



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 20 November 2013

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Peter Kelly, Director, The Poverty Alliance led Time for Reflection.

**2. Motion of Condolence, Helen Eadie:** Johann Lamont moved S4M-08347—That the Parliament expresses its deep regret and sadness at the death of Helen Eadie MSP; offers its sympathy and condolences to Helen's family; recognises her proud record in Scottish politics as a parliamentarian, a campaigner and a constituency MSP, and acknowledges her as a true champion for the Fife communities that she represented for 14 years.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**3. The Future of the Defence Industry in Scotland:** Johann Lamont moved S4M-08348—That the Parliament regrets BAE System's announcement that it intends to cut 1,775 jobs across its UK shipyards and supports all efforts to minimise compulsory redundancies and to redeploy people where possible; welcomes, however, the confirmation by BAE Systems that the Clyde is its preferred UK location for the construction of the future Type 26 global combat ship; notes that Scotland plays a significant role in the UK, European and worldwide defence industries, including hosting the largest defence electronics manufacturing site in the UK in addition to its shipbuilding but notes the benefit to this industry of UK defence contracts, and therefore considers that the best way to safeguard the future of Scotland's defence manufacturing industry is to remain in the UK.

The Minister for Transport and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved amendment S4M-08348.3 to motion S4M-08348—

Leave out from “but notes” to end and insert—

“; notes that independence will bring new opportunities for this industry, as for others, with naval procurement a key part of the future of Scotland's shipyards, and further notes that freeing Scotland's share of the estimated £100 billion lifetime cost of the Trident replacement programme would widen the choices that could be made to support increased diversification and take action to boost exports.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 1).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-08348.1 to motion S4M-08348—

After “Type 26 global combat ship” insert—

“; welcomes the announcement by the UK Government that three new offshore patrol vessels will be built in Scotland, sustaining the workforce between the completion of the Queen Elizabeth Class aircraft carriers and the new generation of frigates, securing the vital skills needed to build the UK's future warships”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament regrets BAE System's announcement that it intends to cut 1,775 jobs across its UK shipyards and supports all efforts to minimise compulsory redundancies and to redeploy people where possible; welcomes, however, the confirmation by BAE Systems that the Clyde is its preferred UK location for the construction of the future Type 26 global combat ship; notes that Scotland plays a significant role in the UK, European and worldwide defence industries, including hosting the largest defence electronics manufacturing site in the UK in addition to its shipbuilding; notes that independence will bring new opportunities for this industry, as for others, with naval procurement a key part of the future of Scotland's shipyards, and further notes that freeing Scotland's share of the estimated £100 billion lifetime cost of the Trident replacement programme would widen the choices that could be made to support increased diversification and take action to boost exports.

**4. Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Alex Neil) moved S4M-08327—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 98, Against 15, Abstentions 5).

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-08355—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 28 November 2013.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-08356—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Tribunals (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 21 February 2014.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-08364—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—  
Tuesday 26 November 2013

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Independence White Paper

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 November 2013

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Portfolio Questions  
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Independence White Paper

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 November 2013

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions  
12.30 pm Members' Business  
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The Independent Expert Review of Opioid Replacement Therapies in Scotland  
*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 December 2013

2.00 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)  
*followed by* Scottish Government Business  
*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 4 December 2013

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Rural Affairs and the Environment;  
Justice and the Law Officers  
*followed by* Scottish Government Business  
*followed by* Business Motions  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
Members' Business

Thursday 5 December 2013

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am      General Questions  
12.00 pm      First Minister's Questions  
12.30 pm      Members' Business  
2.30 pm      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
2.30 pm      Scottish Government Business  
*followed by*      Business Motions  
*followed by*      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm      Decision Time

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0)

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
20 November 2013

**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 2013 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Seed (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013  
(SSI 2013/326)  
laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges)  
(Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/327)  
laid under section 105(1) and (2) of the National Health Service  
(Scotland) Act 1978

**Other documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 15 November 2013—

Land Reform (Scotland) 2003 (Modification) Order 2013 (SG/2013/254) -  
Statutory Guidance  
laid under section 27(4)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

**Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 15 November 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Statement of Accounts  
2012/13 (SG/2013/242)  
laid under section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000.

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 18 November 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Education Scotland Annual Review 2012/13 (SG/2013/237)  
laid by a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying  
power

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 20 November 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for  
November 2013 (SPSO/2013/11) —

Case 201203086: Lanarkshire NHS Board

Case 201202679: Fife NHS Board

laid under Section 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services  
Ombudsman Act 2002.

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