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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 24 April 2014

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 (Alex Salmond).

3. Local Knowledge Under Fire: The Parliament debated S4M-09191 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament notes the recent restructuring of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) and the proposed closure of five of Scotland's eight emergency control rooms, including that at Inverness; understands that these closures disproportionately affect rural constituencies where local geographic knowledge is highly important in mobilising firefighting efforts; notes the view that local problems require local solutions; considers that the control room proposals will leave rural towns and communities feeling vulnerable and isolated from the SFRS; believes that the fire safety legislation that has been passed by the National Assembly for Wales, which mandates the installation of fire sprinkler systems in all new buildings, is beneficial, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to consult on whether to introduce similar such legislation.

4. Housing (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-09749—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Housing (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 97, Against 0, Abstentions 13).

5. Housing (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-09578— That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Housing (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. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
24 April 2014

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 24 April 2014 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment No. 2) (Scotland) Order 2014
(SSI 2014/108)

laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI
2014/109)

laid under section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI
2014/110)

laid under section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

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