



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 60 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 10 December 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. The Continuing Success of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust:** The Parliament debated S4M-14721 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament celebrates and commends the successes of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT), which is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Scotland's former mining communities, including those in Midlothian, by encouraging small voluntary charitable and other organisations to expand their scope, build new partnerships and tackle more ambitious projects; understands that this is achieved by working in the heart and soul of coalfield communities, delivering on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, land reform, the Regeneration Strategy and social justice by investing resources, expertise and knowledge to ensure that local people are able to fulfil their potential, developing projects from the bottom up with involvement from the community; notes that this also includes the Participatory Budget Fund, a small fund offering small grants to groups and projects; congratulates the CRT on this work, which includes awards in Gorebridge ranging from over £3,000 to Midlothian Scout Group to £500 to Gorebridge Arts Collective, and wishes the trust well in its continuing work.

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

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15121—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (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 2: 35 minutes.

Groups 3 to 5: 1 hour.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on an Update on Common Agricultural Policy Payments.

**7. Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

2 (For 94, Against 14, Abstentions 0)

3 (For 94, Against 14, Abstentions 0)

13 (For 61, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 36, 37, 38 and 39.

**8. Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M 15113—That the Parliament agrees that the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

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

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
10 December 2015

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

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative instruments**

The following draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on 10 December 2015—

Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]  
laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland)  
Act 2006

The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged

**Laid only instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 10 December 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules  
and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Sheriff Appeal Court) 2015  
(SSI 2015/419)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 11 December 2015—

Justice Committee, 21<sup>st</sup> Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation  
(SP Paper 856).

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