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Foreword

The Journal is the central, long-term, authoritative record of what the Parliament has done. The *Minutes of Proceedings*, which are produced for each meeting of the Parliament, do that in an immediate way, while the Journal presents essentially the same material but has the benefit of hindsight to allow any errors and infelicities of presentation to be corrected. Unlike the *Official Report*, which primarily records what is said, the *Minutes of Proceedings*, and in the longer term the Journal, provide the authoritative record of what was done.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliament

No. 1, Tuesday 14 May 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Alan Sorensen, Minister, Wellpark Mid Kirk, Greenock, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on the Global Climate Emergency: Scotland's Response.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting Sheep Farming in Scotland.
5. **Adopting the Place Principle:** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-17265—That the Parliament notes that the places where people live and grow up shape their opportunities and make them feel part of a community; agrees that local decision-making and delivery, informed by the views of the people who live and work there, are key to the social, economic and physical success of places; welcomes the cross-sectoral development of and support for the Place Principle; agrees that the Place Principle supports public, private and community sectors to develop a clear vision for services, assets and investments to maximise the benefit from their combined resources; acknowledges the partnership work of the Scottish Government and COSLA in agreeing and adopting the Place Principle, and acknowledges that everyone has a role to play in improving outcomes and addressing inequalities in and across communities.

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-17265.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17265 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Adopting the Place Principle), insert at end “; recognises the negative impact of austerity on local services and local communities, and understands that a more joined-up, collaborative and participative approach to services requires sufficient resources to empower local people and those working in local services.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the places where people live and grow up shape their opportunities and make them feel part of a community; agrees that local decision-making and delivery, informed by the views of the people who live and work there, are key to the social, economic and physical

success of places; welcomes the cross-sectoral development of and support for the Place Principle; agrees that the Place Principle supports public, private and community sectors to develop a clear vision for services, assets and investments to maximise the benefit from their combined resources; acknowledges the partnership work of the Scottish Government and COSLA in agreeing and adopting the Place Principle; acknowledges that everyone has a role to play in improving outcomes and addressing inequalities in and across communities; recognises the negative impact of austerity on local services and local communities, and understands that a more joined-up, collaborative and participative approach to services requires sufficient resources to empower local people and those working in local services.

6. Committee Announcement: Graham Simpson, on behalf of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, made an announcement on the Committee's report on the Planning (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

8. Home Start Glenrothes Turns 21: The Parliament debated S5M-16374 in the name of Jenny Gilruth—That the Parliament congratulates Home Start Glenrothes, which is celebrating its 21st anniversary in 2019; welcomes the support that it has provided over the years to help families with young children build better lives; notes that it supports between 60 and 70 families at any given time; acknowledges that the Home Start model relies heavily on volunteers to do the work; understands that the assistance that it offers is tailored to each family and can include one-to-one support for parents; notes that the charity's work also includes running mindfulness classes and family support and respite groups, providing parents with support with budgeting, teaching cookery skills and its Bookbug session, at which parents read and sing with their children, and wishes Home Start Glenrothes the very best of luck with its work.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

No. 2, Wednesday 15 May 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Economy and then on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2 Treatment Time Guarantee: Alex Cole-Hamilton moved S5M-17281—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Government’s legally-binding 12-week treatment time guarantee has been broken at least 190,000 times since its introduction; notes that it is currently being missed by the largest ever margin, approximately 200 times a day; understands that the Scottish Government currently plans to stop breaching its own law by 2021, a full decade after the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011, which established it; is concerned that there is no effective redress for patients or penalty for the Scottish Government in the event that it is breached; believes therefore that every patient who is subject to the treatment time guarantee should be given a realistic estimate of their waiting time from the outset, and calls for every patient for whom the 12-week legally binding guarantee is missed to be sent a letter by the health secretary apologising for the Scottish Government’s failure to abide by its law and providing details of how many times the 12-week target has been missed to date.

Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved amendment S5M-17281.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17281 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Treatment Time Guarantee), leave out from “Government’s legally-binding” to end and insert “Government offers an unreserved apology to any patient who waits longer for treatment than they should do; further notes that this extends beyond patients covered by the treatment time guarantee to those receiving any form of NHS care, including through outpatient, A&E, and mental health services; believes that every patient should be given a realistic estimate of their waiting time in writing, that anyone not being seen within their target should receive an apology in that letter, and that this should be underpinned by updating the patients’ charter; understands that the Scottish Government’s waiting time improvement plan sets a trajectory of investment and recovery, and believes an early aim of this work should be to ensure that there are no patients with very long waits for treatment.”

After debate, amendment S5M-17281.4 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-17281.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17281 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Treatment Time Guarantee), insert at end “; notes the health secretary’s comments that there are still too many people waiting too long for the treatment that they need; further notes that the treatment time guarantee is not the only waiting time target being missed, with others including the 18-week referral to treatment standard, the 62-day cancer urgent referrals standard, psychological therapies waiting times and the CAMHS waiting time standard; is concerned that waiting times are too long, and believes that the Scottish Government

needs to take action to give the NHS the resources and the leadership that it needs to tackle this crisis.”

After debate, amendment S5M-17281.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 57, Abstentions 6).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-17281.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17281 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Treatment Time Guarantee), after “from the outset” insert “; notes that 12 months have passed since the Parliament called on the government to ensure that accurate waiting times are given to patients; is disappointed that no changes have yet been made to the Charter of Patient Rights and Responsibilities to deliver this; considers that long and unknown waits can adversely affect an individual’s family life, mental and physical wellbeing, education, income and employment”.

After debate, amendment S5M-17281.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 57, Abstentions 6).

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

3. Education: Tavish Scott moved S5M-17280—That the Parliament believes that there is no more important investment than in the education of Scotland’s young people; recalls that the First Minister said that education would be her administration’s number one priority, but believes that this has not been reflected in its focus, policies, staff conditions, recruitment and retention, or the means of measurement of Scottish education.

Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-17280.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17280 in the name of Tavish Scott (Education), leave out from “, but believes” to end and insert “; welcomes the recent agreement reached by professional associations, local government and the Scottish Government to provide an increase in teacher pay; believes that improved pay is an important element in the attractiveness of the teaching profession, as part of a wider strategy to address recruitment and retention problems; further believes that teachers’ professionalism should be supported through improved career-long professional learning, clear professional ownership of their own curricular role and a shared leadership role within a collegiate approach to Scotland’s schools; recognises the challenge represented by the increasing need for additional support, and agrees that the Scottish Government will review the use of coordinated support plans to ensure that young people with the most significant additional needs are receiving the support that they require.”

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-17280.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17280 in the name of Tavish Scott (Education), after “retention,” insert “and budget decisions, especially with regard to the funding of local government,”.

After debate, amendment S5M-17280.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 52, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S5M-17280.1 was pre-empted.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that there is no more important investment than in the education of Scotland’s young people; recalls that the First Minister said that education would be her administration’s number one priority; welcomes the recent agreement reached by professional associations, local government and the Scottish Government to provide an increase in teacher pay; believes that improved pay is an important element in the attractiveness of the teaching profession, as part of a wider strategy to address recruitment and retention problems; further believes that teachers’ professionalism should be supported through improved career-long professional learning, clear professional ownership of their own curricular role and a shared leadership role within a collegiate approach to Scotland’s schools; recognises the challenge represented by the increasing need for additional support, and agrees that the Scottish Government will review the use of coordinated support plans to ensure that young people with the most significant additional needs are receiving the support that they require.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17286—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Removing the Stigma of the Menopause

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 May 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Business support inquiry

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 28 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 May 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 22 May 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Wednesday 22 May 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister"; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 20 May 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17287—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by Friday 28 June 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S5M-17288 Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of South of Scotland Enterprise as Specified Authority) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

S5M-17289 Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Communities Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

S5M-17297 Committee Meeting Times—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Tuesday 28 May 2019 for the purpose of considering evidence on its inquiry on the report of the Committee on Climate Change.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

8. Foster Care Fortnight 2019: The Parliament debated 17102 in the name of Kezia Dugdale—That the Parliament welcomes Foster Care Fortnight 2019, which takes place from 13 to 26 May; understands that this will be the UK’s biggest foster care awareness raising campaign and will showcase the commitment, passion and dedication of foster carers; notes that it will also seek to highlight that more foster carers are needed; understands that, in Scotland, although there are approximately 4,000 foster families, the Fostering Network estimates that this represents a shortfall of 550; believes that Action for Children, which supports 54 foster carers in Scotland, has stated that “becoming a foster carer can be one of the most rewarding things a person could ever do, as that person provides a loving and stable home for a child who can no longer live with their family”; acknowledges that people who have considered becoming a foster carer should know that, if they want to take the next step, organisations such as Action for Children, as well as local authorities, can provide support and information to assist their journey towards this; hopes the organisers of the fortnight enjoy every success with this celebration of fostering, and commends this work that aims to inspire more people to become foster carers.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

No. 3, Thursday 16 May 2019

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. Community Pharmacy Scotland: The Parliament debated S5M-16544 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament welcomes the work of Community Pharmacy Scotland (CPS) in representing independent community pharmacy owners in Mid Scotland and Fife and across the country; acknowledges that it provides information and advice to over 1,200 pharmacies, engages with MSPs, NHS boards and other relevant national bodies and negotiates its members' terms and conditions of service; considers that, because of their skills and professional expertise, community pharmacists are increasingly important frontline healthcare providers, working as educators, primary care campaigners and experts in the most effective use of medicines; understands that CPS is keen to build its presence among the public by promoting the role of modern pharmacy care at a time of major change; believes that it is doing this by taking a proactive, open-door approach to better reflect the changing and developing role of its members, whom it considers are at the heart of every community, and acknowledges CPS's work in the drive to ensure that its members can provide the services that communities need and deserve.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Food and Drink: Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-17304—That the Parliament acknowledges the significant contribution that food and drink makes to Scotland's economy, society and reputation; notes analysis and warnings, including from the food and drink sector, of the disastrous impact of a no deal Brexit that would result in the loss of freedom of movement and trade, harming food and drink businesses and exports of quality meat and seafood; recognises the importance of growing markets for Scottish produce internationally, across the UK and here in Scotland, and considers that this can best be achieved through continued membership of the EU.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-17304.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17304 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Food and Drink), leave out from "notes analysis" to end and insert "recognises the importance of new international markets for Scottish produce, as well as continued access to the UK market; supports leaving the EU with a deal; notes the challenges to society, the environment and the food and drink sector from other related issues, including climate change and food insecurity, and recognises the need for change, regardless of the outcomes of Brexit, in order to create a resilient food and drink industry that is sustainable in Scotland both today and in the future."

After debate, amendment S5M-17304.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-17304.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17304 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Impact of Brexit on Scotland’s Food and Drink), insert at end “and remaining part of the UK; believes that, should the UK leave the EU, any Brexit deal must protect the UK’s close relationship with the EU, and further believes that the Scottish Government should bring forward a Good Food Nation Bill that enshrines a right to food, and, in light of the climate emergency, must also, as a matter of urgency, bring forward a new agricultural support scheme that assists farmers and crofters become carbon-neutral.”

After debate, amendment S5M-17304.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S5M-17304.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17304 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Impact of Brexit on Scotland’s Food and Drink), insert at end “; notes the role that the EU has played in reducing the environmental impact of Scotland’s food and drink through the Scottish Rural Development Programme, and the protection provided through world-leading food safety and quality standards; recognises the future opportunities for the food and drink sector that will come from adopting climate-neutral farming and food production measures, and calls for the Scottish Government to make this a core principle of its approach to Scotland becoming a Good Food Nation, including through legislation to be introduced within the next year.”

After debate, amendment S5M-17304.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 35, Abstentions 56).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 29, Abstentions 6).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 4, Tuesday 21 May 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Professor Arthur Lyon Dahl PhD, President, International Environment Forum, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations, on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, and on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
4. **It's Time to End the Stigma of the Menopause:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-17347—That the Parliament acknowledges that the menopause has for too long been a taboo subject; agrees that there can often be little understanding of the symptoms of the menopause in wider society; congratulates the STUC Women's Committee on its 2018 report, *Menopause and the Workplace*; commends the awareness raising work of Rachel Weiss, who established the Menopause Cafes and annual Menopause Festival, and the Scottish Women's Convention, which is gathering the experiences of women across Scotland who are saying in their own words that this should no longer be viewed by society as "a women's issue" and that there is a need to end the stigma of the menopause, and agrees that raising awareness of the menopause will help its impact be better understood and addressed.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Business Motion:** Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17368—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 22 May 2019—

after

1.30 pm Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Business Support Inquiry

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Mental Health – Quality and Safety of Services

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.
7. **International Museum Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-16134 in the name of Colin Beattie—That the Parliament notes that International Museum Day will be marked on 18 May 2019 with the theme, Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition; understands that the objective of this day is to raise awareness of museums as important means of cultural exchange, enriching cultures and developing mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among people; recognises that the awareness

day was first celebrated in 1977 and that, in 2018, more than 40,000 museums across 158 countries participated; considers that museums are trusted spaces, rooted in their communities in which visitors can come together to co-create, share, interact and celebrate the cultural diversity, history and shared places, and thanks all who work in the more than 400 museums in Scotland and the other museums worldwide on their continued efforts to conserve, communicate, research and exhibit people's cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

No. 5, Wednesday 22 May 2019

The meeting opened at 1.30pm.

1. Business Support: Gordon Lindhurst, on behalf of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, moved S5M-17360—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations in the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee's 2nd Report, 2019 (Session 5), Business Support (SP Paper 470).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) made a statement and answered questions on Mental Health - Quality and Safety of Services.

3. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

4. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17371—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 May 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

followed by Ministerial Statement: Medium-term financial strategy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Trading Nation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 June 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 June 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: South of Scotland Enterprise Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 June 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 29 May 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Wednesday 30 May 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister"; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 May 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17402— That the Parliament agrees that for the purposes of consideration of the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill at stage 3, in Rule 9.10.2A of Standing Orders—

in the first sentence the word “fifth” is substituted for the word “fourth”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 6 as noted above.

8. Concern for Local Radio Content: The Parliament debated S5M-16105 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the changes being made within the commercial radio industry; believes that these changes in format being allowed by OFCOM will put pressure on local radio station content and news; notes reports that the remit of OFCOM in allowing these changes has been questioned, and, in light of the potential impact on people in Paisley and across the country, further notes the view that the decision should be subject to review.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

No. 6, Tuesday 28 May 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Dr Fiona Douglas MBE, University Chaplain, University of Dundee, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
3. **Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill:** John Finnie moved S5M-17342—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 29, Abstentions 2).

4. **Business Motion:** Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17432—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 29 May 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government
and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Next Steps on Scotland's Future

followed by Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.
6. **SAMH Report on Universal Credit and Mental Health:** The Parliament debated S5M-17352 in the name of Mary Fee—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the SAMH report, *'It Was A Confusion' Universal Credit and Mental Health: Recommendations for Change*; notes that the report explores the experiences of people with mental health problems engaging with the universal credit system; believes that the system has created new barriers and added pressures for people with mental health problems; notes that the report contains eight recommendations for the UK Government, DWP and Scottish Government, with an overall message that no person on legacy benefits should be transferred to universal credit while it exists in its current form, and believes that the social security system should act as a safety net for

all and support people in the West Scotland region, and across Scotland, and not make anyone poorer and more disadvantaged, regardless of circumstances.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

No. 7, Wednesday 29 May 2019

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitution Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Next Steps on Scotland's Future.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport and then on Communities and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 3. Build them at BiFab:** Richard Leonard moved S5M-17425—That the Parliament supports the Fife - Ready for Renewal campaign calling for work to be delivered to the Fife construction yards in Methil and Burntisland; notes that EDF's Neart Na Gaoithe (NnG) Offshore Wind Farm, worth up to £2 billion, will be located 10 miles off the Fife coast, as well as Inchcape and Seagreen offshore wind farms, worth further billions; further notes that hundreds of skilled, former BiFab workers in Fife stand ready to work; believes that continuing public support for Scotland's climate change targets requires that people see local community benefit from the transition; congratulates the trade unions, community groups and environmental organisations that have come together to fight for a green energy revolution that brings benefit to workers and communities; believes that it would be bad for the climate if turbine jackets had to be shipped from overseas, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to support the Fife - Ready for Renewal campaign and to review the contracts for difference and supply chain process as part of the Offshore Wind Sector Deal to ensure that it brings significant work to the Fife yards during the construction phase of all projects.

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S5M-17425.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17425 in the name of Richard Leonard (Build them at BiFab), insert at end “, and recognises the efforts of the Scottish Government to bring together trades unions, the UK Government and industry representatives at a summit on 2 May 2019 to ensure that all opportunities are taken to deliver supply chain work in Fife and across Scotland.”

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

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-17425.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17425 in the name of Richard Leonard (Build them at BiFab), insert at end “, and further calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government to take advantage of the opportunities under the Offshore Wind Sector Deal, which builds on the UK's global leadership in offshore wind, maximising the advantages for the Scottish offshore wind sector from the global shift to clean growth.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the Fife - Ready for Renewal campaign calling for work to be delivered to the Fife construction yards in Methil and Burntisland; notes that EDF's Neart Na Gaoithe (NnG) Offshore Wind Farm, worth up to £2 billion, will be located 10 miles off the Fife coast, as well as Inchcape and Seagreen offshore wind farms, worth further billions; further notes that hundreds of skilled, former BiFab workers in Fife stand ready to work; believes that continuing public support for Scotland's climate change targets requires that people see local community benefit from the transition; congratulates the trade unions, community groups and environmental organisations that have come together to fight for a green energy revolution that brings benefit to workers and communities; believes that it would be bad for the climate if turbine jackets had to be shipped from overseas; calls on the Scottish and UK governments to support the Fife - Ready for Renewal campaign and to review the contracts for difference and supply chain process as part of the Offshore Wind Sector Deal to ensure that it brings significant work to the Fife yards during the construction phase of all projects; recognises the efforts of the Scottish Government to bring together trades unions, the UK Government and industry representatives at a summit on 2 May 2019 to ensure that all opportunities are taken to deliver supply chain work in Fife and across Scotland, and further calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government to take advantage of the opportunities under the Offshore Wind Sector Deal, which builds on the UK's global leadership in offshore wind, maximising the advantages for the Scottish offshore wind sector from the global shift to clean growth.

4. Business Motion: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved, on behalf of the Bureau, S5M-17431—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 June 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 June 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Progress on Delivering a Sustainable Aquaculture Sector

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: South of Scotland Enterprise Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 June 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 11 June 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 June 2019

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

followed by Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 June 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 5 June 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 6 June 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 3 June 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. Expanding Scotland's Railways: The Parliament debated S5M-17353 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the key role that the expansion and improvement of railway infrastructure will play in the decarbonisation of Scotland’s transport sector and addressing the climate emergency; considers the Local Rail Development Fund to have been a success and congratulates the nine projects that were awarded funding from the first round of applications, including StARLink in St Andrews and the Newburgh Train Station Group; believes that new railway lines and reopened stations will help to increase passenger numbers, connect rural communities and reduce emissions; understands that a number of groups submitted applications for viable and credible projects, which were unsuccessful in receiving funding; notes the calls for these groups to re-apply to the second round; understands that the Donovan review of train performance highlighted issues, including punctuality on the Milngavie-Westerton line, which are in need of further Scottish Government investment; notes the belief that an expanded rail network is a priority for Scotland, and sends its best wishes to the groups that are applying to the second round of the Local Rail Development Fund.

7. Motion Without Notice: Mark Ruskell moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

No. 8, Thursday 30 May 2019

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. Hard-line Visa Controls' Impact on Edinburgh's Festivals:** The Parliament debated S5M-15707 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament notes with concern the growing impact of what it sees as the UK Government's hostile immigration policy on the ability of the Edinburgh's festivals to attract international guests; understands that acclaimed international writers, actors and musicians have been forced to cancel trips to the capital's festivals in recent years after what it sees as hard-line visa controls were introduced; believes that the situation can only worsen after Brexit; notes the calls on the UK Government to seek a more streamlined approach, in light of festival programmes reportedly being hit by visa refusals, errors and delays; appreciates the work of Deidre Brock MP, who has continually supported the festivals and artists, and has recently made an urgent request to meet the UK immigration minister to discuss the matter; considers that the Edinburgh festivals are essential to cultural and social life in the city, and believes that the reputation of Edinburgh as a global gathering place is being put at risk by what it sees as narrow-minded, xenophobic policies.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Security and Older People were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on the Medium-term Financial Strategy.
- 6. A Trading Nation:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-17436—That the Parliament recognises the pressing need to boost Scotland's export performance to build greater resilience in the economy, grow GDP, create jobs and increase the tax collected by the Scottish Government, allowing public services to be further improved as well as enhancing the innovation, productivity and profitability of individual exporting businesses; welcomes the recent publication of A Trading Nation, backed by an additional £20 million investment over three years, and agrees that the plan sets out the evidence and the key actions needed to put Scotland on a path to grow its exports in real terms, and recognises that achieving the target of 25% of Scotland's GDP from international exports will not be easy and will require continued assessment of the effectiveness of actions in the plan, as well as regular refreshes to remain responsive to changes in patterns of global trade and feedback from Scottish-based businesses.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-17436.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17436 in the name of Ivan McKee (A Trading Nation), leave out from “the plan sets out” to end and insert “a new direction in

economic policy is required to realise Scotland’s export potential; recognises the importance of Scotland’s trade with the rest of the UK, which amounts to 60% of Scotland’s total trade; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that no financial, political or economic barriers should exist within this vital internal market; expresses its concern that any proposal to establish a new Scottish currency and Central Bank would create uncertainty for business, trade and international trading partners, and calls on any such future plan to be scrapped.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-17436.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17436 in the name of Ivan McKee (A Trading Nation), insert at end “; notes that previous export targets have been missed and urges the Scottish Government to work more closely with Scottish businesses to achieve and exceed their new export targets for the benefit of Scotland’s economy; recognises that small businesses are likely to face takeover when ready to export and believes that this leads to a loss of revenue and intellectual property, and urges the Scottish Government to put in place comprehensive support for businesses in this position in order to retain ownership in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 59, Abstentions 6).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-17436.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17436 in the name of Ivan McKee (A Trading Nation), leave out from first “recognises” to end and insert “notes the positive opportunities for increasing Scotland’s exports as part of a fair and sustainable approach to global trade; recognises that there can be unintended consequences from a narrow focus on increasing GDP as the sole purpose of trade policy, such as poor environmental standards and the use of other unethical practices such as labour exploitation and tax avoidance; believes that these risks need to be proactively addressed by government intervention both domestically and through international cooperation; restates the importance of trade justice principles, as opposed to free trade ideology, underpinning the Scottish Government’s approach to these issues; is concerned that the UK Government’s intended approach to trade policy in the event that the UK leaves the EU is not consistent with trade justice principles, and that the Trade Bill 2017-19 fails to offer adequate opportunities for democratic scrutiny and challenge, including by the devolved legislatures, and resolves to use all means possible to oppose any legislation or trade agreement that restricts the ability of any future Scottish Parliament to act freely in devolved areas.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 10, Against 87, Abstentions 18).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

No. 9, Tuesday 4 June 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mr John Howieson, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, Isle of Skye, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
3. **Whole Life Custody Sentences:** Liam Kerr moved S5M-17503—That the Parliament believes that Scotland’s judges should have the power to impose whole life custody sentences.

The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved amendment S5M-17503.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17503 in the name of Liam Kerr (Whole Life Custody Sentences), leave out from “believes that” to end and insert “notes that the courts’ powers to deal with the most serious offenders have been strengthened by the introduction of orders for lifelong restriction in 2006 and the reforms to clarify the calculation of the punishment part of discretionary life sentences in the Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Act 2012; acknowledges that the Parliament will give appropriate consideration to any further proposals to enhance the courts’ sentencing power, but notes that Scotland’s judges can already impose a punishment part of a life sentence that extends beyond the likely remainder of a prisoner’s life in appropriate cases.”

