



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 22 February 2017

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Economy and Connectivity and then on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Social Security (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government Response to Social Security Consultation.

3. MND: Gordon's Fightback: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S5M-4122—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of Gordon Aikman in improving care, services and research in Motor Neurone Disease (MND); pays tribute to his work to raise awareness of MND and the challenges faced by those who live with debilitating neurological conditions; recognises the many committed individuals who continue to work on improving quality of life for people who live with MND, and believes that the legacy of Gordon's Fightback campaign will bring benefit and comfort to the lives of people with MND, and their loved ones, for many years to come.

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S5M-4122.1 to motion S5M-4122—

As an amendment to motion S5M-4122 in the name of Shona Robison (MND, Gordon's Fightback), insert at end “; recognises that MND is a terminal illness for which there is no cure, and believes that there is every possibility that a cure could be found by ground-breaking clinicians and researchers in Scotland, working collaboratively with experts across the globe.”

After debate, amendment S5M-4122.1 was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution of Gordon Aikman in improving care, services and research in Motor Neurone Disease (MND); pays tribute to his work to raise awareness of MND and the challenges faced by those who live with debilitating neurological conditions; recognises the many committed individuals who continue to work on improving quality of life for people who live with MND; believes that the legacy of Gordon's Fightback campaign will bring benefit and comfort to the lives of people with MND, and their loved ones, for many years to come; recognises that MND is a terminal illness for which there is no cure, and believes that there is every possibility that a cure could be found by ground-breaking clinicians and researchers in Scotland, working collaboratively with experts across the globe.

4. Digital Economy Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-3925—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Digital Economy Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 5 July 2016, relating to the Scottish Ministers laying down fees and rules for the Lands Tribunal for Scotland in cases concerning the Electronic Communications Code and Part 5 (Digital government), so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-4161— That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 February 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee Debate: Report on the Economic Impact of Leaving the European Union

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs;

Justice and the Law Officers
followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 March 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 11.40 am General Questions
 12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
 12.45 pm Members' Business
 2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Child Protection Improvement Programme
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Patient Safety Programme
followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Criminal Finances Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 March 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 March 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Education and Skills
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 March 2017

11.40 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am	General Questions
12.00 pm	First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm	Members' Business
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm	Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish Government Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S5M-4162: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

S5M-4163: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 6 as noted above.

8. Industrial Strategy for a More Prosperous, Fairer Britain: The Parliament debated S5M-2976 in the name of Colin Beattie—That the Parliament notes the publication of the report, *Industrial Strategy for a more prosperous, fairer Britain*, in August 2016 by the Industrial Communities Alliance; considers that the strategy is a significant step forward in providing a context for debate that acknowledges the demise of Scotland's industrial base where whole sectors, including coal, steel, textiles, shipbuilding and heavy engineering, have disappeared entirely or have been reduced to a shadow of their former selves; regrets the impact on communities in Midlothian and across Scotland, which it considers have been left behind and now often have to get by on low-paid work in call centres or warehousing, or on benefits as a main source to top up income; considers that a revival of British industry would be especially beneficial to the economies of the Midlands, the north of England, Wales and Scotland; believes that the adoption of an effective industrial strategy would enhance competitiveness and help deliver a high-wage, high-employment economy, and notes the views that the industrial strategy document, with its focus on the economy, manufacturing, trade, procurement, finance, business support, skills, infrastructure, energy costs and research and development, would benefit from a Scottish dimension, with the aim of finding a consensus on how to best address what it considers are significant issues within communities and agreeing on a progressive and sustainable way forward.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
22 February 2017

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

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2017 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 225(4)(a) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

The following draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on 16 February 2017—

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Upper Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the First-tier Tax Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 February 2017 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2017 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/37)
laid under section 225(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 February 2017 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Animal Feed (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/38)
laid under section 84 of the Agriculture Act 1970

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 14 February 2017—

Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2017 (Session 5): Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SP Paper 87)

The following reports were published on 22 February 2017—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 9th Report 2017 (Session 5):
Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 88)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report 2017 (Session 5):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 89)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before Parliament on 15 February 2017 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2017: SPSO/2017/02 laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the 20th February 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Coping is difficult, but I feel proud - perspectives on mental health and wellbeing of young carers: CCYP/2017/1 laid under section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Young Start Annual Report 2015/16: SG/2017/19 laid under schedule 3, part 3, paragraph 9 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 21 February 2017 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

The Fifth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 66 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: SG/2017/20 laid under section 66(1) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 22 February 2017 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

HMICS Audit and Assurance Review of Stop and Search Phase 2 (HMICS/2017/02) laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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