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Thursday 7 June 2012

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

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on the Legionella Outbreak.

2. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-03163—That the Parliament calls for the current European negotiations to deliver radical reform of the failed Common Fisheries Policy to provide genuine decentralisation of decision making that empowers fishing nations and stakeholders to work together, including on a regional basis, to promote fisheries conservation, tackle discards and safeguard Scotland's historic fishing rights for the benefit of its fishing communities, seafood sectors and wider marine environment.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-03163.2 to motion S4M-03163—

Insert at end—

“and, in recognising the role that the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment has as part of the UK delegation to the Council of Ministers, urges the Scottish Government to work closely with the UK Government to ensure that the long-term interests of the Scottish fishing and aquaculture industries and Scotland's marine environment are at the centre of the discussions at the council.”

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

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-03163.1 to motion S4M-03163—

After “conservation,” insert—

“while recognising the enormous efforts that the Scottish fishing fleet has already made in complying with conservation measures, to”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament calls for the current European negotiations to deliver radical reform of the failed Common Fisheries Policy to provide genuine decentralisation of decision making that empowers fishing nations and stakeholders to work together, including on a regional basis, to promote fisheries conservation, while recognising the enormous efforts that the Scottish fishing fleet has already made in complying with conservation measures to tackle discards and safeguard Scotland’s historic fishing rights for the benefit of its fishing communities, seafood sectors and wider marine environment, and, in recognising the role that the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment has as part of the UK delegation to the Council of Ministers, urges the Scottish Government to work closely with the UK Government to ensure that the long-term interests of the Scottish fishing and aquaculture industries and Scotland’s marine environment are at the centre of the discussions at the council.

3. General Question Time: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

4. First Minister’s Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

5. Themed Question Time: Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government’s Approach to Taxation.

7. Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-03153—That the Parliament agrees that the Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 7 as noted above.

9. The Death Penalty in India: The Parliament debated S4M-02598 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament notes the recent rally that was held in Edinburgh by members of the Sikh community from Shettleston and across Scotland to express their opposition to the reintroduction of the death penalty in India; understands that, as a result of the Indian Government's decision, a death sentence has been imposed on Balwant Singh Rajoana, who has been in prison since 2007, when he was sentenced to 17 years; understands, however, that, following a mercy petition to the President of India, the death sentence on Balwant Singh Rajoana has been postponed; notes the calls for the Indian Government not to proceed with the death penalty for Balwant Singh Rajoana or any other prisoners, and believes that capital punishment is fundamentally wrong and has no place in the twenty-first century.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

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