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-17503.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17503 in the name of Liam Kerr (Whole Life Custody Sentences), leave out from “Scotland’s” to end and insert “the sentencing options available to the courts, including in relation to the most serious offenders, should be kept under review, and further believes that any changes to sentencing powers must follow an evidence-led debate about what is in the public interest, and full consultation with all relevant parties, including the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, Scottish Prison Service, Parole Board for Scotland and wider public.”

After debate, amendment S5M-17503.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 28, Abstentions 18). As a result, amendment S5M-17503.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the courts’ powers to deal with the most serious offenders have been strengthened by the introduction of orders for lifelong restriction in 2006 and the reforms to clarify the calculation of the punishment part of discretionary life sentences in the Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Act 2012; acknowledges that the Parliament will give appropriate consideration to any further proposals to enhance the courts’ sentencing power, but notes that Scotland’s judges can already impose a punishment

part of a life sentence that extends beyond the likely remainder of a prisoner's life in appropriate cases.

4. Realising Scotland's Potential: Dean Lockhart moved S5M-17504—That the Parliament notes with concern that economic growth and long-term growth rates for Scotland continue to trail behind the rest of the UK; recognises that the Scottish Government's Economic Strategy has failed to deliver sustainable growth, meet productivity targets or create a high-wage economy; acknowledges the need to address the skills gap in the economy through a comprehensive new approach to skills and training, and calls on the Scottish Government to use its existing powers to introduce a new policy framework to address the structural challenges facing the Scottish economy.

The Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills (Jamie Hepburn) moved amendment S5M-17504.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17504 in the name of Dean Lockhart (Realising Scotland's Potential), leave out from "with concern" to end and insert "that the National Performance Framework's purpose is to create a sustainable and inclusive economy that increases the wellbeing of people living in Scotland, with outcomes aligned to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals; recognises that Scotland's GVA per head is the third highest in the UK behind only London and the south east of England; recognises that productivity growth in Scotland has been 0.9% per year since 2007, compared with 0.2% per year for the UK; acknowledges that unemployment in Scotland is the lowest on record at 3.2%, which is lower than the UK rate of 3.8%, but, in recognition of the need to make sure that Scotland's labour market works for all, supports efforts to make Scotland a Fair Work Nation as set out in the Fair Work Action Plan; welcomes that the Scottish Government is on track to meet its target of 30,000 modern apprenticeship starts per year by the end of the current parliamentary session; notes that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has downgraded its growth forecast as a result of continued Brexit uncertainty, and considers that Scotland's sustainable economic future is best served as an independent member of the EU."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 51, Abstentions 6).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-17504.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17504 in the name of Dean Lockhart (Realising Scotland's Potential), insert at end "; recognises concerns that Scotland's economy would be further impacted by uncertainty from another referendum on independence; considers that any such referendum would be a distraction from the issues facing the people of Scotland; believes that the failure to create a Scottish industrial strategy has resulted in low earnings and stagnated economic growth, in particular failing to deliver the much-needed green jobs promised to Scotland, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to deliver an industrial strategy to a create well-paid jobs and to grow and sustain viable enterprises."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 51, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the National Performance Framework’s purpose is to create a sustainable and inclusive economy that increases the wellbeing of people living in Scotland, with outcomes aligned to the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals; recognises that Scotland’s GVA per head is the third highest in the UK behind only London and the south east of England; recognises that productivity growth in Scotland has been 0.9% per year since 2007, compared with 0.2% per year for the UK; acknowledges that unemployment in Scotland is the lowest on record at 3.2%, which is lower than the UK rate of 3.8%, but, in recognition of the need to make sure that Scotland’s labour market works for all, supports efforts to make Scotland a Fair Work Nation as set out in the Fair Work Action Plan; welcomes that the Scottish Government is on track to meet its target of 30,000 modern apprenticeship starts per year by the end of the current parliamentary session; notes that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has downgraded its growth forecast as a result of continued Brexit uncertainty, and considers that Scotland’s sustainable economic future is best served as an independent member of the EU.

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

6. Alzheimer Scotland Report, Delivering Fair Dementia Care for People with Advanced Dementia: The Parliament debated S5M-17177 in the name of Richard Lyle—That the Parliament welcomes the Alzheimer Scotland report, Delivering Fair Dementia Care for People with Advanced Dementia; believes this to be an important contribution to the understanding of advanced dementia and the care needed by people in the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency and across Scotland who are living with the condition; is concerned that the report finds that, too often, they are not able to access the healthcare that they need, and acknowledges the view that they should receive the expert health care services that they need, on an equal basis with other progressive terminal conditions, which should be provided free at the point of use.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

No. 10, Wednesday 5 June 2019

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Progress on Delivering a Sustainable Aquaculture Sector.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Economy and Fair Work and then on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. South of Scotland Enterprise Bill:** Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-17555—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:
Groups 1 to 4: 1 hour
Groups 5 to 8: 1 hour 35 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

- 4. South of Scotland Enterprise Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 9, 3, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 4, 5 and 8.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 6 (For 68, Against 45, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 87, Against 27, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 2 (For 53, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
- 10 (For 52, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
- 13 (For 53, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 6, Against 107, Abstentions 0)
- 19 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 18 (For 53, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
- 7A (For 52, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The Presiding Officer extended the first time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

5. South of Scotland Enterprise Bill: Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-17517—That the Parliament agrees that the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

6. Business Motion: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-17533—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 11 June 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on P1 Standardised Assessments

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes to Standing Orders

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 June 2019

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2017

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Veterans Strategy

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 June 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Ministerial Statement: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 June 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 June 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 June 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 12 June 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 13 June 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister"; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 10 June 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Parliamentary Bureau Motions: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved—

S5M-17534—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

S5M-17535—That the Parliament agrees that the Code for the Welfare of Meat Chickens and Breeding Chickens (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2019 be approved.

S5M-17536—That the Parliament agrees that the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) (No. 1) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

S5M-17537—That the Parliament agrees that the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

S5M-17538—That the Parliament agrees that the Head Teachers Education and Training Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

S5M-17539—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities and Human Rights Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

9. Child Safety Week 2019: The Parliament debated S5M-17050 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes that Child Safety Week, the flagship annual campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT), takes place between 3 and 9 June 2019 with the theme, Family life today: where’s the risk?; understands that, after the neonatal period, accidents are the main cause of childhood death in Scotland, responsible for two out of five child deaths, and that, in 2018, some 7,260 children were admitted to hospital in an emergency after an accident with some experiencing life-changing injuries; appreciates CAPT highlighting the new dangers that face families today from the more complex aspects of modern life in which the very things that help make life more convenient can bring new risks, such as button batteries that can kill when swallowed, child appealing washing capsules that can poison or nappy sacks stored under cot mattresses that can suffocate babies; acknowledges the additional concern of the agencies involved that children living in Scotland’s most deprived communities are more likely to experience a preventable accident than those from the least deprived areas; applauds Child Safety Week’s online resources and activities, which are available free to families and agencies through support from the Scottish Government, and which are designed to raise awareness of both risks and preventative strategies; acknowledges Child Safety

Week's continuing promotion and support of collaborative approaches, and commends the efforts of all agencies that work together to seek to increase the safety of children and young people.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

No. 11, Thursday 6 June 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. Business Motion: Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17582—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 6 June 2019—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

The motion was agreed to.

2. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (John Swinney).

4. Trauma Recovery and Support for First Responders: The Parliament debated S5M-17253 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton—That the Parliament notes that every day in Scotland, including in Edinburgh, people offer assistance to perfect strangers in moments of crisis and trauma; recognises that first responders, both in the emergency services and members of the public, are often called upon to intervene to offer assistance during incidents where they may witness scenes of trauma and death; understands that these experiences may stay with them and may cause psychological harm for many years; notes recent staff surveys that suggest low morale among emergency workers relating to unresolved trauma and stress; further notes what it sees as continuing problems around waiting times for mental health services throughout the NHS; believes that people die in the arms of strangers every week in Scotland, but that consideration is not often given to what happens to that stranger after the event, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a national first responder trauma recovery strategy, which will ensure that anyone caught up in, or witness to, a traumatic event is given the support that they need in the immediate aftermath of the event.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Economy were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-17567—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended

(other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 40 minutes
Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 20 minutes
Groups 7 and 8: 2 hours
Groups 9 and 10: 2 hours 30 minutes.

7. Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 67, 68, 69, 70, 3, 4, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 72, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 80, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 83, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 90, 11, 95, 12, 96, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 97, 60, 61, 62, 13, 14 and 98.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

6 (For 94, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 93, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
8 (For 93, Against 20, Abstentions 0)
9 (For 93, Against 20, Abstentions 0)
10 (For 94, Against 20, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1A (For 25, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
78 (For 27, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
77 (For 27, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
60A (For 31, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
64 (For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were pre-empted: 66, 73, 82, 84 and 86.

The following amendments were not moved: 65, 2A, 71, 74, 75, 76, 79, 81, 85, 87, 9A, 88, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, 11E, 11F and 99.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

8. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.14 pm.

No. 12, Tuesday 11 June 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Lesley Bilinda, Vicar, St Andrew's Church, Fulham Fields, and Guest Speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Update on P1 Standardised Assessments.

4. Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill: The Presiding Officer reminded Members of his previous determination, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-17566—That the Parliament agrees that the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 121, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

5. Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

6. Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-17615—That the Parliament agrees that the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 116, Against 3, Abstentions 2).

7. Standing Order Rule Changes: Bill Kidd moved S5M-17529—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 12th Report 2019 (Session 5), Standing Order Rule Changes (SP Paper 532), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 3 September 2019.

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

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

9. The Way of St Andrews: The Parliament debated S5M-16595 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament congratulates the Way of St Andrews on being included by VisitScotland in the brochure, *Walk in Scotland 2019*; understands that this and other pilgrimage sites, including St Columba's Way, St Duthac's Way, St Margaret's Elbow, St Margaret's Loop, the Rosslyn Chapel Way, the Ladywell Way, St Ninian's Way and St Wilfrid's Way, are attracting increasing numbers of visitors, bringing an annual expenditure of almost £170 million per year, and wishes the Way of St Andrews and all of the country's pilgrimage sites continued success.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

No. 13, Wednesday 12 June 2019

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

1. Love Your Lungs Week: The Parliament debated S5M-16939 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament welcomes Love Your Lungs Week, which takes place from 17 to 23 June 2019; understands that lung disease is a major challenge for the NHS, with lung cancer being the most common individual cause of death in Scotland, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease being the third most common; believes that lung disease places a huge burden on those who have the condition, as well as on their loved ones; notes that the theme of this year’s Love Your Lungs Week is early diagnosis; understands that the British Lung Foundation’s online breath test, which seeks to raise awareness of the early warning signs of lung disease, has been taken by over 460,000 people across the UK; notes the importance of early diagnosis to help people live well with lung disease, and celebrates the work being carried out by researchers, clinicians and charities, such as the British Lung Foundation, to encourage everyone to love their lungs.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, and then on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2017.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Veterans Strategy.

5. Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-17645—That the Parliament agrees that the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 115, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17671—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 June 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cycling Action Plan for Scotland

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 June 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Response to the Expert Review of Mental Health Services for Young People Entering and in Custody at HMP and YOI Polmont

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 June 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: 2018-19 Scottish Government Provisional Outturn

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 June 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 June 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 June 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 19 June 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with “Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer”;

(c) that, in relation to First Minister’s Questions on Thursday 20 June 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end “and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister”; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 17 June 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-17672—That the Parliament agrees that the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modification of Schedule 1) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. New Report Calls for More Housing Co-ops in Scotland: The Parliament debated S5M-16487 in the name of Johann Lamont—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Co-operatives UK report, *Shared space – how Scottish housing co-ops build communities*; notes that the report identifies significant benefits delivered by co-ops through the key themes of affordability, empowerment, community and stronger social housing; recognises that the report states that Scotland has just 11 registered housing co-ops, compared to 685 across the UK, at a time when 150,000 people are on council house waiting lists; agrees with the report’s findings that the decline of social housing stock in Scotland and parallel rise of the private rented sector has created a major challenge for those looking for affordable homes in the social rented sector; understands that the report highlights the excellent work of West Whitlawburn Housing Co-op, based in the Glasgow region, as an example of a housing co-op creating “a safer estate with warmer, more attractive homes”; notes that the report has recommended an eight-point policy plan to help deliver more housing co-ops, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to encourage more housing co-ops in Scotland in order to create safer and stronger communities that offer affordable rents and more power to tenants.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

No. 14, Thursday 13 June 2019

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. World Environment Day 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-17329 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament welcomes World Environment Day 2019, which will be marked on 5 June; notes the recent publication of the report, *Scotland's Nature on Red Alert*, by Scottish Environment LINK, which highlights the potential impact of climate change on Scotland's biodiversity; understands that almost one-in-ten Scottish species are at risk of extinction, and applauds the work of MSPs who work as species champions to protect Scotland's wildlife and to help raise awareness of threatened species in their regions and constituencies.
- 4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
- 5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations were answered by Ministers.
- 6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill.
- 7. Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill:** Mark Ruskell moved S5M-17660—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 4).

- 8. Wild Animals in Circuses (No.2) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Mairi Gougeon) moved S5M-17690—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 1 May 2019, relating to removing the current exemption for circuses from the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 8 as noted above. The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 15, Tuesday 18 June 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Father Mark Kelly, Parish Priest, The Parish Communities of Our Lady's (Beith), St. Brigid's (Kilbirnie) and St. Palladius (Dalry), led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

3. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Cycling Action Plan for Scotland.

5. Planning (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17782—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Planning (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 55 minutes

Groups 5 to 8: 1 hour 40 minutes

Groups 9 to 11: 2 hours 30 minutes

Groups 12 to 15: 3 hours 20 minutes

Groups 16 to 18: 3 hours 50 minutes

Groups 19 to 22: 4 hours 45 minutes

Groups 23 to 25: 5 hours 45 minutes

Groups 26 to 28: 6 hours 15 minutes

Groups 29 to 32: 7 hours 5 minutes

Groups 33 to 37: 7 hours 45 minutes

Groups 38 to 40: 8 hours 30 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

6. Planning (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 19, 186, 20, 21, 173, 23, 24, 26, 187, 27, 28, 30, 31, 34, 174B, 174, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 115, 116, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68B, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 175, 75, 76, 78, 79, 81, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 195 and 123.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

113 (For 108, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

114	(For 110, Against 9, Abstentions 0)
173B	(For 91, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
25	(For 97, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
188	(For 116, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
29	(For 91, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
32	(For 81, Against 24, Abstentions 0)
33	(For 87, Against 32, Abstentions 0)
174C	(For 115, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
174D	(For 115, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
58	(For 87, Against 32, Abstentions 0)
64	(For 94, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
192	(For 61, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
193	(For 61, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
77	(For 92, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
80	(For 85, Against 32, Abstentions 0)
117	(For 93, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
87	(For 110, Against 10, Abstentions 0)
118	(For 91, Against 28, Abstentions 0)
98	(For 94, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
99	(For 99, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
119	(For 92, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
120	(For 113, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
121	(For 95, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
122	(For 99, Against 20, Abstentions 1)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

174A	(For 32, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
174E	(For 32, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
9	(For 31, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
194	(For 32, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
196	(For 28, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were pre-empted: 189 and 190.

The following amendments were not moved: 7, 191 and 82.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 53.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the 4th time limit by 10 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer extended the 3rd time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

7. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17814—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 20 June 2019—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Scottish Government Review of the 2004 Gender Recognition Act

The motion was agreed to.

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17815—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Kezia Dugdale as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 8 as noted above.

10. Unforgotten Forces Consortium: The Parliament debated S5M-17435 in the name of Maurice Corry—That the Parliament recognises what it considers the great achievement of the Unforgotten Forces Consortium in being a prime example of an excellent collaborative project and bringing together 16 partners, led by Poppyscotland, from across the military and civilian sectors to provide advice, information and practical support to veterans aged 65 and over; understands that consortium members have provided 6,000 episodes of various types of support in its first 18 months; congratulates the consortium on winning an award at the Soldiering On Awards, and notes the calls on both the UK and Scottish governments to work with the consortium to review future funding options so that it can continue this innovative model of providing new and enhanced services beyond its current funding term and support older veterans in the West Scotland region and across Scotland who have served their country with great distinction.

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.

No. 16, Wednesday 19 June 2019

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government's Response to the Expert Review of Mental Health Services for Young People Entering and in Custody at HMP and YOI Polmont.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. Planning (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Parliament continued consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 124, 128, 181, 182, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 140, 141, 143, 144, 145, 147, 169, 162 and 148.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

112 (For 88, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
125 (For 94, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
126 (For 95, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
127 (For 94, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
157 (For 87, Against 33, Abstentions 2)
129 (For 87, Against 32, Abstentions 0)
130 (For 88, Against 32, Abstentions 0)
131 (For 87, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
139 (For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 0)
142 (For 107, Against 11, Abstentions 0)
146 (For 110, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
163 (For 87, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
183 (For 106, Against 11, Abstentions 0)
170 (For 91, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
11 (For 88, Against 29, Abstentions 0)
206 (For 110, Against 6, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

13 (For33, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
156 (For35, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
157A (For34, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
198 (For32, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
176 (For33, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
177 (For32, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
179 (For32, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
200 (For32, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
180 (For32, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
3 (For24, Against 89, Abstentions 6)
202 (For29, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
14 (For30, Against 88, Abstentions 0)

15 (For30, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
16 (For29, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
17 (For30, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
18 (For30, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
203 (For29, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
138 (For58, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
160 (For25, Against 93, Abstentions 0)
161 (For25, Against 93, Abstentions 0)
205 (For25, Against 93, Abstentions 0)
183A (For30, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
165 (For57, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
166 (For58, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
212 (For30, Against 87, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 157B, 157C, 157D, 157E and 178.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 199, 168 and 204.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the 6th time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer extended the 6th time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(a).

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17816—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 June 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: An Update on Scotland's Education Reforms

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill

followed by Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 June 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

followed by Ministerial Statement: Progress on Establishing the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland, Scotland's Constitutional Future

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan, First Year Progress Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Working Group on Tenement Maintenance

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transvaginal Mesh Update

followed by Appointments to the Poverty and Inequality Commission

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 June 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 September 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 26 June 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 27 June 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister"; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 24 June 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motions: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S5M-17818 That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 20 December 2019.

S5M-17819 That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Referendums (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 November 2019.

The motions were agreed to.

6. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17817— That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Public Petitions Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 11.40am to 11.55am on Thursday 27 June 2019.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

8. Protecting Children and Young People from the Marketing of Health-harming Products: The Parliament debated S5M-15977 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament recognises the significant role that marketing plays in driving consumption of health-harming products, as discussed at the meeting of the Cross Party Group on Improving Scotland's Health: 2021 and Beyond on 20 February 2019; notes the evidence presented by Dr Nathan Critchlow from the Institute of Social Marketing at the University of Stirling on how young people in the UK recall examples of alcohol marketing and can identify alcohol brands, and that exposure to alcohol marketing is associated with increased consumption, higher-risk drinking, susceptibility to drink, and brand knowledge among young people; acknowledges the stance taken by Scottish Women's Football against alcohol sponsorship as part of its aspiration to be a "clean sport", as outlined by its Chair, Vivienne MacLaren; notes the unanimous agreement of those represented at the meeting that alcohol marketing has no place in childhood and that all children should play, learn and socialise in places that are healthy and safe, protected from exposure to alcohol advertising and sponsorship, and welcomes the commitment within the Scottish Government's Alcohol Framework to consult and engage on a range of potential measures to protect children and young people from alcohol marketing in Cunninghame North and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

No. 17, Thursday 20 June 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. Business Motion: Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17860—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 20 June 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: 2018-19 Scottish Government Provisional Outturn

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Scottish Government Review of the 2004 Gender Recognition Act

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning (Scotland) Bill

followed by Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Ministerial Statement: 2018-19 Scottish Government Provisional Outturn

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Scottish Government Review of the 2004 Gender Recognition Act

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Planning (Scotland) Bill

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

2. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

4. First Anniversary of the Glasgow School of Art Fire: The Parliament debated S5M-17623 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament notes with regret the first anniversary of the second devastating Glasgow School of Art fire; notes the deep and long-lasting damage that it has caused to the businesses and residents of Garnethill, Sauchiehall Street and the surrounding area; acknowledges the trauma experienced by displaced residents of Garnethill who were prevented from returning to their homes to collect their belongings on the night of the fire and for the following three months; understands that businesses and residents are still experiencing problems with vehicle access, refuse collection and insurance claims; recognises the severe impact on the local business community and is concerned that some businesses have been unable to reopen while others have had to relocate elsewhere at a huge loss to their business; welcomes the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee report, *The Glasgow School of Art Mackintosh building: The loss of a national treasure*; notes the belief that it is the shared responsibility of the UK Government, Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council to secure the recovery and long-term future of Sauchiehall Street as an area of economic and cultural importance for Glasgow; acknowledges the concern that such a long-term plan is not

yet in place a year on from the fire, and notes the calls on all political parties and relevant agencies to work together to ensure that a full recovery can be made as soon as possible.

5. Motion Without Notice: Pauline McNeill moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

6. Planning (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Parliament continued consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 207, 213, 214, 149, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 151, 111, 152, 153, 154, 155.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

218 (For 80, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
150 (For 80, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
159 (For 78, Against 31, Abstentions 2)
185 (For 102, Against 10, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

215 (For 29, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
216 (For 28, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
219 (For 52, Against 59, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 209, 210, 211, 217, 220, 221, 222 and 223.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 208.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Planning (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

7. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

8. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on 2018-19 Scottish Government Provisional Outturn.

9. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Scottish Government Review of the 2004 Gender Recognition Act.

10. Planning (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-17781—That the Parliament agrees that the Planning (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

11. Business Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17883—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 25 June 2019—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

No. 18, Tuesday 25 June 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Lorna Souter, Minister, Cockpen and Carrington Parish Church, and Lasswade and Rosewell Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on An Update on Scotland's Education Reforms.

4. Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17902—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 55 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 7 to 10: 2 hours 10 minutes

Groups 11 to 14: 3 hours 10 minutes.

5. Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 145, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 52, 53, 55, 58, 60, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 106, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 122, 123, 125, 126, 127, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137 and 143.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

4 (For 85, Against 27, Abstentions 0)

61 (For 58, Against 55, Abstentions 0)

104 (For 68, Against 45, Abstentions 0)

124 (For 69, Against 44, Abstentions 0)

129 (For 107, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

4A (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)

4B (For 27, Against 85, Abstentions 0)

144 (For 44, Against 69, Abstentions 0)

105 (For 45, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
146 (For 44, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
128 (For 44, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
130 (For 45, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
138 (For 44, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
140A (For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
140 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
147 (For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
142 (For 26, Against 86, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were pre-empted: 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 20, 22, 24, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 54, 56, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118 and 120.

The following amendments were not moved: 17, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 51, 57, 59, 62, 64, 67, 69, 70A, 71, 72A, 73, 77A, 83A, 91A, 106A, 111A, 113A, 115A, 139 and 141.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 121, 1.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

6. Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-17893—That the Parliament agrees that the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

7. Election of Member to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Rhoda Grant was nominated as the candidate for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The Parliament voted to elect Rhoda Grant for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 108, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

9. Health Issues Raised by Aircraft Noise: The Parliament debated S5M-15408 in the name of Gil Paterson—That the Parliament notes the recent World Health Organization report, *Environmental Noise Guidelines for the European Region*, which looks at the effect of aircraft noise on people who live under flightpaths in the vicinity of airports; understands that the paper indicates that noise above 45dBA during the day and 40dBA at night damages people’s health, and notes the view that consideration should be given to what it sees as this important report, including the action that could make a difference to people in the Clydebank and Milngavie area and across Scotland who live under flight paths.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.

No. 19, Wednesday 26 June 2019

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Communities and Local Government, Social Security and Older People and then on Finance, Economy and Fair Work were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Progress on Establishing the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland, Scotland's Constitutional Future.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan, First Year Progress Report.

