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**Today's Business
Tuesday 17 March 2015**

Summary of Today's Business

Meetings of Committees

9.30 am	Health and Sport Committee	the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)
10.00 am	Education and Culture Committee	the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)
10.00 am	Justice Committee	the Robert Burns Room (CR1)
10.00 am	Public Petitions Committee	the David Livingstone Room (CR6)
11.30 am	Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee	the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm	Time for Reflection – Mr K Jagannathan, Hindu Temple of Scotland, Rutherglen, Glasgow
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by	Topical Questions
followed by	Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Place in Europe
followed by	Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motions: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme and the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-12163 Mike MacKenzie: Average Speed Cameras on the A9

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Section A – Today's Business

Meetings of Committees

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified. Contact details for Committee Clerks are provided at the end of the Bulletin.

Health and Sport Committee 9th Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
2. **Seven Day Services:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Peter Bennie, Chair, BMA Scotland;
Helen Richens, Policy Officer, RCN Scotland;
Kenryck Lloyd Jones, Public Affairs and Policy Manager for Scotland, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Scotland;
Gordon Casey, Regional Officer, Unite;
Professor Frank Dunn, President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow;
Sandra Melville, Member of the Scottish Pharmacy Board, Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland;
Harry Stevenson, President, Social Work Scotland;
and then from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, Shirley Rogers, NHSScotland Workforce Director, Ian Finlay, Senior Medical Officer, Health Workforce, Anne Aitken, Programme Director - Sustainability and Seven Day Services, and Liz Porterfield, Head of Strategic Planning / Clinical Priorities, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications and Saving) Order 2015 [draft] from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, Alison Taylor, Head of Strategy and Delivery - Integration, and Clare McKinlay, Solicitor, Food, Children, Education, Health and Social Care, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Shona Robison (Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport) to move—S4M-12645—That the Health and Sport Committee recommends that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications and Saving) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

Education and Culture Committee 6th Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Dr Alasdair Allan, Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland's Languages, and Hilary Third, Team Leader, Equality Policy, Scottish Government;
and then from—
Mark Griffin, Member in Charge of the Bill, Joanna Hardy, Senior Assistant Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Neil Ross, Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Parliament.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

Justice Committee 9th Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Paul Broadbent, Chief Executive, Gangmasters Licensing Authority;
Helen Martin, Assistant Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;
and then from—
Ian Cruxton, Director of National Crime Agency Organised Crime Command, UK Human Trafficking Centre.
3. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Public Petitions Committee 7th Meeting, 2015

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Consideration of current petitions:** The Committee will consider—
[PE1480](#) by Amanda Kopel, on behalf of the Frank Kopel Alzheimer's Awareness Campaign, on Alzheimer's and dementia awareness;
[PE1505](#) by Jackie Watt on awareness of Strep B in pregnancy and infants;
[PE1531](#) by Ashley Husband Powton on removing charitable status from private schools;
[PE1541](#) by Chris Cromar on "Flower of Scotland" to be officially recognised as Scotland's national anthem;

- [PE1542](#) by Evelyn Mundell, on behalf of Ben Mundell and Malcolm and Caroline Smith, on human rights for dairy farmers.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider—
[PE1551](#) by Scott Pattinson on mandatory reporting of child abuse and take evidence from—
 Scott Pattinson;
 and will then consider—
[PE1548](#) by Beth Morrison on national guidance on restraint and seclusion in schools
 and take evidence from—
 Beth Morrison;
 Ian Hood, Learning Disability Alliance Scotland;
 Kate Sanger, The Challenging Behaviour Foundation;
 and will then consider—
[PE1559](#) by George Neilson on disabled parking on private property.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 10th Meeting, 2015

- The Committee will meet at 11.30 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)
1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Marine Regions Order 2015 \[draft\].](#)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Local Government Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/87\);](#)
[Reservoirs \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/90\);](#)
[National Health Service Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/94\);](#)
[National Health Service Pension Scheme \(Transitional and Consequential Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/95\);](#)
[National Health Service Superannuation Scheme \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/96\);](#)
[Teachers' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/97\);](#)
[Teachers' Superannuation \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/98\);](#)
[Food \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Consequential and Transitional Provisions\) Order 2015 \(SSI 2015/100\);](#)
[National Health Service \(Clinical Negligence and Other Risks Indemnity Scheme\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/102\);](#)
[Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(SSI 2015/103\).](#)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Food \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Commencement\) Order 2015 \(SSI 2015/99 \(C.19\)\);](#)
[Children and Young People \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Commencement No. 8 and Saving Provision\) Order 2015 \(SSI 2015/104 \(C.20\)\).](#)

5. **Report on instruments considered during the third quarter of the parliamentary year 2014-15:** The Committee will consider a draft of its third quarterly report for the parliamentary year 2014-15.

