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Thursday 19 November 2015

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

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 Third Sector GIRFEC Project: The Parliament debated S4M-13954 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament welcomes the role of the public social partnership, the National Third Sector GIRFEC Project, which includes Barnardo's Scotland, Voluntary Action Scotland and Improvement Service, in supporting third sector organisations in Paisley and across Scotland to be full partners in the commissioning and planning of children's services; recognises the role that it considers organisations, large and small, have in providing vital services to children, young people and their families; expresses concern that further reductions to the welfare budget and social security at UK level could mean that public services will be required to support increasing numbers of children and families in need; welcomes the role that the third sector has in working hand-in-hand with the public sector to reduce growing inequalities, and recognises the importance of having a well-resourced and supported third sector that is able to be involved at the strategic level.

4. Community Justice (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-14879—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill.

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

5. Community Justice (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-14805—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Community Justice (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 5.01 pm.

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Clerk of the Parliament
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