4. Working Group on Tenement Maintenance: The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-17892—That the Parliament appreciates the work of the Working Group on Maintenance of Tenement Scheme Property and the publication of its Final Recommendations Report; acknowledges that the group had cross-party representation and has gathered views from across the Parliament and that of the housing sector; notes that the report acknowledges the important action that has already been taken to improve the condition of Scottish tenements; recognises the challenges that must be met to ensure that Scotland's housing stock can continue to provide safe and sustainable homes for the future, and believes that the group's recommendations merit serious and careful consideration.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Transvaginal Mesh Update.

6. Appointments to the Poverty and Inequality Commission: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-17922—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Social Security Committee that Linda Bamford, Yvonne Blake, Alex Cobham, Lindsay Graham, Katie Schmuecker, Shona Stephen, Professor Morag Treanor and Douglas White be appointed as members of the Poverty and Inequality Commission.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17937—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 September 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 June 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 10 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 September 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 September 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17938—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill at stage 1 be completed by 20 December 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17939—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17940—That the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17941—That the Parliament agrees that the Education and Skills Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Committee Remit: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17942—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing a proposal for a Committee Bill regarding the arrangements for financial assistance to non-Government political parties represented in the Parliament to be referred to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee as lead committee, the following be inserted after Rule 6.4.1(a):

“(ab) a proposal for a Bill relating to the arrangements for financial assistance to non-Government political parties represented in the Parliament;”

until the publication of the Committee's report on the proposal under Rule 9.15.5.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Parliamentary Recess Dates: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17943—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 8 to 16 February 2020 (inclusive), 4 to 19 April 2020 (inclusive), 27 June to 30 August 2020 (inclusive), 10 to 25 October 2020 (inclusive), 24 December 2020 to 8 January 2021 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17944—That the Parliament agrees that between 31 January 2020 and 31 January 2021, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 10 and 13 April 2020, 8 May 2020, 22 and 25 May 2020, 18 September 2020, 27 November 2020, 24 December (pm), 25 and 28 December 2020, and 1 and 4 January 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17945—That the Parliament agrees that the Presumption Against Short Periods of Imprisonment (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

16. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 as noted above.

17. UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights Report: The Parliament debated S5M-17505 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament welcomes the final report of the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, Professor Philip Alston, which was published on 22 May 2019; understands that he will present his findings to the UN Human Rights Council at the end of June; acknowledges that Professor Alston visited Scotland as part of his 12-day fact finding visit to the UK, where he heard directly from people affected by poverty; notes with concern the findings of the report, in particular the claim that rising poverty

rates have been caused by UK Government policies; believes that the report backs up evidence from organisations working across civil society on the damage caused by UK Government welfare changes and austerity; notes the report's assessment that the UK Government must reverse the many policies that it has pursued, which it believes are increasing poverty and inequality, including it imposing what it sees as regressive measures such as the benefits freeze and two-child cap; believes that the special rapporteur is clear that the UK Government has been failing to listen and is "determinedly in denial" regarding poverty in the UK, and notes the view that the UK Government must take heed of this report and make the radical changes necessary to provide support to people and to actively take action to tackle poverty and inequality in Scotland, including in the Clackmannanshire and Dunblane constituency, and the rest of the UK.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

No. 20, Thursday 27 June 2019

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. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 12.46 pm.

No. 21, Tuesday 3 September 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mr David Fyock, Chief Executive Officer, Mission Aviation Fellowship International, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18627—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Oaths/Affirmations

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister Statement: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2019-20

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

followed by Ministerial Statement: Repatriation of Convergence Funds owed to Scottish Farming

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 September 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2019-20

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Drug Related Deaths

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Avoiding a No Deal Exit from the EU

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 September 2019

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Justice Committee Debate: Post-legislative scrutiny report on the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 September 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

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 19 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

followed by Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee debate: Bill proposal on pre-release access to statistics

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 September 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Oaths and Affirmations: Sarah Boyack and Beatrice Wishart made solemn affirmations before the Clerk.

4. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
5. **First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2019-20.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson Marine.
7. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Repatriation of Convergence Funds owed to Scottish Farming.
8. **Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18641—That the Parliament agrees—

Willie Coffey be appointed to replace Angela Constance on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

Richard Lyle be appointed to replace John Mason on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

Gail Ross be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald on the Education and Skills Committee

Angela Constance be appointed to replace Gail Ross on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Willie Coffey on the Finance and Constitution Committee

John Mason be appointed to replace Emma Harper on the Finance and Constitution Committee

Gail Ross be appointed to replace Angus MacDonald on the Public Petitions Committee

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Gail Ross on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Angus MacDonald be appointed to replace John Mason on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18642—That the Parliament agrees—

John Mason be appointed to replace Willie Coffey as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

John Mason be appointed to replace Angela Constance as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Towards an Independent Palestinian State, a Scottish Proposal: The Parliament debated S5M-16637 in the name of Claudia Beamish—That the Parliament notes calls for action towards an independent Palestinian state; recognises Britain’s historical responsibilities in Palestine and Israel and notes the view that British engagement is needed for a better future; acknowledges Scotland’s role in influencing Britain to act for true equality, promoting a policy based on those universal values that Britain helped enshrine in international law; commends the work of the Balfour Project in advancing the education of the British public in the history of Britain’s involvement in the Middle East, and notes calls, including from people in the South Scotland region, for six measures to be taken, which are an end to the closure of Gaza, freedom of worship for all believers, respect for the rule of law, accountability, recognition of the State of Palestine alongside Israel and a UK Government commitment to defend the fundamental rights of both peoples.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 22, Wednesday 4 September 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and then on Rural Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2019-20:** The Parliament debated the Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2019-20.
- 3. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18684—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Creating a Sustainable Future for Crofting

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Impact of the UK Government's Planned Immigration Policy and Mobility Restrictions on Scotland's University and Scientific Research Sectors

followed by Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 September 2019

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Citizens Assembly of Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Justice Committee Debate: Post-legislative Scrutiny Report on the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 17 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 September 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

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 19 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

followed by Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Bill Proposal on Pre-release Access to Statistics

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 September 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18644—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 17 January 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18685—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 November 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18686—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 February 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18687—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Consumer Scotland Bill at stage 1 be completed by 24 January 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-18643—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Domestic Abuse Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 8 as noted above.

10. Celebrating Hamish Henderson: The Parliament debated 16000 in the name of Joan McAlpine—That the Parliament notes that 2019 marks the centenary of the birth of Hamish Henderson, who it considers was one of the most brilliant Scots of his age; acknowledges that he was a poet, scholar, songwriter, folklorist, a co-founder of the University of Edinburgh's School of Scottish studies and the catalyst of Scotland's post-war folk revival; notes that Hamish was born to a single mother in Blairgowrie on 11 November 1919, and went on to win a scholarship to study modern languages at Cambridge; understands that he helped smuggle Jews to safety from Nazi Germany while a visiting student in the 1930s; praises his distinguished service as an intelligence officer in the Second World War, when he oversaw the drafting of the Italian surrender order of Marshal Graziani; notes that Hamish translated the prison diaries of Antonio Gramsci; praises his poetry collection, *Elegies For The Dead in Cyrenaica*, which received the Somerset Maugham Award; notes that, after the war, Hamish taught with the Workers Educational Association, founded the Edinburgh People's Festival and began collecting and recording folk songs and stories from across the country, including South Scotland, which form part of the 9,000 field recordings at the School of Scottish Studies, where Hamish taught from 1951 to 1987; understands that he brought bearers of Scotland's oral tradition, including travelling

people such as Belle Stewart and Jeannie Robertson, to international attention; considers that Hamish wrote many beloved folk songs, including Freedom Come All Ye, John MacLean March and The 51st Highland Division's Farewell to Sicily; remembers Hamish as an internationalist who campaigned for Scottish home rule, an end to apartheid in South Africa and nuclear disarmament; notes that he died in 2002 and is survived by his widow, Kätzel, and his daughters, Janet and Christine; understands that events are planned to mark his centenary, including in November at the Hamish Matters Festival in Blairgowrie and the Carrying Stream Festival at Edinburgh Folk Club, as well as in publications such as The Darg, a new anthology in tribute to Hamish by The Poets Republic Press; anticipates more events commemorating Hamish's legacy throughout 2019, and believes that these are a fitting tribute to what it considers a visionary talent whose contribution to Scottish culture remains immense.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

No. 23, Thursday 5 September 2019

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. Doors Open Days 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-18570 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Civic Trust and its partners on organising 2019's Doors Open Days, which will take place across Scotland throughout September; understands that Doors Open Days is Scotland's largest festival that offers free access to over 1,000 venues across the country; notes that this annual event provides people with a chance to explore some of Scotland's architecturally and culturally significant buildings for free, with access to properties that are either not usually open to the public or that would normally charge an entry fee; is aware that Doors Open Days first took place in Glasgow and Ayr in 1990 where it formed part of the European City of Culture celebrations, meaning that the festival is now in its 30th year; acknowledges the hard work of the 6,300 volunteers who gave their time to run tours, steward sites and activities in 2018 and the many more who are anticipated to participate in this anniversary year; encourages local residents and visitors alike to take the opportunity offered by Doors Open Days to discover some of the world-class examples of architecture and building design in their communities, including the 24 sites available to visit in Cunninghame North, and believes that Doors Open Days make a positive and valuable impact on local communities by increasing knowledge of Scotland's built heritage.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Drug Related Deaths.
- 6. Avoiding a No-deal Exit from the EU:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) moved S5M-18695—That the Parliament agrees that the UK should in no circumstances leave the EU on a no-deal basis, and condemns the Prime Minister's suspension of the UK Parliament from as early as 9 September until 14 October 2019.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-18695.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18695 in the name of Michael Russell (Avoiding a No-deal Exit from the EU), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "should respect the result of the 2016 EU referendum; agrees that a negotiated exit remains the best way to deliver on that vote, and supports the UK Government in reaching a deal with the EU."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

No. 24, Tuesday 10 September 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Ameen Versace, Strategic Engagements Director, Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Creating a Sustainable Future for Crofting.

4. The Impact of the UK Government's Planned Immigration Policy and Mobility Restrictions on Scotland's University and Scientific Research Sectors: The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Richard Lochhead) moved S5M-18767—That the Parliament notes that the UK Government's proposed immigration policies will be deeply damaging to Scotland's further education, higher education and research sectors; joins with Scottish institutions and the Russell Group in raising serious concerns about the impact of the three-year European Temporary Leave to Remain policy, which was announced in September 2019, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, which discriminates against Scottish institutions and students in Scotland studying for four-year degrees; welcomes the huge contribution that international staff and students make to Scotland's universities, colleges and research institutions, as well as the country's economy and communities; notes the success of the Fresh Talent: Working in Scotland scheme, which benefited more than 8,000 graduates between 2005 and 2008; further notes the consensus across parties and with sector bodies such as Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland on the benefits of a flexible post-study work route for Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to urgently amend its proposed policies to ensure that they respect Scotland's unique education system and its population needs, including by extending leave to remain to a minimum of four years and reintroducing a two-year post-study work visa for students at universities and colleges in Scotland.

Oliver Mundell moved amendment S5M-18767.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18767 in the name of Richard Lochhead (The Impact of the UK Government's Planned Immigration Policy and Mobility Restrictions of Scotland's University and Scientific Research Sectors), leave out from "that the UK Government's" to end and insert "the UK Government's proposed immigration policies and joins with Scottish further education, higher education and research institutions and the Russell Group in raising serious concerns about the impact of the three-year European Temporary Leave to Remain policy, which was announced in September 2019, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, which presents challenges for Scottish institutions and students in Scotland studying for four-year degrees; welcomes the huge contribution that international staff and students make to Scotland's universities, colleges and research institutions, as well as the country's economy and communities; notes the success of the Fresh Talent: Working in Scotland scheme, which benefited more than 8,000 graduates between 2005 and 2008; further notes the consensus across parties and with sector bodies such as

Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland on the benefits of a flexible post-study work route for Scotland; calls on the UK Government to review its proposed policies to ensure they work well for Scotland's unique education system and its population needs, including by extending leave to remain to a minimum of four years and reintroducing a two-year post-study work visa for students at universities and colleges in Scotland; recognises that leaving the EU with a negotiated deal will help bring much needed certainty, and calls on all parties to support the UK Government's efforts to do so."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 1, Abstentions 29).

5. Election of Member to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Ruth Davidson was nominated as the candidate for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The Parliament voted to elect Ruth Davidson for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 112, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

6. Committee Membership: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-18799—That the Parliament agrees that—

Donald Cameron be appointed to replace Jamie Greene as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee;

Mike Rumbles be appointed as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee;

Jeremy Balfour be appointed to replace Alison Harris as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Rachael Hamilton be appointed to replace John Scott as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

Alison Harris be appointed to replace Oliver Mundell as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Johann Lamont as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Beatrice Wishart be appointed as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Alex Rowley be appointed to replace James Kelly as a member of the Finance and Constitution Committee;

James Kelly be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as a member of the Justice Committee;

Sarah Boyack be appointed to replace Alex Rowley as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Maurice Corry be appointed to replace Rachael Hamilton as a member of the Public Petitions Committee; and

Neil Findlay be appointed to replace Elaine Smith as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committees: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-18800—That the Parliament agrees that—

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Alison Harris as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee;

Jamie Greene be appointed to replace Alison Harris as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Peter Chapman be appointed to replace Maurice Corry as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Pauline McNeill as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee;

Elaine Smith be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Elaine Smith as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Constitution Committee;

Monica Lennon be appointed to replace Anas Sarwar as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Health and Sport Committee; and

Anas Sarwar be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Bullying and Harassment in the NHS: The Parliament debated S5M-17240 in the name of Edward Mountain—That the Parliament, in light of John Sturrock QC's report into allegations of bullying and harassment at NHS Highland, commends the courage of all those who have spoken out in this regard and also those who do so throughout NHS Scotland, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to protect and support all those who speak out against bullying and harassment and to ensure that the whistleblowing process is robust and easily accessible.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 25, Wednesday 11 September 2019

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

1. 100th Anniversary of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund: The Parliament debated S5M-18355 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund (RAFBF) on reaching its 100th anniversary in 2019; understands that the organisation was formed by Lord Trenchard one year after the formation of the Royal Air Force with King George VI as Patron; acknowledges that it was previously known as the Royal Air Force Welfare Fund due to one of its objectives being the raising of a memorial to airmen who died in the First World War; notes that it is the Royal Air Force’s leading welfare charity, providing financial, emotional and practical support to serving and former members of the RAF, regardless of their rank, in addition to their partners and dependants; acknowledges that, under its current Patron, The Queen, the RAFBF was awarded a Royal Charter in 1999, which was updated in 2008 by the addition of a new charitable object permitting the organisation’s work towards supporting the wellbeing and morale of serving RAF personnel; understands that, in its first year, welfare expenditure was £919, with the first welfare assistance being a shilling for a night’s lodging to give the recipient a chance to seek work; considers that today the charity provides a far broader range of support to more than 55,000 members of the “RAF Family”, with a reported expenditure in 2017 of £18.8 million; acknowledges that the RAFBF also engages with many civilian companies, councils and local authorities across the Mid Scotland and Fife region, Scotland and the UK as a whole, and commends the charity and its staff and volunteers for their tireless work for the welfare and wellbeing of others.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Government Business and Constitutional Relations were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and the Lord Advocate.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP).

4. Citizens’ Assembly of Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) moved S5M-18778—That the Parliament supports the use of deliberative democracy in Scotland; welcomes the establishment of the Citizens’ Assembly of Scotland and the appointment of its independent conveners, Kate Wimpres and David Martin; notes the principles, remit and terms of reference for the Assembly; further notes that the Assembly’s report will be laid before the Parliament; commits to the Scottish Government considering the recommendations in that report and to holding a debate to allow the Parliament to respond to those recommendations, and agrees that, within three months of receiving the report, the Scottish Government should publish a plan setting out how those recommendations that have been agreed by the Parliament will be implemented, and should lay that plan before the Parliament.

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-18778.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18778 in the name of Michael Russell (Citizens’ Assembly of Scotland), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert

“regrets that the first opportunity taken by the Scottish Government is a citizens’ assembly announced as a part of a package of measures to achieve Scottish independence, which was welcomed by SNP MPs as part of the route to independence, and notes that Scottish ministers have not agreed to abide by the recommendations of the assembly if it rejects Scottish independence.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 5, Abstentions 29).

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18797—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Investing in our Credit Unions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Impact of the UK Government’s Family Migration Policy on Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 18 September 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

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 19 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

followed by Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Bill Proposal on Pre-release Access to Statistics

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Common Frameworks

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 September 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish National Investment Bank Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 September 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18798—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. 10th Anniversary of Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight: The Parliament debated S5M-18571 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament celebrates the 10th anniversary of Scottish Food and Drink Fortnight, which this year runs from 31 August to 15 September 2019; welcomes the aims of the fortnight to encourage more people to buy, eat and promote Scottish food and drink, and have as many people as possible taking part in the nation's biggest food and drink celebration, with events taking place throughout the country; acknowledges the growth in Scotland's food and drink sector and the contribution it makes to the economy, with a record £14.8 billion turnover and £6.3 billion in exports; acknowledges the ambition of the national food

and drink strategy, Ambition 2030, to double the value of the industry by 2030, and believes that Scotland has some of the most popular protected food name products in Europe, including Stornoway Black Pudding PGI, which make a unique contribution to what it considers its food and drink success story.

9. Motion Without Notice: Alasdair Allan moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

No. 26, Thursday 12 September 2019

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. Scotland's Drug Death Public Health Emergency:** The Parliament debated S5M-18420 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament considers problem drug use across Scotland, including in the Central Scotland region, to be a national crisis; is saddened and concerned at reports that 1,187 people lost their lives due to drug-related causes in 2018, which it understands is the highest level ever reported; further understands that the rate of drug-related deaths in Scotland is the highest in the UK and across the EU; believes that every life claimed by drug misuse is a preventable tragedy, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to legally designate the crisis a public health emergency and to urgently direct councils, integration authorities, Police Scotland, NHS boards, the Scottish Ambulance Service and all other relevant public bodies to assess, prevent and address the consequences of the emergency, by working together to save lives and reduce drug-related harm.
- 4. Motion Without Notice:** Monica Lennon moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.
- 5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
- 6. Post-legislative Scrutiny Reports on the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012:** Margaret Mitchell moved S5M-18818—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Justice Committee's 9th Report 2019 (Session 5), *Report on post-legislative scrutiny of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 - The Police Service of Scotland* (SP Paper 501), and its 10th Report 2019 (Session 5) *Report on post-legislative scrutiny of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 - The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service* (SP Paper 502).

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

- 7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 27, Tuesday 17 September 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** The Reverend Canon David Richards, Rector, St Paul's and St George's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary, a Minister and the Solicitor General.
- 3. Investing in our Credit Unions:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-18884—That the Parliament commends Scotland's network of credit unions, which are at the heart of communities across the country and serve more than 410,000 people; welcomes that, through offering affordable loans and savings, credit unions can protect people from predatory lenders and unmanageable debt; notes the Scottish Government's Programme for Government commitment to introduce a new £10 million Credit Union Investment Fund to help them grow their membership and increase the numbers of people saving and borrowing from credit unions, and further notes that the Scottish Government will co-produce, with the credit union sector, a national strategy to further grow and strengthen this important sector.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-18884.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18884 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Investing in our Credit Unions), insert at end “, and believes that this strategy should include the extension of payroll deduction schemes to more workplaces and better promotion of credit unions among young people.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends Scotland's network of credit unions, which are at the heart of communities across the country and serve more than 410,000 people; welcomes that, through offering affordable loans and savings, credit unions can protect people from predatory lenders and unmanageable debt; notes the Scottish Government's Programme for Government commitment to introduce a new £10 million Credit Union Investment Fund to help them grow their membership and increase the numbers of people saving and borrowing from credit unions; further notes that the Scottish Government will co-produce, with the credit union sector, a national strategy to further grow and strengthen this important sector, and believes that this strategy should include the extension of payroll deduction schemes to more workplaces and better promotion of credit unions among young people.

- 4. The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-18885—That the Parliament notes that the UK Government's family migration policies are considered to be some of the least family-friendly immigration policies in the developed world, according to research such as the *Migrant Integration Policy*

Index 2015; further notes that the current rules are not fit for purpose and are leading to forced family separation in communities across Scotland; believes that Conservative administrations have steadily eroded the family reunification rights of UK citizens and that its proposals to end free movement of people will mean further detrimental impacts on the families of EU and UK citizens; notes that Scotland's distinct population needs mean that all of its future population growth is projected to come from migration, and calls on the UK Government to end its increasingly restrictive and arbitrary approach to family migration, scrap the minimum income threshold of £18,600, implement a fair and humane approach to family migration and allow families to build their lives in Scotland and make a positive contribution to society and the economy.

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S5M-18885.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18885 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland), leave out from "the UK Government's family migration policies" to end and insert ", in June 2019, the Home Secretary asked the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to review salary thresholds and to consider whether more flexibility was required; further notes that, in September, the Prime Minister announced plans for fast-track visas for scientists, two-year post-study visas for international students were also announced, and the Home Secretary asked the MAC for further evidence on flexibility in migration rules; believes that these actions amount to a fresh approach for UK migration policy; further believes this should be sustained into family migration; notes that net migration to Scotland remains positive, and believes that the Scottish Government has many other powers to attract families to Scotland, including tax, economic and education powers."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18932—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 19 September 2019—

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Getting it right for every child – Practice Development Panel's report

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning: The Parliament debated S5M-18636 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament welcomes Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning fundraiser, which runs throughout September every year; notes that 2019 marks the 29th year of the fundraiser; considers that it is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer and that since 1990 it has raised over £200 million; recognises that Macmillan offers practical, emotional and financial support to thousands of people in Scotland affected by cancer every year; praises the thousands of Macmillan nurses and professionals who work in services and play a vital role in coordinating the care of people living with cancer and making sure that their needs and concerns are met; welcomes the recent announcement that the Scottish Government and Macmillan are each investing £9 million into the Transforming Cancer Care programme to make Scotland the first country in the UK to offer cancer patients guaranteed emotional, practical and financial advice; notes the view that everyone with cancer should be offered a personal care plan and access to the support that they need; recognises that Macmillan will work with the NHS and Health and Social Care Boards across Scotland to ensure that every cancer patient is offered support by 2023; thanks everyone who has raised funds and made donations to Macmillan, and looks forward to as many people as possible joining and supporting this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

No. 28, Wednesday 18 September 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills and then on Health and Sport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Mismanagement of NHS Construction Projects:** Miles Briggs moved S5M-18902—That the Parliament is deeply concerned with the ongoing mismanagement of key NHS hospital construction projects; notes the Scottish Government’s poor record on delivering hospital projects on time and on budget; further notes the ongoing problems which have led to the delay of the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh and the concerns expressed in relation to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow; calls on Ministers to confirm within the next week that no further delays or issues with any other ongoing projects are expected, and asks for the remit of the new national body, which will have oversight of major infrastructure developments within the NHS, to be published by December 2019.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved amendment S5M-18902.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18902 in the name of Miles Briggs (Mismanagement of NHS Construction Projects), leave out from “is deeply concerned” to “, and asks for” and insert “believes that patient safety should be the primary consideration in NHS construction projects; is deeply concerned with the ongoing problems which have led to the delay of the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP) in Edinburgh and the concerns expressed in relation to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) in Glasgow; notes the recent KPMG and NSS reports, which have identified the root of shortcomings in ventilation systems in key areas of the new RHCYP and identified a number of other areas to be rectified before the site opens; believes that, following concerns from affected parents, it would be the right step to increase confidence by establishing a public inquiry, under the Inquiries Act 2005 into the new RHCYP and the QEUH site to determine how vital issues relating to ventilation and other matters occurred, how mistakes were made and what steps can be taken to prevent them being repeated in future projects; further believes that the ongoing QEUH Independent Review, and the recent KPMG and NSS reports, will help inform the Inquiry; considers that ministers should update Parliament in the event that there are any significant delays to ongoing NHS projects; understands that construction inflation has been driven significantly in recent times by Brexit and its impact on sterling and on the attractiveness to potential skilled workers to come from the EU to work in Scotland; and welcomes that”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-18902.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18902 in the name of Miles Briggs (Mismanagement of NHS Construction Projects), insert at end “; acknowledges

the serious consequences that flawed construction can have for patient safety; recognises the impact that delays and uncertainty also have on patients and their families, and demands a fully independent public inquiry into the failings at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and Royal Hospital for Children and Young People.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 0, Abstentions 28).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is believes that patient safety should be the primary consideration in NHS construction projects; is deeply concerned with the ongoing problems which have led to the delay of the new Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP) in Edinburgh and the concerns expressed in relation to the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH) in Glasgow; notes the recent KPMG and NSS reports, which have identified the root of shortcomings in ventilation systems in key areas of the new RHCYP and identified a number of other areas to be rectified before the site opens; believes that, following concerns from affected parents, it would be the right step to increase confidence by establishing a public inquiry, under the Inquiries Act 2005 into the new RHCYP and the QEUH site to determine how vital issues relating to ventilation and other matters occurred, how mistakes were made and what steps can be taken to prevent them being repeated in future projects; further believes that the ongoing QEUH Independent Review, and the recent KPMG and NSS reports, will help inform the Inquiry; considers that ministers should update Parliament in the event that there are any significant delays to ongoing NHS projects; understands that construction inflation has been driven significantly in recent times by Brexit and its impact on sterling and on the attractiveness to potential skilled workers to come from the EU to work in Scotland, and welcomes that the remit of the new national body, which will have oversight of major infrastructure developments within the NHS, to be published by December 2019.

