



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 2 October 2014

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

**3. End-to-end Competition and the Universal Postal Service:** The Parliament debated S4M-10547 in the name of Hugh Henry—That the Parliament notes with concern the expansion of end-to-end postal services by TNT Post UK in major UK cities; considers that the sustainability of the universal postal service depends on Royal Mail being able to use revenue from easier to serve, densely populated areas to cover the cost of a nationwide network; is concerned that the cherry-picking of urban and suburban areas by TNT Post UK could have a serious impact on the financial sustainability of the one-price-goes-anywhere, six-days-a-week universal postal service; expresses its support for the universal service that many people in Renfrewshire South and across Scotland, including rural communities and small businesses, rely on, and notes calls for Ofcom to undertake a full review of end-to-end postal competition as a matter of urgency and determine quickly any regulatory changes needed to protect the universal postal service.

**4. Food (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Health (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-11048—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Food (Scotland) Bill.

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

**5. Food (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Health (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-10555—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Food (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
2 October 2014

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

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 2 October 2014 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Mutual Recognition of Criminal Financial Penalties in the European Union (Scotland) (No. 1) Order 2014 [draft]  
laid under section 81(3)(a) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

**Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 2 October 2014 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/189)  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Grampian Health Board Annual Accounts Year-End 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/190)  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/191)  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lothian Directors' Report, Strategic Report and Annual Accounts year ended 31st March 2014 (SG/2014/194)  
laid before under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Shetland NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/196)  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2013/14 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (SG/2014/181)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/179)  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Young Start Annual Report 2013/14 (SG/2014/183)  
laid under Schedule 3, Part 3, Paragraph 9 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

### **Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 2 October 2014—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd report 2014 (Session 4):  
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Justice and Courts Bill (SP  
Paper 590)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 54th report 2014 (Session 4):  
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Deregulation Bill  
(SP Paper 591)

The following report is being published on 3 October 2014—

Justice Committee, 10th Report, 2014 (Session 4): Legal Profession and  
Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (Membership of the Scottish Legal Complaints  
Commission) Amendment Order 2014 (SP Paper 593)



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