

Wednesday 11 December 2013

## SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

### Enterprise and Environment

**Hugh Henry (Renfrewshire South) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-18155 by Fergus Ewing on 8 November 2013, whether BAE Systems has indicated what it would do if Scotland decided to separate from the rest of the UK.

(S4W-18552)

**Fergus Ewing:** BAE Systems have made it clear that its recent announcement on naval restructuring was made on commercial grounds. The company has said the Clyde would be the most effective location for the manufacture of the future Type 26 ships.

### Finance

**Hugh Henry (Renfrewshire South) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-18157 by Fergus Ewing on 22 November 2013, whether this means that the Scottish Government would not be able to place civilian shipbuilding orders with the Govan and Scotstoun yards but would have to put such orders out to competitive tender.

(S4W-18553)

**John Swinney:** I refer the member to the answer to question S4W-18157 on 22 November 2013. All answers to written parliamentary questions are available on the Parliament's website, the search facility for which can be found at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx>

### Governance and Communities

**Willie Rennie (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Scottish Liberal Democrats):** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to the second supplementary to question S4F-01683 by the First Minister on 14 November 2013 in relation to the provision of his speeches (Official Report, c. 24472), whether it will reconsider its decision not to publish the First Minister's speech to EU ambassadors on 12 February 2013.

**Holding answer issued: 29 November 2013**

(S4W-18380)

**Nicola Sturgeon:** I refer the member to the answer to question S4W-17875 on 18 November 2013. All answers to written parliamentary questions are available on the Parliament's website, the search facility for which can be found at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx>.

The answer given by the First Minister in response to the second supplementary question to S4F-01683 on 14 November 2013 refers to a speech made by the First Minister at a public event in Hong Kong:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8626>

**Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (Scottish National Party):** To ask the Scottish Government what powers local authorities have to ensure that community councils regulate their (a) business affairs and (b) conduct.

(S4W-18573)

**Derek Mackay:** Local authorities have no specific powers to ensure that community councils regulate their business affairs and conduct.

However, the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 sets out the requirement that local authorities introduce community council schemes for their area and review those schemes from time to time.

Such schemes outline various arrangements including boundaries, elections, meetings, finance, accounts and procedures for effective communication on matters of mutual interest between the local authority and community councils in their area. This is to ensure a level of consistency in the operational arrangements and business affairs of community councils across Scotland whilst recognising the need for local circumstances to be reflected.

The Model Scheme of Establishment provides that “In carrying out their activities community councils must at all times adhere to the law, the terms of the Council’s Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils and the Community Councillors’ Code of Conduct”. The model Code of Conduct for Community Councillors is based on the Code of Conduct for local authority councillors and relevant public bodies as provided for in The Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000. As elected representatives of their communities, community councillors have a responsibility to make sure that they are familiar with, and if the model or any other code is adopted in relation to their community council, that their actions comply with the principles set out in that code. These principles include service to the community, integrity, objectivity and respect.

In addition to a Model Scheme of Establishment and Code of Conduct, to help community councils in their work, local authorities also have access to a model constitution, model standing orders and a good practice guidance. All of these documents are available on the Scottish Government [website](#).

In addition, each local authority has a community council liaison officer (CCLO) working directly with community councils in their area. The model scheme provides that community councils must provide copies of their agendas and draft minutes to the CCLO within 14 days from the date of meetings.

**Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (Scottish National Party):** To ask the Scottish Government what mechanisms are open to communities that feel that their community council is failing to represent them properly.

**(S4W-18574)**

**Derek Mackay:** If communities feel that their community council is failing to represent them properly, their first point of contact is the community council liaison officer in their local authority area.

The Scottish Government is keen to encourage as many people as possible to actively engage with community councils. This involvement can include expressing their views at community council meetings, becoming a member of one or alternatively, ensuring that they cast their vote when community council elections are held.