3. Restoring Trust in Criminal Sentencing: Liam Kerr moved S5M-18896—That the Parliament believes that urgent action must be taken to restore public trust in the justice system, including the abolition of automatic early release for all short-term and long-term prisoners.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S5M-18896.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18896 in the name of Liam Kerr (Restoring Trust in Criminal Sentencing), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “, while acknowledging that more can always be done to ensure that public confidence in the justice system is high, notes that a recent survey conducted on behalf of the Scottish Sentencing Council found that nearly two thirds of the public considered that Scotland’s justice system was fair to all; further notes that automatic early release was introduced by the UK Government in 1993, and that the previous system of automatic early release for long-term prisoners was ended by the Scottish Parliament from 2016, and considers that future reforms to sentencing policy should be informed by evidence of what works to

reduce reoffending and take appropriate account of Scotland’s current internationally high rate of imprisonment.”

James Kelly moved amendment S5M-18896.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18896 in the name of Liam Kerr (Restoring Trust in Criminal Sentencing), leave out from “the abolition of” to end and insert “providing better support and advice for victims and their families, but considers that any changes to early release must follow an evidence-led debate about what is in the public interest, and full consultation with all relevant parties, including the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, Scottish Prison Service, Parole Board for Scotland and the wider public.”

After debate, amendment S5M-18896.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 28, Abstentions 25). As a result, amendment S5M-18896.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 28, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament, while acknowledging that more can always be done to ensure that public confidence in the justice system is high, notes that a recent survey conducted on behalf of the Scottish Sentencing Council found that nearly two thirds of the public considered that Scotland’s justice system was fair to all; further notes that automatic early release was introduced by the UK Government in 1993, and that the previous system of automatic early release for long-term prisoners was ended by the Scottish Parliament from 2016, and considers that future reforms to sentencing policy should be informed by evidence of what works to reduce reoffending and take appropriate account of Scotland’s current internationally high rate of imprisonment.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18927—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 September 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Finance and Constitution Committee Debate: Common Frameworks

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 September 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 September 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish National Investment Bank (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Scottish National Investment Bank (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 October 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee Debate: Post-legislative Scrutiny: Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 October 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 October 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 September 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the

Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18928— That the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18929— That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Public Petitions Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 11.40am to 11.55am on Thursday 26 September 2019 for the purpose of making progress with important committee business.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-18930— That the Parliament agrees that—

Finlay Carson be appointed to replace John Scott as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee;

Edward Mountain be appointed to replace John Scott as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee; and

Beatrice Wishart be appointed to replace Willie Rennie as the Scottish Liberal Democrat substitute on the Health and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. CHAS, Keeping the Joy Alive: The Parliament debated S5M-18408 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament welcomes the positive impact that CHAS has in Lothian and across Scotland on children and young people with life-shortening conditions and their families, which is a mission that the charity describes as “Keeping the Joy Alive”; acknowledges that it is Scotland’s only national provider of hospice care for babies, children and young people; recognises that it offers palliative, respite and end-of-life care across Scotland through its service, CHAS at Home, and at its hospices, Rachel House in Kinross and Robin House in Balloch; acknowledges that it works in partnership with the NHS, local authorities, charity partners, government agencies and many others to provide the highest quality joined-up care and support;

recognises what it sees as the scale of need for these vital services, with nearly 16,000 children and young people currently living with life-shortening conditions; appreciates the continued commitment of CHAS and the wider paediatric palliative care sector in Scotland, and commends all of CHAS's staff and volunteers on "Keeping the Joy Alive" for the children and families that they support and care for.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 29, Thursday 19 September 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
 2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
 3. **Social Security Scotland First Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S5M-18758 in the name of Shona Robison—That the Parliament notes that it has been one year since Social Security Scotland was established, employing around 400 people with its headquarters in Dundee; commends the aim of the new agency to ensure that the service is based on dignity and respect; is encouraged by research published in June 2019, which it understands showed high satisfaction levels with the service provided by Social Security Scotland; considers that thousands of people are already benefiting from the increased financial support that has been delivered, including the Carer's Allowance Supplement and the three elements of the Best Start Grant; believes that, by removing barriers to application and promoting the take-up of benefits, more low-income households have received much-needed support; welcomes that nearly £13 million has already been paid out through Best Start Grants, and welcomes that the agency will also deliver the new Scottish Child Payment, which it understands has been described as a “game-changer” by antipoverty campaigners.
 4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Communities and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
 5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Getting It Right for Every Child – Practice Development Panel's report.
 6. **Proposal for a Committee Bill:** Gordon Lindhurst moved S5M-18727—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 9.15 to the proposal for a Committee Bill contained in the 7th report (2019) of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, *Pre-release Access – Committee Bill proposal report* (SP Paper 553).
- After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 0, Abstentions 48).
7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 30, Tuesday 24 September 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Major Lynn Farmer, Salvation Army, Greenock, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19044—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 24 September 2019—

after

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Supreme Court Judgement on Prorogation

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 25 September 2019—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Response to Supreme Court Judgement on Prorogation.

5. Report on Common Frameworks: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Finance and Constitution Committee, moved S5M-18951—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Finance and Constitution Committee's 4th Report, 2019 (Session 5), *Report on Common Frameworks* (SP Paper 498), and in particular its recommendations that the Parliament has a formal

role in relation to the process for developing, agreeing and implementing both legislative and non-legislative common frameworks.

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

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

7. Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Week 2019: The Parliament debated S5M-17948 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament welcomes Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) Week, which takes place from 16 to 24 September 2019; understands that around 2,500 people in Scotland are living with IPF and that, across the UK, an estimated 6,000 are diagnosed with it every year; acknowledges that it is an incurable and life-limiting condition, which results in a build-up of scar tissue in the lungs, restricting normal breathing; understands that current treatments can only mitigate the symptoms; notes the view that more research is needed to help people with the condition, and praises the British Lung Foundation for its “Meet the Expert” events, which allow people living with IPF to speak to specialists, and for raising awareness and funding vital research to improve diagnosis and treatment, which it believes will allow people to have the chance of experiencing a better quality of life.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

No. 31, Wednesday 25 September 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Security and Older People and Finance, Economy and Fair Work were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19024—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 50 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 2 hours

Groups 10 to 12: 2 hours 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 2, 17, 3, 4, 1, 21, 5, 23A, 23, 24, 25, 6, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 36, 13, 37, 14, 15 and 16.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

27 (For 92, Against 0, Abstentions 27)

28 (For 93, Against 27, Abstentions 0)

31A (For 93, Against 28, Abstentions 0)

31B (For 93, Against 28, Abstentions 0)

32 (For 114, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

18 (For 7, Against 92, Abstentions 19)

19 (For 34, Against 87, Abstentions 0)

20 (For 34, Against 86, Abstentions 0)

22 (For 28, Against 93, Abstentions 0)

29 (For 34, Against 87, Abstentions 0)

12A (For 27, Against 91, Abstentions 0)

14A (For 27, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 26 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

4. Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:

The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S5M-19025—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 0, Abstentions 6).

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19047—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 October 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee Debate: Post Legislative Scrutiny: Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 October 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 October 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 October 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 October 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations;
Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Transport (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 October 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 September 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19054—That the Parliament agrees—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 February 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of an SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19049—That the Parliament agrees that the Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 28).

8. Approval of an SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19048—That the Parliament agrees that the Additional Powers Request (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of an SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19050—That the Parliament agrees that the Historical Sexual Offences (Disregarded Convictions and Official Records) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19051—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business and Portfolio Questions on Thursday 3 October 2019 for the purpose of considering the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19052—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jenny Gilruth be appointed to replace Stewart Stevenson as a member of the Justice Sub-committee on Policing; and

James Kelly be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as a member of the Justice Sub-committee on Policing.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19053—That the Parliament agrees that—

Sarah Boyack be appointed to replace Anas Sarwar as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Claudia Beamish be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee;

Alex Rowley be appointed to replace Neil Findlay as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee;

Neil Findlay be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee;

Anas Sarwar be appointed to replace Pauline McNeill as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Local Government and Communities Committee; and

Beatrice Wishart be appointed to replace Willie Rennie as the Scottish Liberal Democrat substitute on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Designation of a Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19095—

That the Parliament agrees that the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

15. The Need for a Product Recall Database: The Parliament debated S5M-17805 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament notes that the UK Government has served Whirlpool, which manufactures domestic appliances, with a notice to recall faulty tumble dryers; understands that this comes four years after the company issued a safety warning regarding some of its Creda, Hotpoint and Indesit devices; believes that research by the consumer charity, Electrical Safety First, suggests that only 10 to 20% of recalled products are actually returned or repaired, largely due to consumers being unaware of the recalls, and notes calls for the creation of a centrally-managed product recall database, which could allow consumers in Shettleston and across the country to check that their appliances are safe.

The meeting closed at 6.49 pm.

No. 32, Thursday 26 September 2019

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. Congratulates Doddie Weir OBE and Calls for Automatic Access to Blue Badge Scheme for People with MND: The Parliament debated 18066 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament congratulates Doddie Weir on receiving his OBE from The Queen at the Palace of Holyroodhouse; recognises that he received his award for services to motor neurone disease (MND) research, rugby and the Borders community; notes calls for the Scottish Government to change the criteria for the Blue Badge scheme to allow people with MND to have automatic access, rather than through the lengthy process of an assessment; further notes the view that automatic access is the most appropriate way due to the nature of the disease, which leads to a rapid deterioration in a person's physical ability; notes that Doddie and The Scotsman back the campaign to give people with MND automatic access to a Blue Badge, and believes that people with the condition, and their families, should be able to live their lives as fully as possible and in a dignified way.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Scottish National Investment Bank Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-19061—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish National Investment Bank Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Scottish National Investment Bank Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-18780—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish National Investment Bank 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. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 33, Tuesday 1 October 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Alastair Cameron, Clerk to the South East Scotland Area Quaker Meeting, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19208—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 1 October 2019—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.45 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 3 October 2019—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Onshore Unconventional Oil and Gas Policy
followed by Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Post-legislative Scrutiny: Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010: Jenny Marra, on behalf of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee, moved S5M-19160—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee's 4th Report 2019 (Session 5) *Post-legislative Scrutiny: Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010* (SP Paper 572).

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

5. Committee Announcement: Bob Doris, on behalf of the Social Security Committee, made an announcement on the Committee's inquiry into benefit take-up.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

7. 80th Year of Scotland's Citizens Advice Service: The Parliament debated S5M-17933 in the name of Anas Sarwar—That the Parliament notes that 2019 marks the 80th year of Scotland's Citizens Advice service; congratulates it for the high-quality advice and advocacy that it has provided over the years, which are the twin aims of

the service; understands that, in 2018, it assisted nearly 262,000 clients with almost 766,000 issues and that, along with the advice that it provided, its bureaux also helped people complete over 44,100 official forms, with claims totalling nearly £138 million; acknowledges what it sees as the unique advocacy role that it plays, which aims to ensure that the voices of citizens coming into bureaux across communities are listened to, and acted on, by national policy-makers, and believes that the Citizens Advice service continues to play a valuable role to play in addressing the community and national needs of people in Glasgow and across Scotland.

8. Motion Without Notice: Anas Sarwar moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 34, Wednesday 2 October 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Economy and then on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Give Them Time Campaign: Iain Gray moved S5M-19193—That the Parliament recognises that, under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, parents have the legal right to defer their child’s entry to primary education if they are not five years old by the commencement of the school year; understands that those children who are born in January and February have an automatic entitlement to funded early learning and childcare during the deferred year, while those born between August and December do not have this automatic entitlement; commends the “Give Them Time” campaign for their work in highlighting this issue; calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward legislation in this parliamentary session to automatically entitle young people aged four, who are born between August and December, to funded early learning and childcare in line with statutory government provision for three- and four-year-olds when their parents use their legal right to defer entry to P1, and further calls on the Scottish Government to work with COSLA to ensure the necessary resources are available.

The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) moved amendment S5M-19193.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19193 in the name of Iain Gray (Give Them Time Campaign), insert at end “, and agrees that, in line with the principles of local democracy, this should be advanced with the agreement of local government following proper assessment of the resource implications, and in partnership with parents and the sector.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. Don’t Extend the ScotRail Franchise: Colin Smyth moved S5M-19190—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should not extend the current ScotRail franchise beyond its first expiry date in 2022.

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) moved amendment S5M-19190.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19190 in the name of Colin Smyth (Don’t Extend the ScotRail Franchise), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish Government has already started the careful and necessary assessment specified in the franchise contract to determine the ScotRail contract end date; welcomes the opportunity offered by the Williams Rail Review, which was established by the UK Government, to create a sensible rail industry structure for Scotland; notes that the Scottish Government does not consider rail franchising fit for purpose, as the Review has already concluded, and calls on the Parliament to support the overdue and necessary

change to full Scottish public sector control of the structure, governance and operation of the Scottish railway system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-19190.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19190 in the name of Colin Smyth (Don't Extend the ScotRail Franchise), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish Government has issued two remedial notices to ScotRail with a delivery deadline of 30 May 2020; understands that a no-rebasing notice to early terminate the franchise would have to be issued by the end of the calendar year; believes that the operator should be given the contractual ability to fulfil its obligations in the remedial plan; notes that the Williams Rail Review is due to report by the end of 2019; recognises that the Scottish Government reserves the right to issue a default notice and termination of the franchise at any point, and calls on the Scottish Government to propose a long-term, sustainable vision for the future of Scotland's railways that looks beyond 2025.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19209—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 October 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Proposed National Plan for Scotland's Islands

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Innovation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 October 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations;
Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Transport (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 October 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 October 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 October 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 31 October 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 7 October 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19210—That the

Parliament agrees that the Carer's Assistance (Young Carer Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19211—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week: The Parliament debated S5M-18943 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament welcomes Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week, which takes place from 28 September to 4 October 2019; notes that the theme for 2019 is “Leaders Behind the Leaders”; understands that leaders in sport and physical activity help provide a legacy of confident, knowledgeable and experienced people, who throughout their life in sport and physical activity, will help build and strengthen the world-class sporting system for everyone in Scotland; believes that leaders in sport are crucial role models who motivate, promote and inspire others to participate in sport and physical activity in schools, local sports clubs and in the local community; recognises those who work behind the scenes in sport and physical activity and their role in supporting and inspiring female leaders in sport; welcomes the opportunity provided by Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week to showcase and promote women and girls’ participation in sport and physical activity, and celebrates the role models who support and inspire female leaders in sport to be the best they can be.

9. Motion Without Notice: Emma Harper moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

No. 35, Thursday 3 October 2019

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. **Great British Beach Clean:** The Parliament debated S5M-18053 in the name of Maurice Corry—That the Parliament recognises the efforts of the Marine Conservation Society in raising awareness of the importance of keeping beaches clean for the sake of marine wildlife; acknowledges that sign-ups for the Marine Conservation Society's flagship Great British Beach Clean event in September 2019 are now open; understands that each year the citizen science project involves thousands of volunteers heading out across Scotland, including in the West Scotland region and the rest of the UK, to clean beaches and collect invaluable data on the litter that is washing up on shores; further understands that, following the 2018 Beachwatch project, it was shown that beach litter had risen by an average of 14% in just one year for those beaches surveyed in Scotland, and notes calls for all MSPs to get involved with their local Great British Beach Clean events between 20 and 23 September 2019.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Onshore Unconventional Oil and Gas Policy.
5. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary, a Minister and the Lord Advocate.
6. **Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-19218—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

7. **Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

2 (For 47, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

3 (For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

1 (For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The Presiding Officer extended the time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A (c).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 25 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

9. Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill: John Finnie moved S5M-18623—That the Parliament agrees that the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

10. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19271—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 8 October 2019—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government overview of “No Deal” preparations

(b) Wednesday 9 October 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Transport (Scotland) Bill

insert

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Stage 3 Amendments: Transport (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

6.40 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 10 October 2019—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

insert

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

No. 36, Tuesday 8 October 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Gordon Kennedy, Minister, Craiglockhart Parish Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19312—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 9 October 2019—

delete

6.40 pm Decision Time

and insert

8.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government overview of ‘No Deal’ preparations.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on the Proposed National Plan for Scotland’s Islands.

6. Supporting Innovation: The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-19287—That the Parliament acknowledges that business innovation is of central importance to the Scottish economy; notes the Scottish Government’s initiatives to ensure that Scotland is a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy with thriving and innovative businesses with quality jobs and fair work for everyone, and recognises the increasing levels of business investment in R&D, the increased number of businesses collaborating within supply chains and an increase in R&D jobs as a percentage of total employment, all of which contribute towards a sustainable, inclusive future for the people of Scotland.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S5M-19287.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19287 in the name of Ivan McKee (Supporting Innovation), insert at end “; notes that Scotland’s R&D expenditure per head remains well below UK levels, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government under the UK Industrial Strategy to increase levels of innovation in Scotland’s economy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-19287.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19287 in the name of Ivan McKee (Supporting Innovation), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “recognises that, without devising and implementing a comprehensive industrial strategy, the Scottish Government cannot truly tackle the country’s stagnated economic growth, poor earnings growth and low productivity levels; considers that failure to create a framework for industries has led to Scotland’s gross expenditure on R&D as a percentage of GDP being lower than that for the UK, EU and OECD countries, and urges the Scottish Government to implement an industrial strategy that supports expenditure in R&D activity among businesses that helps build an innovative and prosperous economic future for the people of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 52, Abstentions 6).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

8. 50 Years of the Institute of Occupational Medicine: The Parliament debated S5M-18154 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament congratulates the Institute of Occupational Medicine (IOM), a charity based in Edinburgh, on its 50th anniversary; notes that IOM was founded in Edinburgh as an independent research organisation in 1969 by the National Coal Board, primarily to complete groundbreaking research on lung disease in coal mine workers; further notes that IOM’s work has now progressed and broadened to understand and mitigate a range of occupational and environmental health risks, including from exposure to quartz and other dusts, asbestos, other fibrous materials, carbon nanotubes, ultraviolet radiation, air pollution and physical and psychological stress; believes that IOM’s research has been critical in leading to the understanding that coal mining not only caused the specific disease known as coal workers’ pneumoconiosis but also an increased risk of chronic obstructive lung disease (COPD); understands that IOM has been a leading player in Europe in collaborative research related to the safety of nanomaterials and that SAFENANO, IOM’s Centre of Excellence, was one of the first recognised organisations developing the safe use of nanotechnology; considers that IOM has made an important contribution to policy nationally and internationally through developing, interpreting and assessing the scientific evidence on the health risks of these issues; believes that IOM’s research and other scientific work over the last 50 years has improved people’s health and safety at work, at home and in the environment, and thanks everyone who has been a part IOM over the last 50 years for their work to create a healthy and sustainable world through outstanding independent science.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm

No. 37, Wednesday 9 October 2019

The meeting opened at 1.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations and then on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Transport (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19337—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 1 hour

Groups 5 to 10: 2 hours

Groups 11 to 15: 2 hours 50 minutes

Groups 16 to 19: 3 hours 30 minutes

Groups 20 and 21: 4 hours 15 minutes

Groups 22 to 24: 5 hours 45 minutes

Groups 25 and 26: 6 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Transport (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 38D, 38E, 38, 39, 40A, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 58, 178, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 157, 158, 159, 84, 90 and 93.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

61 (For 91, Against 27, Abstentions 0)

62 (For 91, Against 27, Abstentions 0)

78 (For 89, Against 30, Abstentions 0)

81 (For 87, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

82 (For 87, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

83 (For 87, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

85 (For 75, Against 29, Abstentions 0)

91 (For 82, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

92 (For 106, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

109 (For 109, Against 3, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

38A (For 54, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

38B (For 27, Against 90, Abstentions 0)

38C (For 26, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
38F (For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
39A (For 31, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
39B (For 31, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
42A (For 31, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
42B (For 27, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
135 (For 55, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
137 (For 47, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
49 (For 30, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
140 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
142 (For 28, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
55 (For 30, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
151 (For 54, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
153 (For 50, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
67 (For 29, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
68 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
69 (For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
70 (For 30, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
71 (For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
154 (For 34, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
155 (For 50, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
77 (For 29, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
79 (For 29, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
160 (For 34, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
86 (For 54, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
1 (For 54, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
87 (For 50, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
89 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
162 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
163 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
164 (For 51, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
165 (For 46, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
4 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
6 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
8 (For 49, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
9 (For 50, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
30 (For 50, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
23 (For 49, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
24 (For 51, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
25 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
26 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
27 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
31 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
32 (For 51, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
33 (For 46, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
34 (For 46, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
35 (For 45, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

95 (For 50, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
96 (For 51, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
97 (For 48, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
98 (For 50, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
99 (For 50, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
166 (For 50, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
100 (For 20, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
101 (For 46, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
102 (For 46, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
103 (For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
104 (For 46, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
105 (For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
106 (For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
107 (For 46, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
108 (For 45, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
168 (For 46, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
169 (For 45, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
170 (For 45, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
10 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
28 (For 46, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
29 (For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
11 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn:
136, 138, 145, 156.

The following amendments were not moved: 44, 139, 141, 143, 144, 146, 147, 148,
57, 59, 149, 150, 152, 80, 161, 88, 94, 167, 36 and 37.

The Presiding Officer extended the first time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

The Presiding Officer extended the fourth time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(a).

The Presiding Officer extended the fifth time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c)

The Minister for Parliamentary Business moved a motion without notice under Rule
9.8.5A to move the time limit by 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer altered the time of Decision Time by 30 minutes in consequence
of the motion under Rule 9.8.5A being agreed to and notified members accordingly.

Following the disposal of amendment 106, the Presiding Officer advised the Chamber
that, in view of the time, he intended to conclude consideration of amendments before
Group 23 and bring a further timetabling motion for consideration of the remainder of
the amendments at the start of the next day's business.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans
(Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19314—That the
Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 October 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Promoting the Safe and Appropriate use of Fireworks in Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 October 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee Debate: Glasgow School of Art Fire

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 31 October 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2017

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Forestry Centenary

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 November 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 November 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Referendums (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Referendums (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 28 October 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19315—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of its consideration of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill, under Rule 9.6.3A of the Standing Orders, that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Bill on the fourth sitting day after publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19316—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish National Investment Bank Bill at stage 2 be completed by 29 November 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19317—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 7 February 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19318—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Friday 27, Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December 2019.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19319—That the Parliament agrees that the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19320—That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19321—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19322—That the Parliament agrees that the Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and their Carers 10th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S5M-18709 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament notes that October 2019 is the 10th anniversary of the Charter of Rights for People with Dementia and their Carers, which was signed by all political parties in the Parliament; further notes that the Charter introduced a human rights-based approach to health and social care based on the UN PANEL principles; acknowledges that, for the first time in Scotland, the PANEL approach allowed people with dementia and their carers to participate in decisions, have accountability in their care and be empowered to access their rights without stigma; considers that the Charter has ensured that public and private bodies, voluntary organisations and individuals are held responsible for the care and treatment of people with dementia and accountable for the respect, protection and fulfilment of human rights; commends the importance of the Charter in underpinning three national dementia strategies and resulting initiatives working to improve people's lives; applauds the ALLIANCE, Alzheimer Scotland and the University of the West of Scotland for ensuring that the voice of lived experience sets the agenda for the next 10 years; values the efforts made by organisations across Scotland, especially the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, to use the Charter as a tool for empowerment, raising awareness of rights and improving quality of services; congratulates the Scottish Dementia Working Group, National Dementia Carers Action Network and Dementia Carer Voices for their awareness raising campaigns on the need for person-centred care; recognises that,

while much progress has been made over the last 10 years, by 2031 it is projected that there will be approximately between 102,000 to 114,000 people with dementia in Scotland, and therefore welcomes discussions to date to make the Parliament more open, inclusive and dementia-friendly, and believes that dementia is one of the key issues now and in the future for people in Glasgow Kelvin and across Scotland.

14. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

No. 38, Thursday 10 October 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. Business Motion: Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19378—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 10 October 2019—

delete

followed by Members' Business

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Amendments: Transport (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Transport (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

2. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Transport (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19379—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when these groups begin and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the proceedings being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 23 to 26: 1 hour 15 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Transport (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 111, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 174, 126, 176, 22, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132 and 133.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

110 (For 76, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
119 (For 77, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
120 (For 77, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
134 (For 73, Against 30, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

171 (For 44, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
12 (For 47, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
13 (For 48, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 48, Against 54, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 48, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
16 (For 47, Against 54, Abstentions 0)
112 (For 23, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
17 (For 48, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
18 (For 47, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
19 (For 47, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 48, Against 54, Abstentions 0)
172 (For 23, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
173 (For 22, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
117 (For 22, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
21 (For 48, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
177 (For 48, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 175 was not moved.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Transport (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

7. Transport (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-19335—That the Parliament agrees that the Transport (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 29, Abstentions 18).

8. Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-19336—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 97, Against 0, Abstentions 6).

9. Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-19269—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Non-Domestic Rates (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).

10. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19386—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 6 November 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

and insert

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

followed by Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.18 pm.

No. 39, Tuesday 29 October 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Fr. Vincent Lockhart, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies (Missio Scotland), led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) made a statement and answered questions on **Promoting the Safe and Appropriate use of Fireworks in Scotland**.
4. **Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S5M-19577—That the Parliament is committed to improving the provision of disability benefits in Scotland, built on a new human rights-based social security system for the people of Scotland; notes the publication of the independently produced report, *A Consultation on Disability Assistance in Scotland: Analysis of Responses*; considers that the report highlights agreement on the provision of social security payments for disabled people based on dignity, fairness and respect; notes that the Scottish Government is co-designing this approach with people who have lived experience of receiving social security payments, and agrees that it is essential that the needs of disabled people are at the heart of Scotland’s social security system.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S5M-19577.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19577 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to no further delay to any of the devolved disability assistance benefits and to provide an absolute guarantee for transitional protections for all claimants involved in the case transfer.”

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

Mark Griffin moved amendment S5M-19577.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19577 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Improving Disability Assistance in Scotland), after “respect” insert “; agrees that the 20-metre rule must be scrapped when disability assistance for working-age people is introduced, and replaced with an appropriate alternative designed in partnership with disabled people, charities and healthcare professionals”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is committed to improving the provision of disability benefits in Scotland, built on a new human rights-based social security system for the people of Scotland; notes the publication of the

independently produced report, *A Consultation on Disability Assistance in Scotland: Analysis of Responses*; considers that the report highlights agreement on the provision of social security payments for disabled people based on dignity, fairness and respect; notes that the Scottish Government is co-designing this approach with people who have lived experience of receiving social security payments; agrees that it is essential that the needs of disabled people are at the heart of Scotland's social security system, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to no further delay to any of the devolved disability assistance benefits and to provide an absolute guarantee for transitional protections for all claimants involved in the case transfer.

5. Business Motion: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-19610—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 30 October 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Impact of the Proposed New EU Exit Deal on Scotland
followed by Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

(b) Thursday 31 October 2019—

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Allocating Convergence Funding to Scottish Farmers and Crofters

and after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Centenary of the 1919 Forestry Act

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion - Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion - Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion - Domestic Abuse Bill

The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

7. Asda Walmart, Contract Imposition: The Parliament debated S5M-18479 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament notes reports that Asda Walmart is seeking to impose new contracts on its predominately female supermarket workforce, under threat of dismissal; understands that the new contracts remove provision for paid breaks, reduce night shift premiums, reduce holidays and introduce a new flexibility clause giving the employer the ability to alter days, hours, rota start and finish times, with corresponding salary change simply reflective of rising legal minimums; notes the view of GMB Scotland that Asda Walmart's actions run counter to all principles of the Scottish Government's Fair Work agenda and that it should seek to address whatever business case it has for making such cuts to terms and conditions by negotiation with GMB Union, and that, if this is not possible, Asda Walmart's next step should be mediation under the auspices of ACAS, not the imposition of detrimental changes of terms and conditions on the thousands of working class women in Scotland employed in its supermarkets; understands that the backdrop to Asda Walmart's actions is the long-running issue of equal pay for supermarket workers, and notes the calls from across the political spectrum in Scotland for Asda Walmart to take the threat of dismissal off the table for all of its staff who decline to sign up to a new contract that they fear will make them poorer.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

No. 40, Wednesday 30 October 2019

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Impact of the Proposed New EU Exit Deal on Scotland.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Health and Sport and then on Communities and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. Glasgow School of Art Fire: Joan McAlpine, on behalf of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, moved S5M-19553—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations in the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee's 2nd Report 2019 (Session 5), *The Glasgow School of Art Mackintosh Building: The loss of a national treasure* (SP Paper 487).

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

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19632—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 November 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 November 2019

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

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 7 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Referendums (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Referendums (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 November 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 November 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 5 November 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19625—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 November 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19620—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of its consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill, under Rule 9.6.3A of the Standing Orders, that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Bill on the second sitting day after publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19621—That the Parliament agrees that the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19622—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during General Questions, Members' Business and Portfolio Questions on Thursday 31 October 2019 for the purpose of considering and agreeing its stage 1 report on the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill, and to take evidence on the Scottish Government's legislative consent memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19623— That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19624— That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Charities, Scotland and Holyrood: The Parliament debated S5M-18693 in the name of Margaret Mitchell—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *Charities, Scotland & Holyrood: Twenty Years Delivering Change*, which is a limited edition book that has been produced by SCVO to celebrate the Parliament's 20th anniversary; believes that it offers a reflective look at the last 20 years of the voluntary sector working with, challenging, persuading and influencing the Parliament; notes that it explores this relationship by highlighting 20 key voluntary sector campaigns that have helped shape society in Scotland since devolution; recognises what it sees as the vital role that the third sector plays not only in strengthening communities, such as those across Central Scotland, but also in advocating for legislative change and national action to tackle pressing societal challenges, including climate change, human trafficking and access to care; considers that Scotland's third sector organisations have unparalleled experience and knowledge that brings value to the work of the Parliament, and looks forward to these groups working constructively with Scotland's many charities and voluntary organisations for the next 20 years and beyond.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

No. 41, Thursday 31 October 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Hong Kong:** The Parliament debated S5M-19293 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton—That the Parliament believes that people in the Edinburgh Western constituency, and across Scotland, are deeply concerned by what it considers the escalating seriousness of the current situation in Hong Kong; recalls the long and close ties between Scotland and Hong Kong, which are evident throughout the territory; considers that human rights are currently under threat; supports peaceful and legitimate pro-democracy protests; notes the calls for a full, independent investigation into the reported police violence during the protests; believes that the UK has a legal and moral duty to the people of Hong Kong, and stands with the people of Hong Kong in support of their rights, freedoms and campaign for what it considers genuine democracy.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Security and Older People were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Allocating Convergence Funding to Scottish Farmers and Crofters.
- 6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2017.
- 7. Centenary of the 1919 Forestry Act:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-19631—That the Parliament welcomes the opportunity to mark 100 years since the Forestry Act 1919; notes the progress made since 1919 in increasing Scotland's forest cover from 5% to nearly 19%; appreciates the contribution made by the men and women who have worked in forestry in Scotland, including those from Commonwealth countries who were members of forestry units in Scotland during and after the Second World War; acknowledges the importance of forests and woodland to the rural economy, to the health and wellbeing of communities and especially to the environment; recognises that forests and woodland are among Scotland's most important natural assets in helping to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, and resolves to encourage everyone to get involved in planting more trees over the next 100 years.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-19631.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19631 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Centenary of the 1919 Forestry Act), insert at end “; celebrates the contribution of the forestry sector trade unions; recognises the potential that sustainable management of diverse forest and woodland has in meeting biodiversity targets post 2020; notes the importance of planting taking place in appropriate areas; recognises the contribution that national parks make to protecting forestry and widening the natural environment, and therefore believes that new national parks should be designated.”

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the opportunity to mark 100 years since the Forestry Act 1919; notes the progress made since 1919 in increasing Scotland’s forest cover from 5% to nearly 19%; appreciates the contribution made by the men and women who have worked in forestry in Scotland, including those from Commonwealth countries who were members of forestry units in Scotland during and after the Second World War; acknowledges the importance of forests and woodland to the rural economy, to the health and wellbeing of communities and especially to the environment; recognises that forests and woodland are among Scotland’s most important natural assets in helping to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; resolves to encourage everyone to get involved in planting more trees over the next 100 years; celebrates the contribution of the forestry sector trade unions; recognises the potential that sustainable management of diverse forest and woodland has in meeting biodiversity targets post 2020; notes the importance of planting taking place in appropriate areas; recognises the contribution that national parks make to protecting forestry and widening the natural environment, and therefore believes that new national parks should be designated.

8. Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-19629—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 5 June 2019, relating to ticket touting, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill - UK Legislation: Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-19628—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 22 May 2019, relating to the transfer of community orders and suspended sentence orders imposed by courts in England and Wales to Scotland, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Domestic Abuse Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-19630—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant

provisions of the Domestic Abuse Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 July 2019, relating to amendments to the law of Scotland concerning extra-territorial jurisdiction over certain offences committed outside the UK by a UK national or habitual resident of Scotland in order to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Business Motion: Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19671—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 5 November 2019—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Establishment of Private Bill Committee: Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19654—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill.

Duration: Until the Bill is passed or rejected, falls or is withdrawn.

Number of members: 4.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

Membership: Christine Grahame, John Mason, Bill Bowman, Monica Lennon.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 42, Tuesday 5 November 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Duncan J Macpherson, Senior Chaplain Scotland and Deputy Assistant Chaplain General for 51 Infantry Brigade, and Denominational Representative Chaplain for the Church of Scotland to the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19729—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 5 November 2019—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.35 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-19701—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: David Stewart was nominated as the candidate for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The Parliament voted to elect David Stewart for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 90, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

7. Save Loch Lomond: The Parliament debated S5M-19581 in the name of Ross Greer—That the Parliament welcomes the recent withdrawal of a planning application by Flamingo Land and Scottish Enterprise for a large tourist development on the shores of Loch Lomond at Balloch; understands that this application had a Scottish record of over 57,000 objections, had been opposed by West Dunbartonshire Council, the Woodland Trust, Ramblers Scotland and many other organisations, and had been recommended for refusal by Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park planning officers; congratulates the community's Save Loch Lomond campaign on its success;

considers that, while it understands that the developers are considering resubmitting an application and have an exclusivity agreement until December 2020, there is a clear appetite locally for a community buyout and to explore alternative visions for the area, and further considers that the future of the site would be best determined by the local community.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 43, Wednesday 6 November 2019

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

1. World Day Against the Death Penalty: The Parliament debated S5M-18574 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament recognises World Day Against the Death Penalty 2019 on 10 October; considers that the death penalty is the ultimate denial of human rights; notes that Amnesty International’s most recent annual report on the death penalty recorded at least 690 executions in 20 countries in 2018, a decrease of 31% compared with 2017, which is the lowest number of executions recorded by Amnesty International in the last decade; further notes that most executions took place in China, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam in that order; welcomes news that Amnesty International’s overall assessment of the use of the death penalty in 2018 indicates that the global trend is towards its abolition, despite regressive steps from a small number of countries; notes the statement from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in October 2018 calling for all nations to abolish the practice of executions, and stands against the death penalty in all circumstances.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Finance, Economy and Fair Work and then on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. The Resilience of Scotland’s Ferry Network: Jamie Greene moved S5M-19715—That the Parliament notes its growing concern with the resilience of Scotland’s ferry network; highlights that over 82,000 delays and cancellations have occurred since 2007; believes that the combination of an ageing fleet of vessels, mechanical breakdowns and the late arrival of new operational vessels for the network have resulted in avoidable disruption to services to the detriment of Scotland’s island communities, their inhabitants, business and tourism; expresses disappointment at the absence of a long-term strategy to procure or build replacement vessels, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently outline how it will address the Parliament’s concerns.

The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) moved amendment S5M-19715.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19715 in the name of Jamie Greene (The Resilience of Scotland’s Ferry Network), leave out from “notes its growing concern” to end and insert “recognises the improving performance of the ferry services that are directly supported by the Scottish Government; acknowledges the inconvenience that disruption can cause, but notes that only 873, or 0.67%, of the 130,184 sailings on Scottish Government-subsidised ferry services have been cancelled due to technical reasons in 2019; commends the hard-working and dedicated staff and crew in delivering these reliability improvements; notes the improvements, including new routes, more sailings and lower fares, that have helped drive passenger growth on an annual basis, with these ferry services now carrying over six million passengers, or an increase of some 16.1% since 2012; acknowledges that, despite facing real-terms funding reductions by the UK Government, the Scottish Government has invested more than £2 billion in ferry services and infrastructure since 2007; notes that investment has been made in accordance with the published Vessel Replacement and Deployment Plan and

that the next Ferries Plan will be taken forward following the finalisation of the National Transport Strategy and in parallel with the Strategic Transport Projects Review, and notes that, in the context of the need for renewal of the fleet, the Scottish Government has continued to support vessel investment and the commercial shipbuilding sector in Scotland through the construction of the MV Glen Sannox and Hull 802 at Ferguson Marine and through public ownership of the yard, which is supported by the trade unions, and will work to safeguard and create shipbuilding jobs at the yard.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-19715.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19715 in the name of Jamie Greene (The Resilience of Scotland’s Ferry Network), insert at end “; notes the challenges many routes face with regard to capacity and the impact this has on connectivity and access to services; commends the work of the dedicated and resourceful ferry workers to deliver another winter timetable in difficult weather and technical conditions on ageing fleets; welcomes the decision to save Ferguson Marine by taking it into public ownership and reiterates the importance of delivering the MV Glen Sannox and Hull 802 as quickly as possible; recognises the importance of the Scottish shipbuilding sector and the jobs it provides; believes that there should be a Scottish ferry building programme; regrets that the ferry services procurement policy review has not made more progress, and believes that Scotland’s lifeline ferry services should be publicly owned.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the improving performance of the ferry services that are directly supported by the Scottish Government; acknowledges the inconvenience that disruption can cause, but notes that only 873, or 0.67%, of the 130,184 sailings on Scottish Government-subsidised ferry services have been cancelled due to technical reasons in 2019; commends the hard-working and dedicated staff and crew in delivering these reliability improvements; notes the improvements, including new routes, more sailings and lower fares, that have helped drive passenger growth on an annual basis, with these ferry services now carrying over six million passengers, or an increase of some 16.1% since 2012; acknowledges that, despite facing real-terms funding reductions by the UK Government, the Scottish Government has invested more than £2 billion in ferry services and infrastructure since 2007; notes that investment has been made in accordance with the published Vessel Replacement and Deployment Plan and that the next Ferries Plan will be taken forward following the finalisation of the National Transport Strategy and in parallel with the Strategic Transport Projects Review, and notes that, in the context of the need for renewal of the fleet, the Scottish Government has continued to support vessel investment and the commercial shipbuilding sector in

Scotland through the construction of the MV Glen Sannox and Hull 802 at Ferguson Marine and through public ownership of the yard, which is supported by the trade unions, and will work to safeguard and create shipbuilding jobs at the yard.

4. Curriculum for Excellence: Liz Smith moved S5M-19717—That the Parliament is committed to the principles of excellence and equity to underpin policy approaches to education and to improve the delivery of the curriculum for excellence (CfE), but notes with growing concern the recent analysis of CfE, including the recent publication from Professor Jim Scott, which draws the conclusion that the attainment gap is widening and highlights that there are failures in the delivery of CfE; notes in particular that these failures are imposing proportionately greater barriers to success among the pupil cohort who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently address these concerns.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-19717.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19717 in the name of Liz Smith (Curriculum for Excellence), insert at end “by conducting the review supported by the Parliament on 1 May 2019, called for by the Education and Skills Committee in its cross-party report into the senior phase of Scottish education, which was published in September 2019, and previously committed to by the Scottish Government, and notes that the independent review will draw on evidence from education stakeholders and partners, including the latest data on young people’s progress through CfE and the outcomes they achieve when they leave school.”

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

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-19717.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19717 in the name of Liz Smith (Curriculum for Excellence), after “delivery of CfE;” insert “recognises that such failures have resulted in, for example, a narrowing of subject choice in the senior phase, a prevalence of multi-level teaching and an increased workload for many teachers;”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is committed to the principles of excellence and equity to underpin policy approaches to education and to improve the delivery of the curriculum for excellence (CfE), but notes with growing concern the recent analysis of CfE, including the recent publication from Professor Jim Scott, which draws the conclusion that the attainment gap is widening and highlights that there are failures in the delivery of CfE; notes in particular that these failures are imposing proportionately greater barriers to success among the pupil cohort who come from disadvantaged backgrounds; calls on the Scottish Government to urgently address these concerns by conducting the review supported by the Parliament on 1

May 2019, called for by the Education and Skills Committee in its cross-party report into the senior phase of Scottish education, which was published in September 2019, and previously committed to by the Scottish Government, and notes that the independent review will draw on evidence from education stakeholders and partners, including the latest data on young people's progress through CfE and the outcomes they achieve when they leave school.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19731—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 November 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Protecting the Rights of EU Citizens in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 November 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Artificial Intelligence and Data Driven Technologies: Opportunities for the Scottish Economy and Society

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Implications of the Imposition of US Tariffs on Scottish Products

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 November 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 November 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; 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 21 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 12 November 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19732—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 March 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19733—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 13 December 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19734—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19735—That the Parliament agrees that the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19736—That the Parliament agrees that the Victim Surcharge (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19737—That the Parliament agrees that the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. UN Year of Indigenous Languages and European Day of Languages: The Parliament debated S5M-18960 in the name of Angus MacDonald—That the Parliament recognises that 2019 is the UN Year of Indigenous Languages, and that the European Day of Languages will take place on 26 September; acknowledges the strong contribution that indigenous languages bring to Scotland’s rich and varied culture; notes that it is through language that we communicate with the world, define identity, express history and culture, learn, defend human rights and participate in all aspects of society; believes that, through language, people preserve their community’s history, customs and traditions, memory, unique modes of thinking, meaning and expression; notes that language is pivotal in the areas of human rights protection, good governance, peace building, reconciliation and sustainable development; praises the work of Bòrd na Gàidhlig for its efforts to promote, encourage and grow indigenous Gaelic language and culture through supporting local learning groups and events, as well as supporting the national Gaelic Language Plan and providing support for Gaelic-medium education; highlights the work of the Scots Language Centre in promoting and encouraging Scots and the regional dialects of the language throughout Scotland and, in doing so, raising the understanding of Scots, Doric and Lallans and how Scotland’s language came to be; notes the work of the Scots Language Society in its efforts to promote and encourage the Scots leid, best known for its “Lallans” journal and annual “Sangschaw”, which is a competition of singing and writing in Scots equivalent to the Scottish Gaelic Mod or Welsh Eisteddfod; understands that the Council of Europe declared 26 September the annual Day of Languages after the success of the European Year of Languages in 2001, and is marked across all 47 member states of the Council of Europe; recognises that the aims of the European Day of Languages are to alert the public to the importance of language learning and diversifying the range of languages learnt in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding, promoting the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe, which

must be preserved and fostered, and encouraging lifelong language learning in and out of school, whether for study purposes, professional needs, purposes of mobility or pleasure and exchanges; considers that Scotland's colourful, multicultural society is only enhanced by the languages that bridge its diverse communities together, from Polish, Indian, Chinese, Italian and many more to the languages of Scotland's culture in Scots and Gaelic; believes that, by celebrating the European Day of Languages, people are promoting the objectives of raising awareness of Europe's rich linguistic diversity, the need to diversify the range of languages people learn and the need for people to develop some degree of proficiency in two languages or more to be able to play their full part in democratic citizenship in Europe, while fully understanding that language skills are a necessity and a right for everyone; notes the calls for people to celebrate both the 2019 UN Year of Indigenous Languages and the European Day of Languages across all communities in Scotland, and looks forward to celebrating Scotland's indigenous languages and what it considers Scotland's diversity and acceptance of other cultures in the future.

14. Motion Without Notice: Angus MacDonald moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

No. 44, Thursday 7 November 2019

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. **Recognition for Nuclear Test Veterans:** The Parliament debated S5M-18772 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament recognises the veterans who served in the Ministry of Defence atmospheric nuclear test programme in the 1950s and 1960s; understands that 22,000 veterans took part in the programme, of which, around 1,500 survive today, including Ken McGinley, a prolific campaigner for veterans, from Renfrewshire; acknowledges that a 1999 health study of these veterans found that 39% of veteran's children were born with serious medical conditions, that partners of veterans were three times more likely to suffer miscarriage, and children were 10 times more likely to have a birth defect; understands that the UK is the only nuclear power to deny special recognition and compensation to its test veterans, and notes calls for compensation and an investigation into how future generations of these veterans may be affected.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Economy were answered by a Minister.
5. **Referendums (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) moved S5M-19743—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Referendums (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

6. **Referendums (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-19539—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Referendums (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) by division: For 65, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 45, Tuesday 12 November 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Ms Linsay Taylor, Muslim Council of Scotland and Board of Interfaith Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19833—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 12 November 2019—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Sheku Bayoh – Next Steps

The motion was agreed.

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Sheku Bayoh – Next Steps.

5. Protecting the Rights of EU Citizens in Scotland: The Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-19809—That the Parliament welcomes citizens from elsewhere in the EU, the EEA and Switzerland who have used their right to freedom of movement to come to Scotland, and recognises the significant contributions that such EU citizens make to Scotland and the rest of the UK socially, culturally and economically; acknowledges that EU citizens enrich Scotland and are an integral part of communities across the country; notes that the approach of the UK Government towards the rights of EU citizens since 24 June 2016 has created long-running insecurity and anxiety for millions; emphasises that EU citizens maintain their rights under freedom of movement until if and when the UK exits the EU; believes that EU citizens should not have to apply to retain rights they already have if the UK exits the EU and freedom of movement ends; notes that the establishment of a declarative system and the removal of the requirement to apply to the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme would go some way to alleviating the current insecurity many people are experiencing; believes that the rights of EU citizens must be enshrined in primary legislation, and proposes that, if a declarative system is not established in law, the UK Government should immediately disapply its requirement that EU citizens accrue five years' residency to obtain full settled status, therefore removing the less secure pre-settled status, and considers that in all cases EU citizens must be given the option of receiving physical proof of status.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-19809.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19809 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Protecting the Rights of EU Citizens in Scotland), leave out from “notes that the approach of the UK Government” to end and insert “further acknowledges that the Withdrawal Agreement negotiated in October 2019 guarantees the rights of EU citizens living in the UK and ensures that EU citizens can continue to live and work in the UK after it leaves the EU through the EU Settlement Scheme; welcomes the announcement that the number of people permitted to work in the UK via the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme will increase from 2,500 to 10,000; further welcomes proposals to introduce a new NHS visa, which will help towards resolving Scotland’s NHS workforce crisis, and supports the continued efforts of the UK Government to ensure that the UK continues to be a place that attracts the best and brightest talents from around the world.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 71, Abstentions 0).

