



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 15 November 2012

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. Scottish Literature on the Big Screen:** The Parliament debated S4M-04351 in the name of Nigel Don—That the Parliament notes the production of the film, *Sunset Song*; understands that this is an adaptation of a 1932 Lewis Grassic Gibbon novel and is set in the Mearns area of Kincardineshire; believes that it will be directed by Terence Davies and star Peter Mullan, Agyness Deyn and Stuart Martin; considers that, although it will be beneficial to the Mearns area in the short-run, it is unlikely that there will be any long-lasting legacy or benefit; believes that recent films such as *Brave* and *The Angels' Share* have raised awareness of Scotland and that it would be beneficial to the country's film and TV industry to have additional self-sustaining post-production, studio and sound stage facilities to ensure that all aspects of screen production can be carried out in Scotland, and considers that such additional capacity would encourage production companies from around the world to shoot in Scotland.

**4. SPCB Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

**5. Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister (Government Strategy and the Constitution) and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-04791—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
15 November 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 15 November 2012 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2012  
(SSI 2012/305)

laid under 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Assistance to Registered Social Landlords and Other Persons) (Grants) Amendment Revocation Regulations 2012  
(SSI 2012/306)

laid under section 109(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 15 November 2012 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

VisitScotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012  
(SG/2012/232)

laid under section 6(6) of the Development of Tourism Act 1969 &  
section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act  
2000

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