That is why the Scottish Government, in collaboration with COSLA, has agreed to support the improvement service to undertake a project to help enhance the role of community councils, to include a proposal to run pilot projects to increase the number of contested elections.

**Liam McArthur (Orkney Islands) (Scottish Liberal Democrats):** To ask the Scottish Government how many apprenticeships it has offered in each of its directorates in each of the last three years.

**(S4W-18674)**

**John Swinney:** As an employer the Scottish Government introduced direct entrant Modern Apprenticeship’s from 1 April 2011. These are in our entry level grade of A3. During the financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13 the Scottish Government’s Directorates delivered the following Modern Apprenticeship employment opportunities:

Directorate/ Agency	Directorate	Modern Apprenticeship 2011-12	Modern Apprenticeship 2012-13
DG Enterprise, Environment & Digital	Directorate for Agriculture, Food and Rural Communities	1	5
	Directorate for Business	2	1
	Directorate for Chief Economist	0	0
	Directorate for Digital	0	1
	Directorate for Energy and	1	0

Directorate/ Agency	Directorate	Modern Apprenticeship 2011-12	Modern Apprenticeship 2012-13
	Climate Change		
	Directorate for Environment and Forestry	0	1
	Directorate for Marine Scotland	1	0
	Enterprise, Environment & Digital Business Management and Support	0	0
DG Finance	Finance Directorate	0	1
	Scottish Procurement and Commercial Directorate	0	2
DG Governance & Communities	Directorate for Housing, Regeneration and Welfare	0	0
	The Commonwealth Games and Sport	0	0
	Directorate for HR and Organisational Development	10	5
	Directorate for Legal Services (Solicitor to the Scottish Government)	0	2
	Directorate for Local Government and Communities	0	0
	Information Services and Information Systems	0	1
DG Health & Social Care	Directorate for Chief Medical Officer and Public Health Directorate	0	0
	Directorate for Children and Families	0	1
	Directorate for Health Workforce and Performance Integration	0	0
		0	0
DG Learning & Justice	Directorate for Employability, Skills and Lifelong Learning	0	1
	Parole Board	0	0
	Directorate for Justice	0	1
	Directorate for Safer Communities	0	3
	Learning & Justice	2	0
	Police: Transition and Strategy Unit	0	0
DG Strategy & External Affairs	Directorate for Communications	0	1
	Directorate for Culture and Heritage	0	1
	Directorate for External Affairs	0	0
	Directorate for Strategy and Constitution	0	0
	Ministerial Private Offices	0	2
Accountant in Bankruptcy	Case Operations	1	1
Education	Directorate D	2	3

Directorate/ Agency	Directorate	Modern Apprenticeship 2011-12	Modern Apprenticeship 2012-13
Scotland			
National Records of Scotland	Corporate Services	0	1
	Demography	0	0
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator	OSCR	0	1
Student Awards Agency for Scotland	SAAS	6	25
Disclosure Scotland	Disclosure Services	0	0
Scottish Public Pensions Agency	SPPA	0	3
Transport Scotland	Transport Directorate	0	1
Totals		26	64

### Health and Social Care

**Jim Eadie (Edinburgh Southern) (Scottish National Party):** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made with the redevelopment of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital.

**(S40-2703)**

**Alex Neil:** The Scottish Government is considering the outline business case for phase one of the project, a 185 bed in-patient mental health facility. It is anticipated that this phase of the development will be complete by December 2016.

**Gordon MacDonald (Edinburgh Pentlands) (Scottish National Party):** To ask the Scottish Government how many advance statements, in which a person who is well sets out whether or not they would prefer to be treated for a condition in the future, have been lodged with NHS boards.

**(S40-2704)**

**Alex Neil:** This information is not held centrally.

**Clare Adamson (Central Scotland) (Scottish National Party):** To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages members of the public to carry out first aid training.

**(S40-2705)**

**Michael Matheson:** The Scottish Government works closely with organisations such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, the Child Accident Prevention Trust and Volunteer Development Scotland and provides financial support for work on home safety, injury prevention and community safety initiatives.