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-19809.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19809 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Protecting the Rights of EU Citizens in Scotland), leave out “must be enshrined in primary legislation” and insert “residing in the UK at the point of EU exit, or the end of the transition period in the case of an agreement, must be enshrined in primary legislation; notes the recent report by Robert Gordon University and Feniks, How Brexit Impacts EU Citizens’ Mental Health and Wellbeing Research Findings, and its findings that EU citizens in Scotland have experienced anxiety, and experience feelings of being unwelcome and rejected, with some reporting experiences of discrimination related to Brexit”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 22, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 22, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes citizens from elsewhere in the EU, the EEA and Switzerland who have used their right to freedom of movement to come to Scotland, and recognises the significant contributions that such EU citizens make to Scotland and the rest of the UK socially, culturally and economically; acknowledges that EU citizens enrich Scotland and are an integral part of communities across the country; notes that the approach of the UK Government towards the rights of EU citizens since 24 June 2016 has created long-running insecurity and anxiety for millions; emphasises that EU citizens maintain their rights under freedom of movement until if and when the UK exits the EU; believes that EU citizens should not have to apply to retain rights they already have if the UK exits the EU and freedom of movement ends; notes that the establishment of a declarative system and the removal of the requirement to apply to the UK Government’s EU Settlement Scheme would go some way to alleviating the current insecurity many people are experiencing; believes that the rights of EU citizens residing in the UK at the point of EU exit, or the end of the transition period in the case of an agreement, must be enshrined in primary legislation; notes the recent report by Robert Gordon University and Feniks, How Brexit Impacts EU Citizens’ Mental Health and Wellbeing

Research Findings, and its findings that EU citizens in Scotland have experienced anxiety, and experience feelings of being unwelcome and rejected, with some reporting experiences of discrimination related to Brexit, and proposes that, if a declarative system is not established in law, the UK Government should immediately disapply its requirement that EU citizens accrue five years' residency to obtain full settled status, therefore removing the less secure pre-settled status, and considers that in all cases EU citizens must be given the option of receiving physical proof of status.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

7. Tackling Intimidation in Public Life: The Parliament debated S5M-19251 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement from the Committee on Standards in Public Life and the Jo Cox Foundation that they will work together on a Joint Standard of Conduct that will set out the minimum standards of behaviour expected from all political party members in order to reduce intimidation and abuse in public life and raise public awareness about its impact, including in the Scottish Borders; understands that a survey by BBC 5 Live found that 90% of MPs elected in 2017 said they experienced some form of abuse, while the *Intimidation in Public Life: A Review by the Committee on Standards in Public Life* report found that people are being put off from standing for elected office as a result of intimidation; further understands that the Scottish Women's Convention has noted that "A huge amount of the abuse directed at female parliamentary candidates in particular is highly sexualised and dangerous"; believes that this is yet another barrier for women to be elected to public office, and notes calls for the Parliament to establish a similar Code of Conduct that would assist MSPs and Scottish parliamentary candidates to reduce intimidation and help victims deal with problems effectively as it considers that reducing intimidation is one way that the Parliament and other elected bodies in the UK can empower more women to stand for election and help achieve equal gender representation.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

No. 46, Wednesday 13 November 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity and then on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Artificial Intelligence and Data Driven Technologies: Opportunities for the Scottish Economy and Society: The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-19822—That the Parliament recognises the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) and data technologies to disrupt every sector of society; notes that AI and data can improve economic, environmental and social wellbeing in Scotland if it is underpinned by a strong ethical framework for the way these technologies are used, and a national data infrastructure that allows data to be shared appropriately for the benefit of the public, and considers that, through development of an AI strategy, Scotland has the opportunity to be an international leader in data technologies in a way that enhances the country’s reputation, safeguards citizens’ rights, secures access to fair work and brings new jobs and investment to Scotland.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-19822.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19822 in the name of Kate Forbes (Artificial Intelligence and Data Driven Technologies: Opportunities for the Scottish Economy and Society), insert at end “; notes that the AI Sector Deal under the UK-wide Industrial Strategy will place the UK at the forefront of the AI and data revolution, by investing in research and development, skills and regulatory innovation, supporting sectors to boost their productivity through AI and data analytics technologies, and leading the world in the safe and ethical use of data through the new Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation, and encourages the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government under the Industrial Strategy to take full advantage of the opportunities available under the AI Sector Deal.”

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

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-19822.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19822 in the name of Kate Forbes (Artificial Intelligence and Data Driven Technologies: Opportunities for the Scottish Economy and Society), insert at end “, and considers that this approach should form part of a wider Scottish industrial strategy, ensuring that all of Scotland’s economic opportunities are not only secured but also coordinated across the country in order to safeguard the labour market from widening existing gender and economic inequalities from AI, and striving to achieve inclusive growth in the process.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 22, Abstentions 5).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-19822.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19822 in the name of Kate Forbes (Artificial Intelligence and Data Driven Technologies: Opportunities for the Scottish Economy and Society), after “benefit of the public” insert “; recognises that both Scotland and the wider world are yet to meet these preconditions and, in particular, that the development of an ethical framework requires significant debate as well as robust enforcement mechanisms, which are currently absent; further recognises that the concerns that relate to the use of AI include social bias in automated systems, unjust distribution of economic benefits, the integrity of democratic systems, safety and ethics in automated defence and security systems, privacy and the lack of human agency in situations requiring whistleblowing or challenge to corporate interests”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the potential of artificial intelligence (AI) and data technologies to disrupt every sector of society; notes that AI and data can improve economic, environmental and social wellbeing in Scotland if it is underpinned by a strong ethical framework for the way these technologies are used, and a national data infrastructure that allows data to be shared appropriately for the benefit of the public; considers that, through development of an AI strategy, Scotland has the opportunity to be an international leader in data technologies in a way that enhances the country’s reputation, safeguards citizens’ rights, secures access to fair work and brings new jobs and investment to Scotland; notes that the AI Sector Deal under the UK-wide Industrial Strategy will place the UK at the forefront of the AI and data revolution, by investing in research and development, skills and regulatory innovation, supporting sectors to boost their productivity through AI and data analytics technologies, and leading the world in the safe and ethical use of data through the new Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation; encourages the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government under the Industrial Strategy to take full advantage of the opportunities available under the AI Sector Deal, and considers that this approach should form part of a wider Scottish industrial strategy, ensuring that all of Scotland’s economic opportunities are not only secured but also coordinated across the country in order to safeguard the labour market from widening existing gender and economic inequalities from AI, and striving to achieve inclusive growth in the process.

3. Business Motion: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19837—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 November 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: International Year of Plant Health 2020

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 November 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: TV Licences for over 75s

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 November 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 November 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 November 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19838—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill at stage 1 be extended to 10 January 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19839—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19840—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness: The Parliament debated S5M-18679 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes that November marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and that 21 November 2019 is World Pancreatic Cancer Day; congratulates all of the pancreatic cancer charities and their supporters on working tirelessly to raise awareness of the condition; understands that it is one of the least survivable cancers and the fifth most common cause of cancer death in Scotland; notes that, while there are currently no screenings or early detection tests, some are in development; believes that early detection is vital to improving a person’s chance of survival by ensuring early access to treatment and that this need for early diagnosis makes awareness and knowledge of the condition all the more important, and welcomes all efforts in this cause.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

No. 47, Thursday 14 November 2019

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. Day of the Imprisoned Writer:** The Parliament debated S5M-19205 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament recognises 15 November as the Day of the Imprisoned Writer, a day to stand in solidarity with writers across the globe who have been persecuted, exiled, imprisoned and killed for expressing themselves; notes with grave concern the continued decline in free expression across the globe, as documented by organisations such as PEN International, Amnesty International, the Committee to Protect Journalists, ARTICLE 19 and Reporters without Borders; acknowledges what it sees as global efforts by state and non-state actors to attack and silence writers and journalists; recognises the impact of censorship on writers that restricts the free exchange of ideas and the unhampered transmission of thought; notes the importance of protecting the right to free expression for all, irrespective of background or identity; notes how a climate of impunity threatens both global free expression and trust in systems of justice; notes calls for governments around the world to guarantee justice for murdered, persecuted and imprisoned writers; supports initiatives to secure adequate protections for persecuted and imprisoned writers; commemorates writers who have been killed for exercising their right to freedom of expression, and finally, notes calls for the Day of the Imprisoned Writer to be officially recognised by the Parliament.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Implications of the Imposition of US Tariffs on Scottish Products:** The Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation (Ivan McKee) moved S5M-19851—That the Parliament regrets the recent imposition of United States tariffs on a range of Scottish goods, including single malt Scotch whisky, liqueurs, cheese, butter, biscuits and woollen and cashmere products, and their impact on Scottish businesses; welcomes the efforts of the EU to reach a negotiated settlement with the United States to bring the Airbus/Boeing dispute to an end, and recognises the damage that any form of Brexit will inflict on Scottish businesses that trade with EU member countries and, in particular, the price that will be paid by businesses and employees of a no-deal Brexit.

Dean Lockhart moved amendment S5M-19851.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19851 in the name of Ivan McKee (Implications of the Imposition of US Tariffs on Scottish Products), leave out from “, and recognises” to end and insert “; welcomes the efforts of the UK Government in continuing to press the United States administration and the EU to remove these tariffs, which are a result of an ongoing EU-United States trade dispute; further welcomes the commitment by the UK Government to deliver a

multi-year plan for the future of alcohol duty in order to give the drinks sector certainty; acknowledges the requests from industry bodies such as the Scotch Whisky Association to assist the sector following the imposition of tariffs; calls on the Scottish Government to respond urgently and in full to these requests; recognises that, following the UK's departure from the EU, the UK will be able to enter into free trade agreements that prioritise the interests of vital sectors of the Scottish economy, such as single malt Scotch whisky, liqueurs, cheese, butter, biscuits and woollen and cashmere products, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government for an urgent resolution of these issues.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-19851.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19851 in the name of Ivan McKee (Implications of the Imposition of US Tariffs on Scottish Products), insert at end “; notes past failures of the Scottish Government to stand up to President Trump, and recognises that independence will also have a detrimental effect for Scottish businesses that trade with the rest of the UK as it is Scotland's largest trading partner, accounting for 60% of exports.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

No. 48, Tuesday 19 November 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mr George Innes, The Gideons, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on International Year of Plant Health 2020.
4. **Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-19922—That the Parliament acknowledges the conclusion of coastal state negotiations, the ongoing bilateral negotiation with Norway on shared stocks in the North Sea, and the forthcoming annual fisheries negotiations in the Faroe Islands and Brussels; notes that 2019 saw the full implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish stocks and that the outcome of negotiations will be pivotal in helping Scotland’s fishing fleet to reduce the potential impacts of choke species in mixed fisheries; is concerned that failure to explore and adopt all available solutions in this regard, coupled with challenging scientific advice, could potentially tie the fleet up; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to respect stock sustainability in relation to next year’s quotas, and supports its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland’s fishermen, the wider seafood sector and coastal communities.

Peter Chapman moved amendment S5M-19922.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19922 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations), insert at end “, and recognises the opportunities that leaving the EU and Common Fisheries Policy presents for the Scottish fishing industry.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 72, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S5M-19922.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19922 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations), insert at end “; recognises the value of the fishing sector and the jobs it provides, often in rural communities; believes that Scotland’s quota allocations must be distributed fairly, with a view to delivering the maximum social benefits; recognises the effect of climate change on the sector and emphasises the need to protect and enhance the sector’s long-term sustainability and Scotland’s marine environment; notes the need to support and develop Scotland’s fish processing industry; commends those working in the sector, and recognises the resilience and bravery of Scotland’s fishermen.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

John Finnie moved amendment S5M-19922.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19922 in the name of Fergus Ewing (Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations), leave out from “and that the outcome” to “efforts” and insert “; recognises Scotland’s commitments under EU legislation to ensure that the marine environment is in good ecological status and that fishing stocks reflect maximum sustainable yield by 2020; is concerned that the marine environment is not currently in good ecological status and that ongoing discarding and quota limits in excess of maximum sustainable yield for 2020 may result in continued over-fishing; reaffirms its call for a robust maritime protection regime, including effective vessel tracking and monitoring technology on all Scottish fishing vessels, and calls on the Scottish Government to take a spatial approach to fisheries management, including extending and improving the Marine Protected Area network and reintroducing the three-mile limit”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 75, Abstentions 11).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the conclusion of coastal state negotiations, the ongoing bilateral negotiation with Norway on shared stocks in the North Sea, and the forthcoming annual fisheries negotiations in the Faroe Islands and Brussels; notes that 2019 saw the full implementation of the landing obligation for whitefish stocks and that the outcome of negotiations will be pivotal in helping Scotland’s fishing fleet to reduce the potential impacts of choke species in mixed fisheries; is concerned that failure to explore and adopt all available solutions in this regard, coupled with challenging scientific advice, could potentially tie the fleet up; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to respect stock sustainability in relation to next year’s quotas; supports its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland’s fishermen, the wider seafood sector and coastal communities; recognises the value of the fishing sector and the jobs it provides, often in rural communities; believes that Scotland’s quota allocations must be distributed fairly, with a view to delivering the maximum social benefits; recognises the effect of climate change on the sector and emphasises the need to protect and enhance the sector’s long-term sustainability and Scotland’s marine environment; notes the need to support and develop Scotland’s fish processing industry; commends those working in the sector, and recognises the resilience and bravery of Scotland’s fishermen.

5. Committee Announcement: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Education and Skills Committee, made an announcement on Inquiry into STEM in the early years.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19949—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 20 November 2019—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: 30th Anniversary of the UNCRC

followed by Ministerial Statement: Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Ward Closures

followed by Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

8. Road Safety Week 2019: The Parliament debated S5M-19344 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament welcomes Road Safety Week 2019, which runs from 18 to 24 November 2019, with this year’s theme being “Step up for Safe Streets”; notes that this is an annual event to raise awareness about road safety, which was started in 1997 by Brake, a road safety charity that works to prevent road death or injury, campaigns to make streets and communities safer, and supports the victims of road crashes; notes calls during this Road Safety Week for everyone to “Step up for Safe Streets” and learn about, shout about and celebrate the amazing design-led solutions that will allow people to get around in safe and healthy ways, every day; commends Road Safety Week for promoting steps that everyone can take to stop needless road deaths and injuries year round; supports the thousands of schools, organisations and communities that are involved in the event each year, and acknowledges hopes that this event will inspire communities to take action on road safety through promoting lifesaving messages during the week and beyond.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

No. 49, Wednesday 20 November 2019

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on 30th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Ward Closures.
- 3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs and then on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 4. Universal Credit:** Richard Leonard moved S5M-19939—That the Parliament agrees that universal credit, the two-child limit and the benefits cap should be scrapped in Scotland and across the UK.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved amendment S5M-19939.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19939 in the name of Richard Leonard (Universal Credit), insert at end “, alongside the abhorrent ‘rape clause’, the benefit sanctions regime and the ‘bedroom tax’; notes estimates that UK Government social security spending will reduce by £3.7 billion by next year, and believes that an independent Scotland with full powers over social security can ensure that Scotland has a social security system that is built with the people of Scotland to meet their needs.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Michelle Ballantyne moved amendment S5M-19939.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19939 in the name of Richard Leonard (Universal Credit), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “supports the principles of universal credit and is committed to the programme and all universal credit claimants; welcomes the announcement that the benefit freeze will be lifted in April 2020, and recognises that the UK Government has been positively reforming universal credit to further support claimants, and notes the removal of the extension of the two-child limit on universal credit for children born before April 2017, the increased work allowances and the reduction to the taper rate, which have helped families and individuals to keep more of the money they earn.”

After debate, amendment S5M-19939.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that universal credit, the two-child limit and the benefits cap should be scrapped in Scotland and across the UK, alongside the abhorrent ‘rape clause’, the benefit sanctions regime and the ‘bedroom tax’; notes estimates that UK Government social security spending will reduce by £3.7 billion by next year, and believes that an independent Scotland with full powers over social security can ensure that Scotland has a social security system that is built with the people of Scotland to meet their needs.

5. Investing in Scotland: Monica Lennon moved S5M-19940—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government is not fulfilling its promise to the people of Scotland on the legal right to treatment within 12 weeks; considers that current NHS waiting times are too long and that the impact on patients is unacceptable; thanks NHS staff for their dedication and hard work and is concerned about the increasing pressures on the workforce due to a lack of adequate workforce planning and investment; agrees that there has been a lack of focus on reducing health inequalities, and believes that the future sustainability of the NHS is reliant on more investment, better long-term planning and a transformational delivery of health and social care that is fit for the 21st century.

The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved amendment S5M-19940.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19940 in the name of Monica Lennon (Investing in Scotland), leave out from first “believes” to end and insert “thanks NHS staff for their dedication and hard work as they care for the people of Scotland; welcomes the work being taken forward by the Ministerial working group to further promote and encourage a positive and caring workplace culture; believes that sustained investment through plans for waiting times improvements can support boards to better deliver for their patients; further believes that such investment, reform and planning is necessary as too many patients are waiting too long for treatment; understands that, in 2019-20, NHS Scotland will be £758 million better off because it has received better than real-terms increases since the beginning of the current parliamentary session; calls for the incoming UK Government to pass, as a matter of urgency, NHS protection legislation to absolutely exempt the NHS from any future trade deals, and to provide a veto over such deals to the devolved legislatures; notes that any form of Brexit could have a potentially devastating impact on health and care services; considers that Brexit will damage the economy and the ability to attract specialist staff for years to come, undermining the sustainability of the health service; notes that a focus on addressing health inequalities and prevention of ill health is essential for the long-term wellbeing of the people of Scotland, and believes that the future sustainability of the NHS is reliant on more investment, including in communities, better long-term planning and working with partners in local government for a greater pace of transformational delivery of health and social care that is fit for the 21st century.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-19940.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19940 in the name of Monica Lennon (Investing in Scotland), insert at end “; recognises the workforce crisis within NHS Scotland; notes the recent report from the Cross-Party Group on Cancer, which highlighted staff shortages as a reason for progress on treating cancer stalling; believes that Scotland’s GPs are at the forefront of the NHS; calls on general practice to receive 11% of the overall Scottish NHS budget, and further calls for a long-term workforce plan to be developed for the health service in Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S5M-19940.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 41, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament thanks NHS staff for their dedication and hard work as they care for the people of Scotland; welcomes the work being taken forward by the Ministerial working group to further promote and encourage a positive and caring workplace culture; believes that sustained investment through plans for waiting times improvements can support boards to better deliver for their patients; further believes that such investment, reform and planning is necessary as too many patients are waiting too long for treatment; understands that, in 2019-20, NHS Scotland will be £758 million better off because it has received better than real-terms increases since the beginning of the current parliamentary session; calls for the incoming UK Government to pass, as a matter of urgency, NHS protection legislation to absolutely exempt the NHS from any future trade deals, and to provide a veto over such deals to the devolved legislatures; notes that any form of Brexit could have a potentially devastating impact on health and care services; considers that Brexit will damage the economy and the ability to attract specialist staff for years to come, undermining the sustainability of the health service; notes that a focus on addressing health inequalities and prevention of ill health is essential for the long-term wellbeing of the people of Scotland, and believes that the future sustainability of the NHS is reliant on more investment, including in communities, better long-term planning and working with partners in local government for a greater pace of transformational delivery of health and social care that is fit for the 21st century.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19950—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 November 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland as a Science Nation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 November 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 November 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work

followed by Ministerial Statement: Final Report of the Women in Agriculture Taskforce

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 December 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 December 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 December 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 November 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19951—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 March 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19952—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 May 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19953—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Referendums (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 December 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19954—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 December 2019.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-19955—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Monica Lennon as a member of the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 11 as noted above.

13. Celebrating the International Year of the Periodic Table: The Parliament debated S5M-18139 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament acknowledges that 2019 has been designated by UNESCO as the International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT) in tandem with the 150th anniversary of the Mendeleev periodic table;

understands that the periodic table is an intrinsic tool to the study and practice of science and is regarded as one of human history's greatest advancements; commends the work of the Royal Society of Chemistry and others to promote IYPT and inspire the next generation of innovators; celebrates Scotland's rich scientific history and the impact that it has had across the world, and recognises a need to continue to support scientific research, STEM education, international collaboration, skills development and sustainability in order to continue Scotland's legacy as a world leader in science.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.

No. 50, Thursday 21 November 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day:** The Parliament debated S5M-18735 in the name of Annie Wells—That the Parliament recognises World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day on 20 November 2019; notes that this year's theme is All Together to End COPD; notes that COPD is a group of conditions, including bronchitis and emphysema, that make it difficult to empty air out of the lungs because the airways become narrowed; understands that COPD is a progressive and long-term lung condition without a cure, which currently affects a recorded 141,140 people in Scotland, with many more people who are undiagnosed; believes that up to two-thirds of people with COPD remain undiagnosed and, without optimal treatment, progressive lung disease reduces their quality of life; recognises the need for early diagnosis and screening to ensure that those affected by COPD receive the treatment that they need; notes that, with the right support, it is possible to live well and self-manage the condition, and commends the British Lung Foundation for the work that it does to raise awareness of COPD and help to ensure that people across Scotland get the treatment and support that they deserve.
- 4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
- 5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 6. TV Licences for over 75s:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-19967—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government's decision to stop funding free TV licences for people over 75 was wrong; considers that the BBC should not be expected to use the licence fee to fund a welfare policy and calls for the UK Government to fully fund free TV licences for all over 75s; notes that the decision to shift this cost to the BBC was taken in secret discussions by the UK Government on the setting of the licence fee; believes that the licence fee should be set independently of the UK Government to decouple the setting of the fee from any undue influence that links it to wider funding of initiatives that should be the responsibility of government; commends the importance of universal access to publicly-funded public service broadcasting, and deplores the impact that this decision could have on older people's lives.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S5M-19967.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19967 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (TV Licences for over 75s), leave out from "UK Government's decision to stop" to end and insert "decision of the BBC to cease funding free TV licences for people aged over 75 is regrettable; recognises that, in 2015, a new funding deal was

agreed between the UK Government and the BBC, which the BBC Director General, Tony Hall, acknowledged as a ‘strong deal for the BBC’; recognises that a key element of the deal was that the BBC would take over funding of free TV licences for people aged over 75 in return for certain concessions; acknowledges that, as an independent public service broadcaster, it is the responsibility of the BBC to ensure that its substantial licence fee income is used effectively to ensure that it fully delivers for UK audiences; believes that taxpayers want to see the BBC using its licence fee income in an appropriate way; notes that disadvantaged older people will continue to be helped, as Pension Credit recipients will receive a free TV licence; believes that television is an important educational and entertainment medium for all age cohorts, and, while repeating calls from the UK Government for the BBC to support free TV licences for people aged over 75, calls on the UK Government to find and support a resolution on the matter.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-19967.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-19967 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (TV Licences for over 75s), after “public service broadcasting” insert “; recognises research from Age Scotland that 100,000 older people in Scotland feel lonely all or most of the time and that, for around half of over 75s, TV or a pet is their main form of company; highlights the additional financial strain that this decision places on older people, including those already living in relative poverty”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government’s decision to stop funding free TV licences for people over 75 was wrong; considers that the BBC should not be expected to use the licence fee to fund a welfare policy and calls for the UK Government to fully fund free TV licences for all over 75s; notes that the decision to shift this cost to the BBC was taken in secret discussions by the UK Government on the setting of the licence fee; believes that the licence fee should be set independently of the UK Government to decouple the setting of the fee from any undue influence that links it to wider funding of initiatives that should be the responsibility of government; commends the importance of universal access to publicly-funded public service broadcasting; recognises research from Age Scotland that 100,000 older people in Scotland feel lonely all or most of the time and that, for around half of over 75s, TV or a pet is their main form of company; highlights the additional financial strain that this decision places on older people, including those already living in relative poverty, and deplores the impact that this decision could have on older people’s lives.

