



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 60 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 16 December 2014

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Andrew Dick, Minister, St Michael's Church, Inveresk, Musselburgh led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11906—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 17 December 2014

after

*followed by* Portfolio Questions  
Finance, Constitution and Economy

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Historic Child Abuse

(b) Thursday 18 December 2014

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

*followed by* First Minister's Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-11877—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill.

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

**5. Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-11311—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill, agrees to 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.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Infrastructure Bill – UK Legislation:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-11878—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Infrastructure Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 5 June 2014, relating to the administration of the Renewable Heat Incentive, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the functions of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**8. The Bellgrove Hotel:** The Parliament debated S4M-11271 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament notes what it considers has been the protracted coverage over many years regarding the Bellgrove Hotel, which is a hostel in Glasgow's east end; understands that the hostel can accommodate up to 160 men, often from vulnerable backgrounds, and usually houses around 140; believes that it is subject only to a licence for a house in multiple occupancy (HMO) and does not require any further regulation; expresses disappointment that the Care Inspectorate, despite what it believes was a lengthy investigation, concluded that it had no remit over the hostel; notes with interest Glasgow City Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee's decision on 22 October 2014 to award an HMO licence for only one year rather than the three years applied for by the owner, Careside Hotels Limited, and notes the view that, to ensure the wellbeing of vulnerable residents, both the legislation and guidance needs to be reviewed as a matter of urgency in order to ensure that establishments such as the Bellgrove Hotel are more thoroughly regulated.

The meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
16 December 2014

## Appendix

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

### New Bills introduced on 11 December 2014

**Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about human trafficking and slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour, including provision about offences and sentencing, provision for victim support and provision to reduce activity related to offences. (SP Bill 57) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 57-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 57-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

### New Bills introduced on 15 December 2014

**Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to prohibit smoking in private motor vehicles in the presence of children, subject to limited exceptions; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 58) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Jim Hume

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 58-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 58-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

## Subordinate Legislation

### Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 12 December 2014 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Conservation of Salmon (Annual Close Time and Catch and Release) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/357)  
laid under section 68 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2014 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Prescribed Relatives) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/360)  
laid under sections 2 and 6 of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014

## **Laid only instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 12 December 2014 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Glasgow Commonwealth Games Act 2008 (Repeal Day) Order 2014  
(SSI 2014/356)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2014 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and  
Transitional Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/359 (C.32))  
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 12 December 2014 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Historic Scotland Annual Report 2013-14 (SG/2014/210)-  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Group Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/256)-  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial  
Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/257)-  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2013 -  
31 March 2014 (SG/2014/271)  
laid under paragraph 10(1) of schedule 2 to the Regulation of Care  
(Scotland) Act 2001 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and  
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14  
(SG/2014/259)—  
Glasgow Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14  
(SG/2014/260)—  
Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013-  
14 (SG/2014/261)—

Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/262)—

Northern Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/263)—

North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/264)—

South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/265)—

Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/266)—

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

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts Year ended 30 June 2014 (SG/2014/239)

laid under paragraph 15 of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 & section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 1 July 2013 - 30 June 2014 SG/2014/238

laid under paragraph 16 of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007.

### **Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2014 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/272)—

Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Accounts for 2013/14 (SG/2014/280)—

Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual report on the 2013/14 audit (SG/2014/281)—

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

Scottish Independence Referendum Report on the referendum held on 18 September 2014 (ELC/2014/2)

laid in pursuance of Section 27 of the Scottish Independence Referendum Act 2013.

Scottish Water Interim Accounts for the six months to 30 September 2014 (SG/2014/279)

laid under section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002.

## **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 15 December 2014—

Public Audit Committee, 7<sup>th</sup> Report, 2014 (Session 4): Report on Accident and Emergency - performance update (SP Paper 632)

The following report was published on 16 December 2014—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 74<sup>th</sup> report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 635)

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