These invaluable initiatives include community first responders, who are volunteer members of the public, trained up to use the equipment, and who come to the aid of those who need emergency attention while an ambulance is on its way. Scotland has public access defibrillators located in a range of places, thanks to the work of the Scottish Ambulance Service and a range of charities. Volunteers are trained to use the equipment.

First aid awareness and training is also available in schools and communities and the Curriculum for Excellence, introduced in 2010, has been designed to enable children and young people to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.

**Michael McMahon (Uddingston and Bellshill) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government when Health Improvement Scotland's (HIS) review of NHS Lanarkshire will be completed and published.

**(S4O-2706)**

**Alex Neil:** I refer the member to my earlier answer, to Margaret McCulloch. (S4O-02702).

I can confirm that HIS will publish their report by the end of the year.

**Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government how Healthcare Improvement Scotland will ensure that there is widespread geographical representation on the National Chronic Pain Steering Group.

**(S4W-18583)**

**Michael Matheson:** Membership of the National Chronic Pain Steering Group has recently been reviewed. Additional individual patient membership has been invited from across Scotland. Susan Archibald was invited to join the group in recognition of her work at a national level securing a public petition on chronic pain services. A further three new representatives indicated an interest and have been appointed to join the group. It is recognised that there are no individual patient representatives from the west of Scotland and a further request for a nomination of a volunteer from this area is being sought.

The National Steering Group also includes patient representation through the third sector. To ensure a wide range of views are considered, Action on Pain have also been invited to join the group, this will complement the membership of the three existing voluntary sector organisations.

Membership will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that new members representing different parts of Scotland have the opportunity to join the group.

In addition NHS board representation is being considered and members from newly formed chronic pain service improvement groups have been invited to nominate representatives, to ensure pan Scotland representation.

**Richard Simpson (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will collect data on the family nurse practitioner workforce separately from other nurse categories.

**(S4W-18602)**

**Michael Matheson:** We already collect data on the family nurse partnership workforce for national purposes, including alignment to the licensing agreement for the programme.

**Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government whether the implementation plans produced by NHS boards for Neonatal Care in Scotland: a Quality Framework will be made public and, if so, in what form.

**(S4W-18690)**

**Michael Matheson:** The new Local Delivery Plan format, focusing on the 12 priority areas for action in the Routemap to the 2020 Vision for Health and Social Care, will give NHS boards the opportunity to set out the action they are taking to implement Neonatal Care in Scotland: A Quality Framework.

Considerable progress has already been made, with the vast majority of statements in Neonatal Care in Scotland: A Quality Framework already being met, and full implementation taking place over the next five to 10 years.

**Rhoda Grant (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government how regularly it will meet (a) NHS boards and (b) managed clinical networks to discuss progress toward implementing Neonatal Care in Scotland: a Quality Framework.

**(S4W-18691)**

**Michael Matheson:** Discussions with NHS boards and managed clinical networks are underway to determine what the process will be for monitoring the implementation of Neonatal Care in Scotland: A Quality Framework. Once agreed with Ministers, the governance process will form part of this discussion.

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### **Learning and Justice**

**Tavish Scott (Shetland Islands) (Scottish Liberal Democrats):** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-18183 by Michael Russell on 29 November 2013, whether it will address the issue raised in the question regarding the evidence given at the Public Audit Committee on 6 November 2013.

**(S4W-18636)**

**Michael Russell:** The material to which this question refers relates to college provision in the current academic year. Data for that is not available for some time. For that reason, the previous answer makes clear our commitment to maintain full-time equivalent places, the measure most closely associated with the volume of funded learning, is being delivered.

Changes to the pattern of enrolments across the sector are explained by colleges choosing to focus activity on more intensive learning for young people. As the previous answer also makes clear, that approach is delivering very significant benefits for Scotland and our economy.

