



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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**Meeting of the Parliament**

**Tuesday 11 March 2014**

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Iain McFadzean, Chief Executive, Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-09297—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 11 March 2014—

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Tribunals (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Events at the Vulcan Nuclear Reactor Test Establishment

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-09286—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Tribunals (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: 20 minutes

Groups 3 to 6: 40 minutes

Groups 7 to 8: 55 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Tribunals (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

18 (For 102, Against 13, Abstentions 0)

19 (For 102, Against 13, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

25 (For 14, Against 101, Abstentions 0)

26 (For 55, Against 60, Abstentions 0)

27 (For 43, Against 73, Abstentions 0)

28 (For 43, Against 73, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 24 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

Amendment 29 was not moved.

**6. Tribunals (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-09272—That the Parliament agrees that the Tribunals (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on Events at the Vulcan Nuclear Reactor Test Establishment.

**8. Year of Natural Scotland:** The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-09280—That the Parliament acknowledges the contribution made by many to the successful delivery of the Year of Natural Scotland 2013; recognises that a key strength has been the close partnerships developed in showcasing Scotland’s natural heritage; notes that Scotland’s natural beauty continues to be one of the biggest tourist draws, especially during Homecoming Scotland, and welcomes the public support in declaring the Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) the national tree of Scotland, which it considers a fitting legacy for the Year of Natural Scotland.

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S4M-09280.1 to motion S4M-09280—

Insert at end—

“; acknowledges the challenges ahead for Scotland to deliver the 2020 biodiversity targets, and agrees that meeting these targets would be an equally fitting legacy to the Year of Natural Scotland”.

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the contribution made by many to the successful delivery of the Year of Natural Scotland 2013; recognises that a key strength has been the close partnerships developed in showcasing Scotland’s natural heritage; notes that Scotland’s natural beauty continues to be one of the biggest tourist draws, especially during Homecoming Scotland; welcomes the public support in declaring the Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) the national tree of Scotland, which it considers a fitting legacy for the Year of Natural Scotland; acknowledges the challenges ahead for Scotland to deliver the 2020 biodiversity targets, and agrees that meeting these targets would be an equally fitting legacy to the Year of Natural Scotland.

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

**10. Clyde 2020:** The Parliament debated S4M-08449 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament acknowledges the commitment of Scottish ministers to meet the requirement under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive to bring the Clyde up to Good Environmental Status by 2020; recognises the substantial economic, social and environmental importance of the Clyde, both locally and nationally; believes that meeting the Clyde 2020 target will increase employment in a diversified fishing industry, enhance tourism by boosting recreational sea fishing and improve biodiversity on and around the Clyde; understands that there is a wide range of parties with an interest in the future of the Clyde, including the people of Cunninghame North, and welcomes efforts by those parties to work together to deliver on these objectives.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
11 March 2014

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

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Negative instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 March 2014 and is subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/70)  
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 10 March 2014 and are subject to the negative procedure—

CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (Amendment) Order 2014 (SI 2014/502)  
laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 3 to the Climate Change Act 2008

Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2013 Order of Council 2014 (SI 2014/532)  
laid under article 42 of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

**Laid only instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 March 2014 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Tuberculosis (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/71)  
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 10 March 2014 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Child Poverty Strategy for Scotland: Our Approach 2014 - 2017: SG/2014/24  
The document is being laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 11(3) of the Child Poverty Act 2010.

## **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 10 March 2014 —

Public Audit Committee, 1st Report, 2014 (Session 4): Framework for auditing the Scottish rate of income tax (SP Paper 482)

The following report was published on 13 March 2014 —

Finance Committee, 2nd Report, 2014 (Session 4): Budget (Scotland) Act 2013 Amendment Order 2014 (SP Paper 488)

The following report is being published on 12 March 2014—

Health and Sport Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 489)

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