



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 28 June 2012

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

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-03522—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 28 June 2012—

after

2.55 pm            Stage 3 Proceedings: Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by*      Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Business Motion: Long Leases (Scotland) Bill:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-03497—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill, debate on amendment 1 shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion no later than 20 minutes after the stage begins (excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress).

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Business Motion: Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-03496—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (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 4: 55 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) made a statement and answered questions on the Rio+20 Earth Summit.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Progress on Reform of Post 16 Learning.

**6. Long Leases (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 1 was disagreed to (by division: For 17, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

**7. Long Leases (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved S4M-03408—That the Parliament agrees that the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**9. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

**10. Success of Armed Services Advice Project:** The Parliament debated S4M-3049 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament congratulates the Armed Services Advice Project (ASAP) on what it considers two successful years of delivering advice, information and support to the armed forces community in Scotland; notes that ASAP is delivered by Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB) across Scotland, including by Hamilton CAB; understands that ASAP has dealt with over 6,000 issues for more than 1,400 clients in its first 21 months and gained £893,000 for its clients; believes that this is an important project and commends the group of service and non-service charities that fund it, including Poppyscotland, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, the Maritime Charities Funding Group, ABF the Soldiers' Charity, Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association Forces Help, the Robertson Trust and Turn2us; considers that, while the majority of servicemen and

women make a successful transition to civilian life following discharge, for a minority of veterans or their family members who experience significant problems, ASAP provides a vital source of advice and support; notes that getting the right help at the right time can make a significant contribution to helping veterans recover from problems, and looks forward to the forthcoming Citizens Advice Scotland report on veterans' issues, which will be published to coincide with Armed Services Day.

**11. Themed Questions:** Questions on Culture and External Affairs and on Infrastructure and Capital Investment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**12. Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Amendment 8 was agreed to (by division: For 102, Against 13, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division):

- 1 (For 35, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 35, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

**13. Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Welfare and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-03406—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**14. Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Brian Adam) moved S4M-03491—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government's proposal to nominate, as representatives of the Parliament, Christina McKelvie MSP as a full member and Helen Eadie MSP as an alternate member on the UK delegation to the regional chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe for the remainder of the current parliamentary session to 2016.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Crime and Courts Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-03514—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Crime and Courts Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 10 May 2012, relating to the establishment of the National Crime Agency, for a new drug-driving offence and to allow those detained in Scotland by immigration officers to be able to access legal advice on the same terms as those detained by police officers, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish

Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Approval of SSI:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-03523—That the Parliament agrees that the Fundable Bodies (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Approval of SSI:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-03524—That the Parliament agrees that the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**18. Approval of Guidance:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-03525—That the Parliament agrees that the Code of Practice on Non-Native Species (SG 2012/87) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**19. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
28 June 2012

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

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Negative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 28 June 2012 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/208)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/209)

laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

**Laid only instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 28 June 2012 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Annual Close Time (Permitted Periods of Fishing) (River Dee (Aberdeenshire) Salmon Fishery District) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/210)

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 28 June and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2011/2012 (SHRC/2012/02)

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

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts 2011/12 (SG/2012/85)

laid under Article 13 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008

The Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence Annual Report and Accounts and Performance Review Report 2011/12 (SG/2012/91)

laid under the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002, as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2008

Section 70 Payments in Accordance with: Transport Scotland Act 2001  
Section 70(4) Financial Year 2011-12 (SG/2012/119)  
laid under section 70(4) of the Transport Scotland Act 2001

Treasure Trove in Scotland: Report by Queen's and Lord Treasurer's  
Remembrancer 2011/2012 (SG/2012/121)

### **Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 28 June 2012—

Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 9th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 174)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 39th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 177)



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