7. Motion Without Notice: Patrick Harvie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.45 pm. The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.49 pm.

No. 51, Tuesday 26 November 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Fr. Leonard Chiti, Head of the Province of Zambia and Malawi Jesuits, and Member of the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund Integral Human Development Committee, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Scotland as a Science Nation:** The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Richard Lochhead) moved S5M-20027—That the Parliament celebrates Scotland’s role as a science nation with a deserved global reputation, which builds on a famous heritage, a range of former achievements and continues to grow today; acknowledges the excellence of Scotland’s science and research base as reflected in the Science Landscape report, A Metrics Based Assessment of Scotland’s Science Landscape, which was published earlier in 2019; recognises the ongoing collaboration between academia, business, public sector and third sector that lies at the core of Scotland’s excellence; endorses the important role that Scottish science and research plays in addressing the economic, societal and environmental challenges that the country faces, including dealing with the climate change emergency, reducing inequalities and improving public health; acknowledges that science and research therefore underpins Scotland’s commitment to the sustainable development goals, and looks forward to the conclusions of the Science and Research Working Group led by the Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland on how to further promote Scotland’s strengths as a science nation.

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

- 4. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.10 pm. The motion was agreed to.
- 5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.
- 6. The Positive Contribution of Catholic Schools:** The Parliament debated S5M-19246 in the name of Elaine Smith—That the Parliament recognises the positive contribution that Catholic schools have made to Scotland’s education system, in particular since the historic Education (Scotland) Act 1918 came into force, when the schools became part of the state education system in return for, among other things, the right to retain their Catholic ethos; acknowledges what it sees as the contribution and the positive impact that it believes that this has had on society; considers that denominational schools continue to play a vital role in Scottish education; believes that sectarianism predates the existence of Catholic schools and that they are not a cause of it and instead they contribute to an open, tolerant, diverse and inclusive education system in Central Scotland and across the country; considers that anti-Catholicism has no place in Scotland, and acknowledges the calls that it must be challenged in all its forms.

7. Motion Without Notice: Elaine Smith moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

No. 52, Wednesday 27 November 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Communities and Local Government and then on Social Security and Older People were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Mental Health: Willie Rennie moved S5M-20035—That the Parliament recognises that there is a mental health crisis in Scotland; considers that mental health is not currently being treated equally to physical health, but that it deserves to be treated with the same urgency; believes that this requires the creation of new services, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week; recalls that action 15 of the Mental Health Strategy stated that 800 additional mental health workers would be added to the workforce in A&E departments, GP practices, police station custody suites and prisons; believes that this is an insufficient quantity to meet the huge unmet demand that exists, and regrets that the commitment has since been diluted, with the latest update showing that more than a third of the staff added to the workforce so far have been attributed to “other settings”, meaning that the police, A&E departments, GP practices and prisons will not get the benefits of the full contingent of additional mental health workers expected; notes recent reports of the increasing stress and mental ill-health being experienced by police officers and staff, and urges the Scottish Government to coordinate a new emergency package of support to increase and upgrade the services available to both them and staff in other public services, and further calls on the Scottish Government to publish the final allocation of staff that each key setting is currently expected to receive, and for it to set a new target for the number of mental health workers it will add in each of these settings, elevating the ambition of its 10-year strategy and getting people the treatment they need fast.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved amendment S5M-20035.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20035 in the name of Willie Rennie (Mental Health), leave out from “there is a mental health crisis” to end and insert “mental health and physical health must be treated with parity of esteem; further recognises that there is increased demand for mental health services as stigma has thankfully diminished; believes that this requires the creation of new services to both meet mental health service provision and empower prevention activities that support broader mental wellbeing; recognises the commitment and contribution of those working across Scotland to improve services, implement change and ensure that mental health is given the focus that it rightly deserves; commends the vital role of police officers and staff in keeping communities safe and supports initiatives being undertaken by Police Scotland to create a safe, positive and healthy working environment; further supports the Lifelines project, which works with blue light services to provide trauma support; welcomes that £60 million of investment in additional school counselling services across all of Scotland that is being taken forward in partnership with local government; notes that recruitment, through integration joint boards, is on track for 800 dedicated mental health professionals in a range of key settings, including A&E departments, GP practices, police stations and prisons; further notes the steps outlined in the second annual report on the implementation of the Mental Health

Strategy, but seeks greater pace in addressing the recommendations of the audit of rejected referrals and the report by the Youth Commission on Mental Health Services; believes that the mental wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable people in society has been negatively impacted by a series of welfare cuts by the UK Government, starting with the Welfare Reform Act 2012, and continuing right up to this year with the changes to Pension Credit, and further believes it is clear that Scotland's example should be followed and that future UK Government social security policies must deliver the same standards of dignity, respect and fairness as Scotland's policies."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

Annie Wells moved amendment S5M-20035.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20035 in the name of Willie Rennie (Mental Health), insert at end “; recognises the workforce crisis across mental health services and that children’s services are among the worst affected, and calls on the Scottish Government to address the concerning number of rejected referrals within the CAMHS service as a matter of urgency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Mary Fee moved amendment S5M-20035.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20035 in the name of Willie Rennie (Mental Health), insert at end “; regrets the increase in the number of deaths by suicide, including among young people aged under 25; notes with concern the ongoing long waiting times for access to CAMHS and the lack of support for patients moving between CAMHS and adult services; maintains that reform is needed in specialist mental health services for young people, and believes that investment is needed to transform crisis support, improve early intervention and ensure a joined-up approach is achieved across services, particularly over the festive period.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 38, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that mental health and physical health must be treated with parity of esteem; further recognises that there is increased demand for mental health services as stigma has thankfully diminished; believes that this requires the creation of new services to both meet mental health service provision and empower prevention activities that support broader mental wellbeing; recognises the commitment and contribution of those working across Scotland to improve services, implement change and ensure that mental health is given the focus that it rightly deserves; commends the vital role of police officers and staff in keeping communities safe and supports initiatives being undertaken by Police Scotland to create a safe, positive and healthy working

environment; further supports the Lifelines project, which works with blue light services to provide trauma support; welcomes that £60 million of investment in additional school counselling services across all of Scotland that is being taken forward in partnership with local government; notes that recruitment, through integration joint boards, is on track for 800 dedicated mental health professionals in a range of key settings, including A&E departments, GP practices, police stations and prisons; further notes the steps outlined in the second annual report on the implementation of the Mental Health Strategy, but seeks greater pace in addressing the recommendations of the audit of rejected referrals and the report by the Youth Commission on Mental Health Services; believes that the mental wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable people in society has been negatively impacted by a series of welfare cuts by the UK Government, starting with the Welfare Reform Act 2012, and continuing right up to this year with the changes to Pension Credit; further believes it is clear that Scotland's example should be followed and that future UK Government social security policies must deliver the same standards of dignity, respect and fairness as Scotland's policies; regrets the increase in the number of deaths by suicide, including among young people aged under 25; notes with concern the ongoing long waiting times for access to CAMHS and the lack of support for patients moving between CAMHS and adult services; maintains that reform is needed in specialist mental health services for young people, and believes that investment is needed to transform crisis support, improve early intervention and ensure a joined-up approach is achieved across services, particularly over the festive period.

3. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20051—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 December 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Auditor General Report into Prisons

followed by Members' Business

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 December 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Achieving a Fairer Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 December 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Disability Sport and Participation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 December 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 December 2019

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions

3.05 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 December 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the

Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20052—That the Parliament agrees that the Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20053—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman) (Healthcare Whistleblowing) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Public Services Reform (The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman) (Healthcare Whistleblowing) Order 2020 - Statement of Principles: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20054—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman) (Healthcare Whistleblowing) Order 2020 - Statement of Principles be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence: The Parliament debated S5M-19772 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament commends the annual international campaign, 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence, which runs from 25 November to 10 December 2019; understands that this event is supported by organisations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls; congratulates Emma Forbes, founder of GlassWalls, which is an inspiring art installation dedicated to women who have experienced domestic abuse; understands that this exhibition will be in the Parliament to coincide with the campaign, and hopes that everyone can visit the stand.

9. Motion Without Notice: Rona Mackay moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.11 pm.

No. 53, Thursday 28 November 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. St Andrew's Day 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-19741 in the name of Tom Arthur—That the Parliament welcomes the celebration of St Andrew's Day on 30 November 2019; notes that this will also mark the start of Scotland's winter festivals; recognises that the national day is an opportunity to celebrate Scotland's culture, heritage and national identity both at home and worldwide in an inclusive, compassionate and outward-looking manner; celebrates St Andrew's Fair Saturday, which this year falls on the national day itself; notes that this is a global movement that encourages communities to follow the consumerism of "Black Friday" with a response through cultural activity in support of social causes in a spirit of social empathy; understands that the All About Barrhead Business Improvement District is hosting an event, the Awfy Scottish Winter Wonderland, as part of the initiative; notes that this will be a festive fair featuring Scottish entertainment in aid of Barrhead Christmas Dinner packs; acknowledges that the Johnstone's Christmas Lights Switch On, which is being organised by Renfrewshire Council and is also part of the Fair Saturday initiative, will support St Vincent's Hospice and Active Communities; believes that a diverse programme of events will be taking place across the country, and commends the efforts of all communities the length and breadth of Scotland in getting involved in the Fair Saturday movement on St Andrew's Day.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Economy and Fair Work were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Final Report of the Women in Agriculture Taskforce.
- 6. Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) moved S5M-20049—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

- 7. Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-19966—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) 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).

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.49 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.51 pm.

No. 54, Tuesday 3 December 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Ms Emma Jackson, National Director Scotland, Christians Against Poverty, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government Response to the Auditor General for Scotland's 2018/19 Audit of the Scottish Prison Service.
4. **Making Glenrothes a Living Wage Town:** The Parliament debated S5M-18826 in the name of Jenny Gilruth—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the “Making Glenrothes a Living Wage Town” campaign; understands that Glenrothes is the first UK town to be recognised for its living wage ambitions; acknowledges that the campaign comes as part of Living Wage Scotland's “Making Living Wage Places” scheme where local businesses and employers are encouraged to pay employees the real living wage and become accredited as Living Wage Employers; commends the 64 Fife employers that have already voluntarily committed to ensuring that all of their staff earn a real living wage; considers that the enactment of a guaranteed living wage across Glenrothes would make unprecedented positive impacts on the local community, and wishes all towns across Scotland the best of luck in becoming Living Wage Towns in the future.
5. **Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-20103—That the Parliament recognises the importance of the Armed Forces and veterans community and values the contribution that they continue to make to Scotland; supports the jointly developed Strategy for our Veterans, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes that the Scottish Government will soon publish the response to its strategy consultation, setting out how it will take that vision forward in Scotland, and agrees that everyone should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors to ensure that the Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland.

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

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.
7. **#PurpleLightUp, a Global Movement for Change:** The Parliament debated S5M-18901 in the name of Jeremy Balfour—That the Parliament commends the work of the Purple Light Up campaign, which celebrates the economic power of disabled people all over the world; notes that #PurpleLightUp aims to link the colour with disabled employee networks and resource groups and the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which takes place every 3 December; understands that the campaign is led by disabled employees and challenges organisations and businesses to consider what it would take to join up disability networks in order to build a movement that drives cultural change from the inside out and enables business

leaders to learn from their own people and to celebrate the economic contribution of disabled people, and notes the calls encouraging disabled employees to shout out about their talents and for businesses, disabled organisations and governments to listen, act and innovate in order to improve opportunities for disabled people.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

No. 55, Wednesday 4 December 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and then on Rural Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. Achieving a Fairer Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-20110—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the *Fairer Scotland Action Plan, Shifting the Curve and the Life Chances of Young People in Scotland, Progress Report 2019*; notes the steps being taken towards achieving a fairer and more prosperous Scotland, including the commitment to introduce the Scottish Child Payment, which is a brand new benefit to tackle child poverty head on; further notes the 2018 annual report on Welfare Reform’s estimate that UK Government social security spending will reduce by up to £3.7 billion in Scotland by 2020-21, and acknowledges the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights 2019 report, which stated that the UK Government’s austerity cuts and welfare reforms are a key driver of serious hardship, increased food bank use and homelessness.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S5M-20110.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20110 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Achieving a Fairer Scotland), leave out from “2018 annual report” to end and insert “concern of a number of early learning and childcare practitioners and stakeholders over the roll-out of 1,140 hours of childcare, while acknowledging the need for flexibility within the service so that parents have the most adaptable means for returning to work or study; acknowledges the importance of the safe transfer of disability benefits and the need for the Scottish Government to prioritise their transfer with no further delays; welcomes action by the UK Government to empower workers through an increase to the living wage, personal allowance rate and a decreasing disability unemployment rate, and supports the UK Government’s target to have 4.5 million disabled people in employment by 2027.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S5M-20110.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20110 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Achieving a Fairer Scotland), insert at end “; regrets the rise in poverty in Scotland and believes that more ambition is required across government to tackle inequality and improve people’s quality of life; calls on the Scottish Government to address the barriers to benefit uptake and reduce housing costs; agrees that universal credit, the two-child cap and pernicious UK welfare reforms must be scrapped, and believes that tackling the climate emergency must be done in a fair way, recognising the growing inequalities and insecurities facing people across Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 21, Abstentions 0).

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S5M-20110.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20110 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Achieving a Fairer Scotland), insert at end “; calls for a review of the Scottish Welfare Fund to ensure that it can support those hardest hit by welfare reform; notes that the original report, *Shifting the Curve*, recommended that the Scottish Government should be ‘bold on local tax reform’, and believes it is imperative that ongoing cross-party talks on council tax reform result in a progressive local tax that will enable local authorities to better fund local services and promote fairness.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 22, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the *Fairer Scotland Action Plan, Shifting the Curve and the Life Chances of Young People in Scotland, Progress Report 2019*; notes the steps being taken towards achieving a fairer and more prosperous Scotland, including the commitment to introduce the Scottish Child Payment, which is a brand new benefit to tackle child poverty head on; further notes the 2018 annual report on Welfare Reform’s estimate that UK Government social security spending will reduce by up to £3.7 billion in Scotland by 2020-21; acknowledges the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights 2019 report, which stated that the UK Government’s austerity cuts and welfare reforms are a key driver of serious hardship, increased food bank use and homelessness; regrets the rise in poverty in Scotland and believes that more ambition is required across government to tackle inequality and improve people’s quality of life; calls on the Scottish Government to address the barriers to benefit uptake and reduce housing costs; agrees that universal credit, the two-child cap and pernicious UK welfare reforms must be scrapped, and believes that tackling the climate emergency must be done in a fair way, recognising the growing inequalities and insecurities facing people across Scotland.

3. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20119—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 December 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Queen Elizabeth University Hospital

followed by Ministerial Statement: Performance in Scottish education - the PISA 2018 Results and Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Level 2018/19 Statistics

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Reaffirming Scotland's Support for Human Rights Defenders

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes to the Code of Conduct

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 December 2019

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions

3.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 December 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Debate: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 December 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 December 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

1.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.45 pm Stage 3 Debate: Referendums (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 December 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20120—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 May 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20121—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20122—That the Parliament agrees that the review to be carried out under section 50 of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 be referred to the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20123—That the Parliament agrees that the Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20124—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.46 pm. The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

11. Unfair Delivery Charges: The Parliament debated S5M-20029 in the name of Gail Ross—That the Parliament notes the increase in internet shopping and e-commerce that allows customers to order goods online for delivery to their own homes or businesses; acknowledges the ongoing campaigns that highlight the number of retailers and couriers that continue to apply very significant parcel delivery surcharges to many Scottish postcode areas, particularly in the north of the country, despite others offering free delivery or only modest surcharges; believes that the picture across the country is inconsistent and confusing; understands that many retailers continue to advertise free UK mainland delivery yet exclude parts of mainland Scotland from this definition, while others simply refuse to deliver to parts of the country; believes that discriminatory parcel delivery surcharges result in an additional cost to customers in Scotland, which has been estimated by the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) to be over £40 million annually compared with elsewhere in the UK, and acknowledges the calls for all relevant authorities to further address this issue as a matter of priority to ensure fair delivery charges.

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm.

No. 56, Thursday 5 December 2019

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. SCAN Art in Action Campaign:** The Parliament debated S5M-19957 in the name of Claire Baker—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Contemporary Art Network's Art in Action campaign, which took place over the summer of 2019 and involved artists from the Mid Scotland and Fife region and across Scotland meeting with MSPs to champion the role of visual art in communities; recognises the importance and contribution of art and artists to Scotland's society, culture and economy; notes that the SCAN Visual Arts Manifesto calls on policy makers to place culture at the heart of representative policy and decision-making and for longer-term public investment to support the creative and professional development of artists, workers and organisations, and recognises that the forthcoming Budget and the Culture Strategy offer an opportunity for debate about the nature of arts and cultural funding.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Disability Sport and Participation:** The Parliament debated Disability Sport and Participation.
- 6. Motion Without Notice:** Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.33 pm. The motion was agreed to.
- 7. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.33 pm.

No. 57, Tuesday 10 December 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Kenny Gillies, Pastor, Oasis Christian Centre, Livingston Elim Pentecostal Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Oversight Board Update.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Performance in Scottish education – the PISA 2018 Results and Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Level 2018/19 Statistics.
- 5. Reaffirming Scotland's Support for Human Rights Defenders:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-20192—That the Parliament notes that the International Day of Human Rights Defenders is celebrated each year on 9 December and that 2019 marks 21 years since the adoption by the UN General Assembly of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders; appreciates the vital work that human rights defenders undertake around the world, often at considerable risk to themselves, their families and their communities; reaffirms its own support for, and commitment to, the work of human rights defenders in all states and nations, in keeping with the principles of the UN Declaration and in recognition of the critically important role of human rights defenders in working to eliminate all violations and abuses of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and commends and pays tribute to the contribution made by the participants in the Scottish Human Rights Defender Fellowship.

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

- 6. Code of Conduct for Members:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-20144—That the Parliament agrees to amend the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament by making the revisions set out in Annexe A of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 16th report 2019 (Session 5), *Code of Conduct for MSPs - proposed revisions to implement the recommendations contained in the Joint Working Group's Report on Sexual Harassment and Sexist Behaviour* (SP Paper 637) with effect from 7 January 2020.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. Easing the Burden and Pain of Miscarriage:** The Parliament debated S5M-17959 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament acknowledges that experiencing a miscarriage is an extremely traumatic and serious event; understands

that many women in Scotland, including in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency, feel that this is often not recognised by health professionals, family members and friends; believes that people's perceptions of a miscarriage need to change so that women do not need to feel that they must "carry on as normal" and that many couples need time to grieve, and notes the view that the Parliament can help lead change by looking at ways to ease the burden of people who experience a miscarriage at any stage in pregnancy in a way that gives couples time to grieve together and helps to remove the taboo of talking about miscarriage.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 58, Wednesday 11 December 2019

The meeting opened at 1.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Government Business and Constitutional Relations and then on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and the Solicitor General.

2. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20199—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 December 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 December 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 December 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

1.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.45 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Referendums (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 January 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Local Government and Communities Committee debate: Empty Homes in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 January 2020

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

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 January 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 December 2019, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20200—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 24 January 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20201—That the Parliament agrees that the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20202—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 3.02 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 3.03 pm.

No. 59, Tuesday 17 December 2019

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev. Robert JM Anderson, Minister, Knockando, Elchies and Archiestown with Rothes Parish Church, Moray, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-20239—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 17 December 2019—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Outcome of the UK General Election

(b) Wednesday 18 December 2019—

after

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Rail Update

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine Update

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-20222—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

6. UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-20221—That the Parliament agrees that the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.18 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

9. A Menu for Change's Report, Found Wanting: The Parliament debated S5M-20197 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament welcomes the report by A Menu for Change, Found Wanting, which looks at the pressures forcing people into food insecurity in Scotland; understands that A Menu for Change is a three-year initiative that is run by Oxfam Scotland, Nourish Scotland, the Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland and the Poverty Alliance, and is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund; notes that its research was carried out in Fife, East Ayrshire and Dundee and tracked people with lived experience in and out of food insecurity; believes that, while people said that they found great support from community groups and the healthcare and education sectors, the report found that system changes are required to prevent the causes of food insecurity; considers that income shocks from insecure and inadequate wages from employment and social security are key drivers in pushing people to become food insecure; notes the report's recommendations for a review of the budget for the Scottish Welfare Fund, for the Scottish Government to use public procurement to deliver fair work and invest in low-paid sectors, and to ensure that devolved employability programmes are designed to provide person-centred support for people who are furthest from the labour market; recognises the significant barriers that people facing food insecurity can face, and, in doing so, notes the authors' recommendations for UK ministers to restore the value of key benefits, uprate all benefits in line with inflation, remove the two-child limit and benefit cap, eliminate measures creating income shocks, including the five-week wait for universal credit, and to improve in-work conditions through measures such as increasing the national living wage to the real living wage, banning exploitative zero-hours contracts and improving in-work support.

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

No. 60, Wednesday 18 December 2019

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills; Health and Sport; and Communities and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Rail Update.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson Marine Update.
- 4. Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill:** Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-20223—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20241—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 January 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: Empty Homes in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 January 2020

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance, Economy and Fair Work

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving the Lives of Gypsy/Travellers

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 January 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 January 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 January 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 January 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 January 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

7. Financial Abuse to be Recognised Fully as Coercive and Controlling Behaviour: The Parliament debated S5M-18859 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament recognises that the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018, which covers coercive and controlling behaviour, makes not just physical abuse, but psychological abuse, emotional trauma and controlling behaviour a crime; welcomes this new law and the benefits that it will have for people who have been subject to domestic abuse, including those in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency; however, understands that independent researchers, along with several anti-abuse campaigners and third sector organisations, are calling for financial abuse to be fully recognised as controlling and coercive behaviour; notes calls for financial institutions to use best practice rules when it comes to their dealings with particularly vulnerable women who have suffered financial abuse, and for others to review their handling procedures of financial matters when it comes to domestic abuse, and further notes calls for Police Scotland to take account of financial abuse when investigating crimes committed under the Act.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 61, Thursday 19 December 2019

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. Referendums (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20250— That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Referendums (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 1 hour

Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour 35 minutes

Groups 8 to 11: 2 hours 15 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Referendums (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 21, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 22, 4, 11, 12, 5, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 54, Against 67, Abstentions 0)

2 (For 55, Against 66, Abstentions 0)

3 (For 54, Against 67, Abstentions 0)

13 (For 56, Against 68, Abstentions 0)

17A (For 32, Against 61, Abstentions 30).

Amendment 23 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 14 and 15.

5. Referendums (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) moved S5M-20237—That the Parliament agrees that the Referendums (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 54, Abstentions 2).

6. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.34 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.36 pm.

No. 62, Tuesday 7 January 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Sarah Nicol, Minister, St Cuthbert's Church, Saltcoats, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20324—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business—

(a) Wednesday 8 January 2020—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving the Lives of Gypsy/Travellers and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Short-term Lets

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Legislative Consent to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill

(b) Thursday 9 January 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Enhancing Scotland's Digital Connectivity

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

The motion was agreed to.

3. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20325—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to.

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question on the timetable for the Scottish Government's budget was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay).

