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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 23 April 2013

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend James Falconer, Hospital Chaplain, Aberdeen Children's Hospital, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Impact of Welfare Reform on Scotland: Michael McMahon, on behalf of the Welfare Reform Committee, moved S4M-06244—That the Parliament notes the Welfare Reform Committee's 2nd Report, 2013 (Session 4): *The Impact of Welfare Reform on Scotland* (SP Paper 303), commissioned from Sheffield Hallam University.

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

4. The National Trust for Scotland (Governance etc.) Bill: Fiona McLeod, on behalf of The National Trust for Scotland (Governance etc.) Bill Committee, moved S4M-06243—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of The National Trust for Scotland (Governance etc.) Bill and agrees that it should proceed as a private bill.

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

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

6. Welcome to the National Cricket Teams of Japan: The Parliament debated S4M-06097 in the name of Alex Johnstone—That the Parliament extends a warm welcome to the national men and women’s Japan cricket teams who will arrive in Scotland on 30 April 2013 to play in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Stirling before visiting the Parliament on 4 May; notes that the head of the Japan Cricket Association, Alex Miyaji, is of part-Scottish heritage; considers that Mr Miyaji has done important work in promoting cricket in Japan, with one of the aims being to promote links between Japan and the UK; congratulates the work of his charity, Cricket For Smiles, which seeks to supply cricket equipment and instruction to areas that were devastated by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami; congratulates a number of young people on their fundraising for the charity; wishes the national teams of Japan an eventful and enjoyable stay in Scotland, and further notes what it considers the positive economic, sporting, cultural and educational relationship that Scotland has enjoyed with Japan for many years, including 65 Japanese companies operating in Scotland employing some 5,000 people and most recently a Japanese Week at the University of Stirling, which further promoted Scotland’s links with Japan.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
23 April 2013

Appendix

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 19 April 2013 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Police Service of Scotland (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2013
(SSI 2013/125)
laid under section 125(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act
2012

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 22 April 2013 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Scottish Public Authorities)
Amendment Order 2013 (SSI 2013/126)
laid under section 72(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act
2002

Environmental Information (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013
(SSI 2013/127)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities
Act 1972

Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2013
(SSI 2013/128)
laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013
(SSI 2013/129)
laid under section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

Affirmative instruments

The following draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on 23 April 2013—

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Rules 2013 [draft]

The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 19 April 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Independent Custody Visiting (Grounds for Refusal of Access) Determination 2013 (SG/2013/48)
laid under chapter 16 section 94(8) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

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