Meeting of the Parliament

2.00 pm Time for Reflection – Mr K Jagannathan, Hindu Temple of Scotland, Rutherglen, Glasgow

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

1. Hugh Henry: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to consult on its proposal for the future of the British Transport Police. (S4T-00969)

2. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government how it is tackling severe and extreme poverty in Scotland. (S4T-00976)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Place in Europe

S4M-12670 Humza Yousaf: Scotland's Place in Europe—That the Parliament supports Scotland's place in the European Union (EU) and its role as an active and constructive member; recognises the importance of the EU single market, which gives Scotland access to 500 million people and 22 million businesses across the EU; further recognises the additional social, cultural and educational benefits of EU membership; highlights the importance of ensuring that Scotland can make a contribution to EU policy-making, particularly in light of the recommendations of the Smith Commission, to support the work of the Scottish Government to deliver sustainable growth, address long-standing inequalities and protect Scotland's public services; understands the importance of protecting Scotland's EU membership, and welcomes the Scottish Government's double majority proposal, which would prevent Scotland from being taken out of the EU against the will of its people.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S4M-12670.2 Claire Baker: Scotland's Place in Europe—As an amendment to motion S4M-12670 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Scotland's Place in Europe), leave out from "supports" to end and insert "believes that the best future for the UK is within the EU; highlights the many advantages that being within the EU brings to Scotland, including access to the single market and subsequent trading opportunities and employment that this brings; acknowledges the social, cultural and educational benefits of continued EU membership; believes that the EU should have a clear focus on tackling youth unemployment and inequality across member states and opposes the proposed cuts to the Horizon

2020 fund; further believes that the EU should be taking a lead in tackling exploitative work practices, and recognises the need to protect public services in any trade negotiations; welcomes the proposals from the Smith Commission for improvement of the Concordat on the Co-ordination of European Union Policy Issues, which recognises the important role that Scotland has to play in negotiations on devolved policy matters; supports the reform agenda in the EU, and believes that the UK should lead on this as a strong member of the EU.”

S4M-12670.1 Jamie McGrigor: Scotland’s Place in Europe—As an amendment to motion S4M-12670 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Scotland’s Place in Europe), leave out from “role” to end and insert “influential position as part of the UK as an active and constructive member state; recognises the UK Government’s track record of delivering positive change in Europe; notes the importance of the single market to the UK, which gives the UK economy access to 500 million consumers and 22 million businesses across the EU; acknowledges the additional social, cultural and educational benefits of EU membership for Scotland and the wider UK; welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to negotiate a new settlement for the UK in Europe followed by an in-out referendum before the end of 2017; notes that no other mainstream political party has publicly given a commitment to give the UK electorate a choice in a referendum on EU membership; further notes that the 1975 referendum on the UK’s membership of the European Economic Community was held on the basis of a simple one-person-one-vote system, and observes that the UK Government agreed with the Scottish Government to legislate for a fair, legal and decisive referendum in Scotland with no additional requirements other than a simple majority of votes.”

followed by

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motions: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme and the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme

S4M-12625 Liam McArthur on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme—That the Parliament-

a. in exercise of the powers conferred by section 81(1) and (5)(b) of the Scotland Act 1998

(i) confers functions on the Parliamentary corporation (the SPCB) to pay salaries to members in accordance with the

Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme (the Scheme) annexed as Annex 1 to this Resolution;

(ii) confers other functions on the SPCB as specified in the Scheme; and

(ii) approves the Scheme;

b. determines that the Scheme shall come into effect on 1 April 2015;

c. rescinds, with effect from 1 April 2015, paragraph a. of the Resolution of the Parliament of March 21 2002 conferring functions as specified in the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme (SP Paper 554) on the SPCB and approving the Scheme (the Resolution); and that part of the Resolution which directs the SPCB to pay on or after 1 April 2002 the salaries stated in that Scheme.