### **Strategy and External Affairs**

**Clare Adamson (Central Scotland) (Scottish National Party):** To ask the Scottish Government what information it can provide regarding the First Minister's recent visit to China and Hong Kong.

**(S4W-18829)**

**Fiona Hyslop:** The First Minister visited China and Hong Kong from 2-7 November 2013, leading a delegation of 30 Scottish companies in the oil and gas and construction sector on a trade mission. During his time in country he announced partnerships worth £40 million over the next ten years between Scotland and China. He also took the opportunity to meet and support members of the Scottish Seafood delegation visiting Beijing on their way to the Seafood Expo in Dalian. The visit helped meet the ambitions set out in the Scottish Government's China Strategy to increase engagement with China and build on recent business successes that have seen exports from Scotland to China increase by 88% over the past five years (£265 million to £498 million from 2007-2012).

Business announcements made during the First Minister's visit included a deal struck by the Scottish Professional Football League to see Scottish football being screened live in China for the first time, bringing in £20 million to Scottish clubs as part of a global broadcast deal and seeing matches broadcast to a potential Chinese audience of 60 million.

The First Minister conducted senior-level meetings with major oil companies Sinopec and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation, both of which have substantial interests in the North Sea, opening the door for Scotland's vastly experienced supply chain companies at the very highest level and encouraging further investment in North Sea operations. He also held a meeting with Hainan Group senior leadership to promote the benefits of a direct air route between Scotland and China.

The programme provided significant opportunities for talks at the highest level of Government, emphasising the importance of developing cultural understanding between Scotland and China.

These opportunities included meetings with State Councillor Yang, the holder of China's most senior foreign affairs office and the Director General of Hanban, Madam Xu Lin where the First Minister witnessed the signing of a deal between Hanban and Heriot Watt University to establish Scotland's fifth Confucius Institute.

The First Minister made two key note speeches during his visit, the first at the prestigious Tsinghua University in Beijing address where the First Minister's address drew on the twin examples of Adam

Smith's *The Wealth of Nations and Theory of Moral Sentiments* to outline why social progress must accompany economic progress. In response Professor Alan Miller, Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission said:

"I warmly welcome this speech of the First Minister which speaks to the times in which we are all living. It grounds human rights in Scotland's relationship with China and in Scotland's own journey". (SHRC, News Release 6 November 2013)

The First Minister also spoke at a Financial Times Forum in Hong Kong and highlighted Scotland's strengths in the financial services sector to an audience of 150 senior banking and finance professionals.

While in Hong Kong the First Minister had an excellent introductory meeting with Chief Secretary Carrie Lam. After that meeting he witnessed the signing of agreement between the Universities Grants Committee of Hong Kong and the Scottish Funding Council to work together on future research collaborations focusing initially on the global challenges in energy and life sciences. The First Minister then visited Confucius Hall Secondary School: School of Rugby to follow up on the process of developing stronger sporting links through rugby, launched during his visit to Hong Kong in 2011.

Scottish food, drink and culture, the Year of Homecoming and the Ryder Cup were promoted during the First Minister's time in China to over 300 key business contacts, decision makers and influencers at two Scottish business focused receptions.

#### **Transport Scotland**

**David Stewart (Highlands and Islands) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has made a decision on whether to pilot an increase in the speed limit for HGVs on the A9.

**(S4W-18567)**

**Keith Brown:** The Scottish Government has announced plans for a 50 mph HGV pilot to be introduced in 2014 at the same time as average speed cameras on the A9.

**James Kelly (Rutherglen) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government, with reference to the white paper on independence, what stakeholders it consulted regarding air passenger duty and how their input informed the Scottish Government's position.

**(S4W-18586)**

**Keith Brown:** The Scottish Government regularly discusses air passenger duty with the aviation industry as part of our normal stakeholder engagement. The aviation industry has made clear for some time that air passenger duty is detrimental to the sector and that its reduction would support enhanced services.