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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 5 February 2013

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Graeme Atkinson, Minister, Sandyhills Parish Church, Glasgow led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. High Hedges (Scotland) Bill:** Mark McDonald moved S4M-05535—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the High Hedges (Scotland) Bill.

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

4. Promoting and Protecting Human Rights – Scotland, Europe and the Wider World: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-05556—That the Parliament reaffirms the importance in a modern, democratic Scotland of the values proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; acknowledges and asserts the inalienable rights enumerated in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and enshrined in international treaty; dedicates itself once more to the vision of an inclusive Scotland that respects, protects and realises the human rights of all; commends the work of the Scottish Human Rights Commission, Scotland's independent national human rights institution; looks forward to the development of Scotland's first national action plan for human rights over the course of 2013, and embraces the opportunities presented by Scotland's engagement in the wider world to promote respect for the universal and indivisible rights of all of humanity.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-05556.2 to motion S4M-05556—

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“, and believes that tackling human trafficking should be an essential part of the national action plan for human rights, including a clear commitment to review the current law to ensure that the crime of human trafficking is defined as clearly and comprehensively as possible.”

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament reaffirms the importance in a modern, democratic Scotland of the values proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; acknowledges and asserts the inalienable rights enumerated in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and enshrined in international treaty; dedicates itself once more to the vision of an inclusive Scotland that respects, protects and realises the human rights of all; commends the work of the Scottish Human Rights Commission, Scotland’s independent national human rights institution; looks forward to the development of Scotland’s first national action plan for human rights over the course of 2013, and embraces the opportunities presented by Scotland’s engagement in the wider world to promote respect for the universal and indivisible rights of all of humanity, and believes that tackling human trafficking should be an essential part of the national action plan for human rights, including a clear commitment to review the current law to ensure that the crime of human trafficking is defined as clearly and comprehensively as possible.

5. Reappointment of the Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission: David Stewart, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-05541—That the Parliament nominates Professor Alan Miller to Her Majesty The Queen for reappointment for a second term as the Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission from 3 March 2013 until 2 March 2016.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland: David Stewart, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-05537—That the Parliament agrees, under section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to appoint Lindsey Gallanders as a member of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Prohibit Cold Calling for Property Maintenance and Repairs: The Parliament debated S4M-05219 in the name of Dave Thompson—That the Parliament welcomes the campaign by the Scottish branch of the Trading Standards Institute (TSI) that seeks to introduce legislation to prohibit cold calling for the purposes of property maintenance and repairs on the grounds of community safety; notes that TSI Scotland has stated that the practice is “one of the most disturbing and socially

significant issues” faced by trading standards officers; condemns rogue cold calling, which, it believes, often targets vulnerable citizens in the Highlands and Islands and across the country; notes that such activity can be part of serious and organised crime networks; welcomes the backing for this campaign from Citizens Advice Scotland, Neighbourhood Watch, the Scottish Business Crime Centre and others, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to meet TSI Scotland to discuss its campaign.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
5 February 2013

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 February 2013 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 [draft]
laid under section 252(6) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland)
Act 1997

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 February 2013 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Water Environment (Drinking Water Protected Areas) (Scotland) Order 2013
(SSI 2013/29)
laid under section 36(4) of the Water Environment and Water Services
(Scotland) Act 2003

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 February 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Maps for the Water Environment (Drinking Water Protected Areas) (Scotland)
Order 2013 (SG/2013/9)
laid under section 6(2) of the Water Environment and Water Services
(Scotland) Act 2003

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