Annex 1

THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT SALARIES SCHEME

1. (1) In this Scheme-

“the Act” means the Scotland Act 1998;

“general election” means an ordinary or extraordinary general election for membership of the Parliament held under section 2 or section 3 of the Act;

“Schedule” means the Schedule to this Scheme; and

“year” means a year starting on 1st April.

(2) For the purposes of this Scheme, a person who is a member of the Parliament immediately before the Parliament is dissolved shall be treated-

(a) if he or she continues to hold office by virtue of section 19(2) (term of office of the Presiding Officer and deputies) of, or paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 (term of office of members of the Parliamentary corporation) to, the Act, as if he or she were such a member until the end of the day on which he or she ceases to hold such office; and

(b) if he or she does not fall within sub-paragraph (a) but is nominated as a candidate at the subsequent general election, as if he or she were such a member until the end of the day on which the election is held.

2. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) and paragraphs 5 and 7, there shall be payable to every member of the Parliament a salary at the yearly rate specified in Part 1 of the Schedule.

(2) For any period during which a salary is payable to a member of the Parliament under section 4 of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (salaries of members of the House of Commons) or pursuant to a resolution of the House of Lords relating to the remuneration of members of that House, or under section 1 of the European Parliament (Pay and Pensions) Act 1979 (remuneration of United Kingdom MEPs), the yearly rate of the salary payable by virtue of this Scheme to that member for that period shall be reduced by two-thirds.

(3) The salary payable by virtue of this paragraph to a member of the Parliament shall be payable from 1 April 2015 and, for any member elected after that date, for the period beginning with the day on which he or she is declared to be returned as a member of the Parliament and ending with the day on which the member ceases to be a member of the Parliament.

3. (1) Subject to paragraphs 5 and 7, in addition to any salary payable by virtue of paragraph 2 –

(a) there shall be payable to a member of the Parliament holding the office of Presiding Officer a salary at the yearly rate specified in Part 2 of the Schedule in relation to that office; and

(b) there shall be payable to a member of the Parliament holding the office of deputy Presiding Officer a salary at the yearly rate specified in Part 2 of the Schedule in relation to that office.

(2) The salary payable by virtue of this paragraph to a member of the Parliament holding any such office shall be payable from 1 April 2015, and for any member elected to such office after that date, from the date of that election, for the period during which he or she holds that office.

4. (1) Subject to paragraphs 5 and 7, in addition to any salary payable by virtue of paragraph 2, there shall be payable from 1 April 2015, or where appointed to such office after that date, the date of appointment,

(a) to the holder of any office specified in Part 3 of the Schedule a salary at the yearly rate specified in relation to that office in Part 3 of the Schedule, and

(b) to the holder of such other office as the Parliamentary corporation may determine, a salary at the yearly rate

determined by the Parliamentary corporation, for the period during which such office holder holds that office.

(2) If the holder of the office of Lord Advocate or Solicitor General for Scotland is not a member of the Parliament, the yearly rate specified in relation to that office in Part 3 of the Schedule shall be increased by the amount of the yearly rate of salary that would be payable to him or her by virtue of paragraph 2 if he or she were a member of the Parliament.

(3) The salary payable by virtue of this paragraph to the holder of any office specified in Part 3 of the Schedule shall be payable for the period during which he or she holds that office.

5. Subject to paragraph 8, for each year starting from 1 April 2016 any salary payable by virtue of the Scheme shall be amended to reflect any increase in the index for the mean annual earnings of public sector full time workers in Scotland as provided for by the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings produced by the Office of National Statistics, or such other index as the Parliamentary Corporation may from time to time deem appropriate.

6. (1) The yearly rate specified in this Scheme in relation to any salary payable by virtue of the Scheme shall be taken to be the maximum amount so payable in any year and accordingly-

(a) notwithstanding the provisions of this Scheme as to any such rate, the salary so payable in any year may be of a lesser amount than that so specified; and

(b) where any period, or part of a period, for which a salary is payable under this Scheme is less than a year, the maximum amount of salary so payable for that period, or part of that period, shall be a proportionate part of the yearly rate.

