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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 26 November 2013

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Moira McDonald, Minister, Corstorphine Old Parish Church, Edinburgh led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on the Independence White Paper.

4. Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Alex Neil) moved S4M-08389—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill.

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

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

6. The Future of Medical Research Funding in Scotland Remains Strong: The Parliament debated S4M-07869 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament understands that, for the last 100 years, the Medical Research Council (MRC) has funded research that has led to improvements in human health, boosted the economy, established jobs and sustained a competitive environment for world-class medical research in Scotland; welcomes its centenary and celebrates what it sees as the excellent research carried out by scientists in the universities and hospitals that

the MRC supports; notes that, in 2012-13, the MRC awarded £74.7 million to scientists, £9.8 million of which was spent on research studentships; understands that it is currently providing £2.7 million in grants to the University of St Andrews and £45,609 to the University of Stirling, and notes that six of Scotland's universities, including the University of St Andrews, are sharing £20 million of MRC funding to help establish a UK health informatics research centre, the Farr Institute, which is due to be operational by April 2014, will have centres in Dundee, London, Manchester and Swansea and will aim to bring together expertise in health and social and computer science from 19 universities across the UK.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
26 November 2013

Appendix

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

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 21 November 2013

Housing (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about housing, including provision about the abolition of the right to buy, social housing, the law affecting private housing, the regulation of letting agents and the licensing of sites for mobile homes. (SP Bill 41) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Nicola Sturgeon
Supported by: Margaret Burgess

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 41-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 41-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

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

Health Boards (Membership) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/334)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Adoption (Recognition of Overseas Adoptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/335)
laid under section 117(4) of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007

Food (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/336)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2013 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/327)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2013 for consultation—

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2014 [draft]
(SG 2013/261)

laid under section 13(3)(a) of the Convention Rights (Compliance)
(Scotland) Act 2001 for the purposes of consultation required by
section 13(3)(b) of that Act

Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2014 – Statement
of Reasons (SG 2013/262)

laid under section 13(3)(a) of the Convention Rights (Compliance)
(Scotland) Act 2001 for the purposes of consultation required by
section 13(3)(b) of that Act

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Electoral Commission's Annual Report 2012-13 (ELC/2013/01)

laid in pursuance of Paragraph 20A (1) of Schedule 1, to the Political
Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 25 November 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and
Accounts For the year ended 31st March 2013 (SG/2013/256)

laid under section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993.

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 26 November 2013—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th report 2013 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 423)

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