



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 40 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 27 October 2015

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Stephen Taylor, Minister of the Kirk of St Nicholas Uniting, Aberdeen led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14616—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 27 October 2015—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Future of the Scottish Steel Industry

delete

5.20 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on the Future of the Scottish Steel Industry.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Aileen McLeod) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report 2013 and Report on Progress Towards Meeting the Interim Target.

**6. Apologies (Scotland) Bill:** Margaret Mitchell moved S4M-14297—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Apologies (Scotland) Bill.

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

**7. Harbours (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-14595—That the Parliament agrees that the Harbours (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Standing Order Rule Changes:** Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved:

**S4M-14554—Scottish Rate of Income Tax**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 8th Report 2015 (Session 4), *Standing Order Rule Changes – Scottish Rate of Income Tax* (SP Paper 813), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 30 October 2015.

**S4M-14555—Consolidation Bills**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report 2015 (Session 4), *Standing Order Rule Changes – Consolidation Bills* (SP Paper 814), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 30 October 2015.

**S4M-14556—Printed and Published**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 10th Report 2015 (Session 4), *Standing Order Rule Changes – printed and published* (SP Paper 815), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 30 October 2015.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**10. As Gaza Withers, its People Perish:** The Parliament debated S4M-14128 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament notes the findings of the UN report

that suggest that the Gaza strip could become uninhabitable by 2020 due to what it terms de-development, the process whereby development is not only hindered but reversed, stating that “Three Israeli military operations in the past six years, in addition to eight years of economic blockade, have ravaged the already debilitated infrastructure of Gaza, shattered its productive base, left no time for meaningful reconstruction or economic recovery and impoverished the Palestinian population in Gaza, rendering their economic wellbeing worse than the level of two decades previous”; can understand the feelings of many that the Israeli Government’s action and inaction with regards to Gaza are deliberate and leading to the genocide of those living there; supports those Israelis, Palestinians, Jews and non-Jews alike from Glasgow, Scotland and around the world who believe in mutual respect and understanding as cornerstones to a just solution in Palestine and Israel while condemning violence and extremism in any form; further believes that this groundswell of support for justice will only grow should the current situation not change, and hopes that, mindful of such, wise counsel will prevail.

**11. Motion without Notice:** Sandra White moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
27 October 2015

## Appendix

(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

### New Bills introduced on 8 October 2015

**Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to restate and amend the law relating to burial and cremation; to make provision about exhumation of human remains; to make provision in relation to the inspection and licensing of funeral directors; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 80) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 80-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 80-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about abusive behaviour; and to make provision about sexual harm including provision about directions to be given to juries in sexual offence cases and provision about orders to prevent future sexual harm. (SP Bill 81) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 81-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 81-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill

### Subordinate Legislation

#### Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 9 October 2015 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2015 [draft]  
laid under section 133(2)(b) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

#### Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 12 October 2015 and is subject to the negative procedure—

General Dental Council (Indemnity Arrangements) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules Order of Council 2015 (SI 2015/1758)  
laid under section 51(4) of the Dentists Act 1984

## **Laid only instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 12 October 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No.4 and Amendment) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/349) (C.43)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 October 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Child Support Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2015 (SSI 2015/351)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 23 October 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Appeal Court Rules) 2015 (SSI 2015/356)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

## **Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 9 October 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd Annual Report & Accounts 2015 (SG/2015/152)  
laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1984

Annual Report for the Child Poverty Strategy for Scotland October 2015: (SG/2015/194)  
laid under section 11(7) of the Child Poverty Act 2010

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/135)  
laid under Section 15(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 & Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Education for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/177)—

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/182)—

Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/180)—

NHS Health Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/178)—

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/181)—

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the year to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/179)—

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 14 October 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Implementation of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report to the Scottish Parliament 2014/15 (SG/2015/159)

laid under Section 52 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 15 October 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Strategic Plan 2015-17 (SG/2015/195)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 42(11)(a) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2014/2015 (SG/2015/155)

laid under section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 16 October 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Accounts year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/197)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15: (SG/2015/190)

laid under section 30(1) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

The General Teaching Council for Scotland – Annual Reports and Accounts 2014-2015 (GTCS/2015/01)

laid by the General Teaching Council for Scotland under Schedule 3, paragraph 5 (1) of the Public Services Reform (General Teaching Council for Scotland) Order 2011

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 20 October 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

HMICS Local Policing+ Inspection Programme Inspection of Edinburgh Division (HMICS/2015/08)

laid under Section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SPCPF/2015/02)

laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102(2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 October 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Children's Hearing Scotland Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/205)

laid under Paragraph 23(4) of Schedule 1 to the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Children's Hearing Scotland Annual Report April 2014 - March 2015 (SG/2015/204)

laid under Paragraph 23(4) of Schedule 1 to the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2015/146)—  
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/207)—

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS in Scotland 2015: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/9)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report 2014/2015 (SHRC/2015/01)

laid under section 15 (1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for October 2015 (SPSO/2015/10)

Volume 1

Case ref: 201406017 and 201503127, Lanarkshire NHS Board and Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case ref: 201403377, NHS 24

Case ref: 201401377, Fife NHS Board

Volumes 2 & 3

Annexes: Reports of Discontinued Investigations

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 22 October 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Treasure Trove in Scotland Report by Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer 2014/2015 (SG/2015/210)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 26 October 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure —

Scotland The Hydro Nation 2nd Annual Report (SG/2015/162)

laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 4 of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 27 October 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic Plan 2016-19 (SG/2015/206)

laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

The Scottish Report on Progress Towards Meeting the Interim Target (SG/2015/193)

laid under Section 39 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target 2013 (SG/2015/192)

laid under Section 33 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

### **Committee Reports**

The following report is being published on 13 October 2015—

Public Audit Committee, 4<sup>th</sup> Report, 2015 (Session 4): Report on The 2012/13 audit of North Glasgow College: governance and financial stewardship (SP Paper 812)





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