP Paper 255)

11 January 2018

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