



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 9 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 28 May 2015

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Peat Extraction for Horticulture: The Parliament debated S4M-13158 in the name of Rob Gibson—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of peatlands for biodiversity, carbon and water and also toward cultural identity and in serving as historical archives and notes the view that stronger measures are needed to end the commercial extraction of peat for horticulture in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross and across the country to ensure the restoration and protection of peatlands and to help develop a long-term viable industry that can provide sustainable soil and growing conditions to help amateur and professional gardeners and growers.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on the Historic Child Abuse Inquiry.

5. Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-13285—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill.

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

6. Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-13146—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) 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).

7. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13267—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Extension) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 99, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
28 May 2015

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 28 May 2015 and are subject to the negative procedure—

University of the West of Scotland (Amendment of the University of Paisley (Scotland) Order of Council 1993) Order of Council 2015 (SSI 2015/209)
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/210)
laid under section 161(3) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Water Environment (River Basin Management Planning etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/211)
laid under section 36(4) and (5) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Education (Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/212)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

All-Scotland Sheriff Court (Sheriff Personal Injury Court) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/213)
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Environmental Liability (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/214)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/215)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 28 May 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Climate Ready Scotland: Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme
Annual Progress Report 2015 (SG/2015/58)
laid under section 54 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 27 May 2015—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd report 2015 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 702)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 31st Report, 2015 (Session
4): Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill at
Stage 1 (SP Paper 730)

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