(2) Any salary payable by virtue of this Scheme shall be paid by the Parliamentary corporation.

(3) A person to whom any salary is payable by virtue of paragraphs 3 or 4 shall be entitled to receive only one such salary, but if he or she is the holder of two or more offices in respect of which a salary is so payable and there is a difference between the yearly rate of salaries payable in respect of those offices, the office in respect of which a salary is payable to him or her shall be that in respect of which the highest salary is payable.

7. (1) For any period during which a member of the Parliament is imprisoned, the salary payable to that member by virtue of paragraph 2(1) shall be reduced by 90%.

(2) For any period during which a member of the Parliament holding the office of Presiding Officer or deputy Presiding Officer is imprisoned, the salary payable by virtue of paragraph 3(1) shall be reduced by 90%.

(3) For any period during which the holder of an office to whom a salary is payable by virtue of paragraph 4(1) is imprisoned, that salary shall be reduced by 90%.

8. (1) The Parliamentary corporation may, at such intervals as it deems appropriate, make arrangements to review and determine the salaries payable under paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 and, in consequence of a review, shall determine the salaries payable.

(2) In discharging its function under sub paragraph (1), the Parliamentary corporation shall obtain advice on salary levels from such person or persons as it deems appropriate and, in relation to the review of salaries payable by virtue of paragraph 4, shall, in addition, consult the First Minister.

(3) In determining the salaries to be paid in consequence of a review in accordance with this paragraph, the Parliamentary corporation shall have regard to any recommendations made to it by the person or persons referred to in sub paragraph (2).

Schedule

PART 1

Salary of members

<i>Yearly Rate of Salary</i>
£
59,089

PART 2

Salaries of Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers

<i>Office</i>	<i>Yearly Rate of Salary</i>
	£

Presiding Officer	44,406
Deputy Presiding Officer	27,816

PART 3

Salaries of members of the Scottish Government and junior Scottish Ministers

<i>Office</i>	<i>Yearly rate of salary</i>
	£
First Minister	85,598
Lord Advocate	58,013
Solicitor General for Scotland	41,951
Member of the Scottish Government other than the First Minister, the Lord Advocate or the Solicitor General for Scotland	44,406
Junior Scottish Minister	27,816

S4M-12626 Liam McArthur on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme—That the Parliament, by virtue of sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998:

1. amends that part of paragraph (iv)(b) of the Resolution of the Parliament of 12 June 2008 as amended by the Resolution of Parliament of 24 March 2010, relating to provision for termination payments to members' staff who are close family members of the member (as defined by Section 9.1.1 of the Scheme) where the costs of employing such close family members is reimbursed in accordance with Section 3 of the Scheme and termination of the employment of such close family members on or before the 31 July 2015 is due to the effect of paragraph 3.1.8 of the Scheme as inserted by the amending Resolution, and paragraph (v)(i), by deleting "31 July 2015" and inserting instead "31 July 2016".

2. amends that part of paragraph (v) of the Resolution of the Parliament of 12 June 2008 as amended by the resolution of the Parliament of 24 March 2010, relating to the transitional arrangements for entitlement to the reimbursement of staff costs under Section 3 of the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme in respect of close family members (as defined by Section 9.1.1 of the Scheme) whose employment by a member

commenced before 1 April 2010 which provides for that entitlement to end not later than 31 July 2015 by deleting “31 July 2015” and inserting instead “31 July 2016”.

followed by

Business Motions

followed by

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm

Decision Time

followed by

Members’ Business

Debate on the subject of—

S4M-12163 Mike MacKenzie: Average Speed Cameras on the A9—That the Parliament welcomes the recently published performance data regarding the average speed cameras on the A9, which suggests that, since the cameras were introduced, the number of drivers speeding has reduced from around one in three to one in 20 and that examples of excessive speeding are down by 97%; understands that there is no evidence of drivers taking diversions or using so-called rat runs to avoid the cameras; believes that their introduction has resulted in an increase in journey time reliability to and from Inverness, and considers that both the cameras and the HGV speed limit pilot on the A9, which have been put in place ahead of the dualling of the road, have been a success and have led to more responsible and safer motoring.

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