6. Empty Homes in Scotland: James Dornan, on behalf of the Local Government and Communities Committee, moved S5M-20280—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations in the Local Government and Communities Committee's 10th Report 2019 (Session 5), *Empty Homes in Scotland* (SP Paper 618).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Announcement: Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, made an announcement on its **Inquiry into Construction and Procurement of Ferry Vessels in Scotland.**

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

9. Celebrating the Work of the Levern Valley Defibrillator Community Partnership: The Parliament debated S5M-19268 in the name of Tom Arthur—That the Parliament congratulates the Levern Valley Defibrillator Community Partnership (LVDCP) on its ongoing efforts to install public access defibrillators (PAD) across Barrhead; understands that, after discovering that Barrhead had no PADs in August 2019, Barrhead Rotary Club spearheaded the community partnership and now, thanks to the partnerships forged with local businesses and East Renfrewshire Council, which has invested £25,000 in equipment, 23 devices have been put in place and are now available round the clock; notes that members of LVDCP also offer free Heart Start Defibrillator Awareness courses to anyone in the local area who wishes to learn how to perform CPR and operate a PAD device; recognises that this project feeds into wider local commitments to improve first-aid training, including the recent announcement that every school pupil is set to be taught CPR in the classroom through the British Heart Foundation's Nation of Lifesavers campaign; believes that PADs, as well as first-aid and CPR training, are vital life-saving resources that should be universally accessible, and commends all those involved in promoting their importance in Barrhead and the surrounding area.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 63, Wednesday 8 January 2020

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

1. Research Projections into Place of Death in 2040: The Parliament debated S5M-20209 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *The impact of population ageing on end of life care in Scotland: Population-based projections of place of death and recommendations for future service provision*, by Marie Curie, the University of Edinburgh and Kings College London; praises this research, which explores projections for place of death by 2040; recognises that projected trends suggest that two thirds of people will die outside of hospital settings by 2040; acknowledges the report's findings that more investment in community-based care is needed, particularly an increase in care home capacity, to support this shift in care; further acknowledges that terminally ill people and those at the end of their lives should be a high priority for those that commission health and social care services, and notes the view that sustainable funding of services is needed; further notes the recommendations from the research that there is a need to upskill the health and social care workforce in palliative and end of life care through education, training and valuing of their work, explore digital solutions and technologies to support people in the community, and mobilise communities to support people needing care; commends Marie Curie's proactivity in encouraging early conversations about dying, death, bereavement and grief, and notes calls to encourage further public debate so that people have early conversations about end of life, and enable them to plan to die in their place of choice.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Security and Older People and then on Finance, Economy and Fair Work were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning (Kevin Stewart) made a statement and answered questions on short-term lets.

4. European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) moved S5M-20318—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 20 December 2019; further notes that people in Scotland voted remain and for remain parties, most recently at the UK General Election on 12 December 2019; considers that the Withdrawal Agreement negotiated by the UK Government would cause damage to Scotland's environment, economic and social interests; regrets that the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill has been amended to remove important protections from workers' rights and asylum-seeking children, and to prohibit an extension of the implementation period to negotiate the future relationship with the EU; regrets that the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill is to proceed through the UK Parliament with minimal scrutiny, failing to respect the significance of the decision to be taken by, or the role of, the Scottish Parliament in scrutinising legislation requiring its legislative consent; is determined to respect and uphold the views of the people of Scotland on this crucial issue to the future of the nation, and therefore does not support the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration negotiated by the UK

Government, and does not consent to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill that would implement that agreement.

Adam Tomkins moved amendment S5M-20318.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20318 in the name of Michael Russell (European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill), leave out from “people in Scotland” to end and insert “the legislative consent memorandum indicates that the Scottish Ministers would have recommended that the Parliament withhold consent from any legislation providing for EU exit, irrespective of its content; recalls that the decision to leave the EU was taken by a clear majority of those voting in the 2016 referendum; believes that the results of referendums should be respected and implemented, rather than ignored; welcomes that the UK will be leaving the EU later this month with a Withdrawal Agreement; recalls that all parties in the Scottish Parliament have called for such an agreement to be in place before EU exit and therefore supports the Withdrawal Agreement, and consents to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill, which will implement this agreement.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20326—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 January 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving the Lives of Gypsy/Travellers

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 January 2020

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

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 16 January 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 January 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish National Investment Bank Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 January 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations;
Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 January 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 January 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20327—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 March 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

8. Women, Peace and Security: The Parliament debated S5M-19517 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament acknowledges the unanimous passing of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (SCR1325) on 31 October 2000 on Women, Peace and Security; notes that it was the first resolution to specifically address the impact of war on women and women's important contribution to peace; acknowledges that it commits all UN member states to valuing, understanding and including women in the promotion of international peace, security and conflict resolution, including through the provision of secure spaces and sanctuary for women affected by conflict, involving women in international decision making and noting the abilities of women in resolving international and national conflicts; understands that some nations have developed action plans to implement the resolution, which has three principle aims, preventing gender-based violence, promoting the role of women in international peace building and implementing women-specific gender-based policies to protect women from conflict; considers that Scotland is already making significant progress in achieving these aims, including through it having a gender-balanced cabinet, its establishment of national advisory groups on human rights and women's and girls' issues and the adoption of policies of peace and the promotion of women internationally; acknowledges the view that more must still be done by governments both in the UK and around the world to achieve all of SCR1325's goals, and welcomes opportunities to discuss how best to reach these objectives.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

No. 64, Thursday 9 January 2020

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Commonwealth War Graves Commission:** The Parliament debated S5M-19234 in the name of Maurice Corry—That the Parliament recognises the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in honouring the 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died during the First and Second World Wars, through construction and perpetual maintenance of war cemeteries, memorials and plots; understands that this work consists of immaculately planned and groomed landscapes and the conservation of headstones and memorials through teams of specialists around the world; acknowledges the extensive effort that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission makes to properly identify and respectfully bury all remains, ensuring that every individual is memorialised by name whether it be on a personal headstone or memorial; commends these vital efforts by the Commission in remembering the fallen; understands that over 175,000 Scots are respectfully commemorated and remembered by the commission in foreign countries, while over 20,000 of the total war graves cared for by the commission are spread across 1,200 locations in Scotland, including in West Scotland, and notes calls for all MSPs to join the Commission in its active remembrance of all those who paid the ultimate price.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Enhancing Scotland's Digital Connectivity.
- 5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 6. Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-20331—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 7. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

- 8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.56 pm.

No. 65, Tuesday 14 January 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Pastor Geoff Findlay, Lifegate Church Dundee and Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Improving the Lives of Gypsy/Travellers:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-20404—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the joint Scottish Government and COSLA action plan, Improving the Lives of Scotland’s Gypsy/Travellers, which aims to deliver better outcomes in the key areas of accommodation, health and education, and incomes; recognises the vital role of local government to transform the life chances of Gypsy/Travellers across the country; commends the Gypsy/Traveller community for the role that it has played in developing the plan, and supports its continued involvement to shape and deliver the actions at the national and local level; welcomes the contribution that Gypsy/Traveller communities have made to Scottish history and continue to make to its culture and heritage, and agrees to actively challenge any form of prejudice or discrimination towards Gypsy/Travellers and work together within a human rights framework to accelerate improvements for this community.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20449—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 January 2020—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) 2020 Bill

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.
6. **The Showmen’s Guild of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:** The Parliament debated S5M-20270 in the name of Richard Lyle—That the Parliament joins the Showmen’s Guild of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in celebrating its 130th anniversary; understands that the Guild was founded as the United Kingdom Van Dwellers Protection Association in 1889 in Salford; believes that its formation was a key moment in the recognition of showmen having a lifestyle that is a culture rather than an occupation, leading to the idea of travelling showmen being recognised as a cultural group; understands that the principal objective of the Guild has remained the

same since its inception, which is to protect the interests of its members, travelling showmen who gain their livelihoods by attending funfairs; notes that it does so both through its code of rules for members and by using the legal and constitutional processes that exist; congratulates Philip Paris, who has become the first Scot to be named as the President of the Guild since Jack Cullis in the 1950s, and thanks showmen across Scotland, including in the Uddingston and Bellshill constituency, and the rest of the UK, on their contribution to, and the significant and important part that they play, in public life.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 66, Wednesday 15 January 2020

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

1. The Valuable Role of Independent Prison Monitors: The Parliament debated S5M-19364 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament acknowledges that, on 31 August 2015, the first independent prison monitors (IPM) went into Scotland’s 15 prisons, including HMP Glenochil in Clackmannanshire, to ensure humane treatment and conditions for prisoners; believes that, in the months leading up to the launch, HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland (HMIPS) had been on a journey of change by developing a new structure for prison monitoring to replace the previous work done by the long-established prison visiting committees; notes that IPMs are volunteers from communities who visit prisons on at least a weekly basis to observe practices and to speak to prisoners about their experiences; understands that this information about conditions and treatment is collated and that the regional and national findings help detect patterns and provide information for continuous improvement; notes that this system is supported by a team of four prison monitoring co-ordinators based at HMIPS along with an advisory group with expertise in human rights, criminology, prisons and healthcare; acknowledges that each IPM holds statutory authority under the Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2015; believes that the IPMs play an essential role in the justice system in aiming to ensure that prisoners’ human rights are upheld and that life in prison contributes to rehabilitation; considers that the IPM system has brought a new group of people from a wide range of backgrounds into prisons to act as the eyes and ears of prisoners and their families, and believes that the commitment, motivation and enthusiasm of the growing team of IPMs has been tangible over the last four years and this system has gone a long way to improving Scotland’s prisons, as well as informing best practice in independent monitoring to protect prisoners’ human rights.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Economy and then on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. Education: Liz Smith moved S5M-20415—That the Parliament welcomes the acceptance by the Scottish Government that, following the unanimous conclusions reached by the Education and Skills Committee in its report, Subject choices in schools, which highlighted significant concerns regarding subject choice in many schools and their impact on hardworking teachers and young people, there should be a full review of the senior phase of the curriculum for excellence; calls for a full review of broad general education and how it articulates with the senior phase, but believes however that this review can only succeed if there is an accompanying acceptance from the Scottish Government that there are some key weaknesses in some key aspects of Scotland’s school education and the qualifications structure that challenge its claim that Scotland’s schools are producing “a strong set of results”.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved amendment S5M-20415.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20415 in the name of Liz Smith (Education), leave out from “calls for a full review” to end and insert “recalls the OECD review of broad general education in 2015 and the steps taken to implement the recommendations, including improving assessment, strengthening standards

through the development of benchmarks and developing a refreshed narrative for the curriculum for excellence; notes ongoing work to reduce the burden of assessment and teacher workload through improvements to qualifications; welcomes the wider range of pathways, awards and qualifications available to young people, for example through Foundation Apprenticeships; notes ongoing improvements to learning and teaching, supported by regional improvement collaboratives; recognises the range of evidence of improvement published through the National Improvement Framework evidence report in December 2019, and believes that a full debate on a Scottish Government motion on improving Scottish education should take place to coincide with the visit in Spring 2020 of the OECD team to Scotland as part of their review of the senior phase, subject to the normal Parliamentary Bureau procedures and agreement by the Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Iain Gray moved amendment S5M-20415.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20415 in the name of Liz Smith (Education), after “which highlighted significant concerns regarding subject choice in many schools” insert “, the systematic use of multi-level teaching,”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the acceptance by the Scottish Government that, following the unanimous conclusions reached by the Education and Skills Committee in its report, *Subject choices in schools*, which highlighted significant concerns regarding subject choice in many schools, the systematic use of multi-level teaching, and their impact on hardworking teachers and young people, there should be a full review of the senior phase of the curriculum for excellence; calls for a full review of broad general education and how it articulates with the senior phase, but believes however that this review can only succeed if there is an accompanying acceptance from the Scottish Government that there are some key weaknesses in some key aspects of Scotland’s school education and the qualifications structure that challenge its claim that Scotland’s schools are producing “a strong set of results”.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-20446—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 January 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Strategy for Our Veterans - Taking the Strategy Forward in Scotland

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish National Investment Bank Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 January 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 January 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 January 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 January 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 January 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 20 January 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20447—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 31 January 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20448—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Assistance (Investigation of Offences) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 117, Against 0, Abstentions 6).

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

8. Celebrating Scotland's Wetlands on World Wetlands Day 2020: The Parliament debated S5M-20295 in the name of John Finnie—That the Parliament celebrates World Wetlands Day on 2 February 2020; believes that Scotland's wetlands are sites of important biodiversity, providing a habitat that is a unique home for a wide array of species of birds, fish, mammals and invertebrates, and provide vital hunting grounds for many other predator species; notes that these sites across Scotland are designated for their protection under the Ramsar Convention; understands that Scotland's wetlands produce significant benefits to the overall environment and provide vital flood control and water filtration; believes that the climate emergency and continued development on these sites pose an existential threat to the future of Scotland's wetlands and the species that call them home, and welcomes calls on the Scottish Government encouraging it to support continued and greater protection for Scotland's wetlands.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

No. 67, Thursday 16 January 2020

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. Sustainable Development Goals in Scotland, On Target for 2030?: The Parliament debated S5M-20261 in the name of Lewis Macdonald—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *On target for 2030?*, a report from civil society organisations co-ordinated by the UWS-Oxfam Partnership and the SDG Network Scotland; understands that this report aims to offer a snapshot analysis of progress in Scotland against each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which officially came into force on 1 January 2016, from expert organisations operating within each relevant field; considers that the negative effects of slow progress on achieving Sustainable Development Goals are felt disproportionately by low-income households, including in the North East Scotland region, and that this undermines the pledge made by UN Member States to ensure that “no one will be left behind”; acknowledges that the report encourages Scotland to do more to meet its Sustainable Development Goals, and understands that progress in this area is not the responsibility only of government but also of business, the third sector and individuals, if Scotland is to fulfil its commitments by 2030.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

5. Disclosure (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) moved S5M-20452—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Disclosure (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-19992—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Disclosure (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).

7. Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) 2020 Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-20456—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Direct

Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) 2020 Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 9 January 2020, bringing the legislation governing the 2020 CAP direct payment schemes into domestic law, granting powers to fix deficiencies in that legislation and to keep pace with changes in EU law during the Implementation Period, 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.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 68, Tuesday 21 January 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Father John Eagers, St. James RC Church, Renfrew, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20538—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 21 January 2020

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 23 January 2020

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Providing Financial Stability for Scotland's Farmers and Crofters

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Consumer Scotland Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Consumer Scotland Bill

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) made a statement and answered questions on The Strategy for Our Veterans – Taking the Strategy Forward in Scotland.

5. Scottish National Investment Bank Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20519—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish National Investment Bank Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended

(other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 55 minutes
Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 55 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Scottish National Investment Bank Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 4, 30A, 30, 6, 7, 1, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 35, 20, 21A, 21B, 21, 22, 23, 37, 24, 25, 38, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

32 (For 91, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
33 (For 90, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 98, Against 0, Abstentions 20)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

31 (For 31, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
34 (For 31, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
8 (For 26, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
9 (For 26, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
10 (For 26, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
11 (For 20, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
12 (For 24, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 31, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 26, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 26, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 36 was not moved.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Scottish National Investment Bank Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

7. Scottish National Investment Bank Bill – Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-20514—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish National Investment Bank Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

8. Motion Without Notice: Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.34 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

10. Robert Burns in the Scottish Economy: The Parliament debated S5M-20403 in the name of Joan McAlpine—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the findings of the year-long research study by University of Glasgow, Robert Burns in the Scottish Economy, which has been led by Professor Murray Pittcock of the Centre for Robert Burns Studies; notes that it found that Burns generates over £200 million a year for the economy and that his brand is worth nearly £140 million; believes that this news is timely, coming just ahead of the annual birthday celebrations for the Bard on 25 January 2020, when people recognise what is considered to be his genius as a poet, his passion for Scots language and culture and his commitment to humanitarian values; understands that the research, which was funded by the Scottish Government's Economic Development Directorate, is the most comprehensive such analysis to date and was commissioned after a parliamentary debate in January 2018 that discussed the economic potential of Burns; notes that the economic sectors reported to benefit from Burns include food and drink, retail, hospitality and tourism, while his international brand helps develop business and trade relationships, but acknowledges that the study argues that much more can be done and notes its recommendations, which include the need for further plans to promote Burns at home and abroad, recognition of the Robert Burns World Federation, supporting teaching about the Bard in schools, in light of the view that current pupils will be the next generation to sell him to the world, improving signage and infrastructure to enhance access to Burns' sites across the South Scotland region, profiling his core appeal to visitors to Dumfries and Galloway and updating the approach for Ayrshire, encouraging regional economic partnerships, for the South of Scotland Enterprise Agency to work together with local government to improve data on Burns-motivated tourism, for greater alignment between food and drink and cultural tourism, improving the connectivity of Burns-related sites, using his potential to reinforce community wealth building, developing initiatives such as joint marketing and ticketing, embedding the story of Burns in the 2020 Year of Scotland's Coasts and Waters and the UNESCO biosphere and learning from Austria's investment in Mozart-related cultural tourism; believes that there is no contradiction in valuing Burns as a great poet and using his legacy to support the economy, and considers that Burns, who it believes knew about the hardship of poverty, would welcome what it sees as such respectful initiatives to add to the prosperity of the people and places that he loved.

The meeting closed at 6.16 pm.

No. 69, Wednesday 22 January 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations and then on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Investing in Our Future: Sarah Boyack moved S5M-20528—That the Parliament commits to supporting people and communities; believes that local government has a crucial role in doing that, and that the role of the Scottish Government is to ensure that it provides fair funding settlements to local government; commits to work with them and support them to ensure that education fully prepares young people for a rich and fulfilling life; considers that transport services enable people to fully engage with activities and work; recognises that local government has a pivotal role to play in looking after people, allowing them dignity and independence throughout life and providing quality care and support in their community; believes that local government has a crucial role to play in tackling some of the defining challenges facing Scottish working people, from the climate emergency to the drugs death epidemic; expresses dismay that local government has experienced a disproportionate level of public sector spending cuts, with real budgets falling 7% between 2013-14 and 2019-20, compared with the 2% cut to funding that the Scottish Government experienced over the same period, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to provide investment in the services that communities need.

The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved amendment S5M-20528.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20528 in the name of Sarah Boyack (Investing in Our Future), leave out from “commits to supporting” to end and insert “considers that local government is a valued and essential partner in delivering services for the people of Scotland as co-signatories to the National Performance Framework; recognises that, since the start of the current parliamentary session in 2016, local government has received a cash increase in its overall budget settlement of £862 million, a real terms increase of 2.4%, as a result of the Budget agreements between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Party; considers that local government’s share of the overall Budget has been maintained at around 27%; notes the new fiscal powers being transferred to local government as part of the 2019 Budget deal; further notes that discussions on the power and responsibilities of local government are ongoing, and calls on all parties to act responsibly by bringing forward constructive proposals for the Scottish Budget.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 61, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S5M-20528.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20528 in the name of Sarah Boyack (Investing in Our Future), insert at end “by including in its forthcoming Budget for 2020-21 an increase in local authority core revenue and capital funding from the Scottish

Government of at least the rate of inflation, and providing full funding in addition to this for all new and additional commitments.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 61, Abstentions 6).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 61, Abstentions 6).

3. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20546—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 January 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Oversight Board Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 - 75th Anniversary

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 January 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Future

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 January 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

followed by Ministerial Statement: EU Exit

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Drugs and Alcohol - Preventing and Reducing Harms

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 February 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 February 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 February 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget for 2020-21

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 January 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20545—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 13 March 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

6. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh 350th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S5M-20401 in the name of Jeremy Balfour—That the Parliament acknowledges the 350th anniversary of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and the announcement of a year-long programme of events; understands that many events will focus on the climate crisis and global loss of biodiversity; notes that highlights include an expedition to Papua New Guinea, a Big Botanic Birthday Party, a gala concert, and the opening of a Garden of Tranquillity, which will provide a safe, peaceful and sensory space for visitors with dementia and their carers; further notes that the Botanic will also exhibit in the RHS Chelsea Flower Show Discovery Zone in May 2020, showing how its work will help secure the future of the world’s plants, and understands that, in the last of its events, scientists will discuss the biodiversity crisis from a botanical perspective at a Halting Plant Extinction debate in November.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

No. 70, Thursday 23 January 2020

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. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Providing Financial Stability for Scotland's Farmers and Crofters.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 5. Consumer Scotland Bill:** The Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-20544—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Consumer Scotland Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 6. Consumer Scotland Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-20319—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Consumer 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).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 71, Tuesday 28 January 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Stephen Stone, Head Teacher, St Roch's Secondary School, Glasgow, Vision Schools Scotland Programme, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Queen Elizabeth University Hospital Oversight Board Update.
- 4. Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 – 75th Anniversary:** The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-20603—That the Parliament recognises that 2020's Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January marked the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau; remembers everyone affected by the Holocaust, including the execution of 17 million people, six million of whom were Jewish; acknowledges the importance of learning the lessons from the Holocaust and subsequent genocides, including the value of the Holocaust Education Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz Project, which gives students from schools in Scotland the opportunity to visit Auschwitz; notes this year's theme, Stand together, which highlights the importance of building safe, resilient and inclusive communities in order to tackle hatred and prejudice; commends the incredible courage of those who stood up in support of justice, equality and humanity, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and recommits to stand together, united against hate, in order to build a society where hatred and prejudice are not tolerated.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20624—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

(a) Wednesday 29 January—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

and insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Recognising Scotland in Europe

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

(b) Thursday 30 January—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 30, Abstentions 17).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

7. Alasdair Gray, a Creative Force: The Parliament debated S5M-20306 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament is deeply saddened at the passing of Glasgow born Alasdair Gray, who it considers was an incredible creative force; understands that Alasdair studied at the Glasgow School of Art, going on to create murals across Glasgow, including Arcadia Theme, the stairwell mural in the Ubiquitous Chip Restaurant, Ashton Lane, and his most recent, the 40ft mural for the entrance hall of Hillhead subway station in the West End of Glasgow, which includes local landmarks and, in Alasdair’s own words, a section devoted to “all kinds of folk”, “hard workers”, “head cases” and “queer fishes”; believes that Alasdair’s work as a writer, including the novels, *Lanark* and *1982*, *Janine*, his plays, including *The Fall of Kelvin Walker*, and his poetry and short stories, were the catalyst for a hugely talented creative generation, and acknowledges Alasdair’s body of work, which it considers has influenced, engaged, inspired and entertained and, more importantly, is a lasting legacy to a cultural giant.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

No. 72, Wednesday 29 January 2020

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Recognising Scotland in Europe: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S5M-20625—That the Parliament notes that the European flag has been flown at Holyrood since 2004 as a symbol of membership of the family of European nations; recognises that Scotland and the UK will continue to be represented within the Council of Europe, and that the UK's exit from the European Union will not change this; notes that the European flag was originally the flag of the Council of Europe and affirms Scotland's commitment to the aims of the Council of Europe to build peace and prosperity together, while respecting common values of democracy, human rights, the rule of law and diversity; recognises the importance of continuing to fly the European flag as a sign of support and solidarity with those EU nationals who have made Scotland their home, and directs the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to ensure that the European flag continues to fly daily at the Parliament building.

Liz Smith moved amendment S5M-20625.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20625 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Recognising Scotland in Europe), leave out from “the importance of continuing” to end and insert “that decisions about flag protocol on the parliamentary estate are rightly reserved to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB); recognises that the SPCB has already made a decision on this matter; believes such action to be unprecedented and deleterious to the norms of this Parliament, and regrets that parliamentary time is being used to debate flag protocol when such time is limited and could, more rightly, be spent on debating issues such as health, justice and education.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

Claire Baker moved amendment S5M-20625.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20625 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Recognising Scotland in Europe), leave out from “as a symbol of membership” to end and insert “in recognition of membership of the European Union; continues to welcome and value EU citizens who have made their home in Scotland and the huge contribution that they make; recognises the importance of the future relationship within the family of European nations and the important role that the Scottish Parliament has in fostering that; notes the explanation brought forward by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) as to why it took the decision to stop flying the flag of the European Union, and recognises that such decisions are best made by the SPCB operating on a non-partisan basis.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 1).

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Health and Sport and then on Communities and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. Scotland's Future: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-20615— That the Parliament recognises the sovereign right of the people of Scotland to determine the form of government best suited to their needs; agrees with the cross-party Smith Commission report published after the 2014 referendum and backed by the UK Government that “nothing in this report prevents Scotland becoming an independent country in the future should the people of Scotland so choose”; recognises that there has been a material change in circumstances since 2014 and that a referendum should be held so that the people of Scotland can decide whether they wish it to become an independent country, and calls on the UK Government to reach an agreement with the Scottish Government on such a referendum taking place on a date and in a manner determined by the Scottish Parliament, which the Scottish Government proposes should take place in 2020.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S5M-20615.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20615 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Future), leave out from “the sovereign right” to end and insert “that the sovereign right of the people of Scotland was exercised in 2014 when more than two million people voted to reject independence; agrees with the cross-party Smith Commission report published after the 2014 referendum and backed by the UK Government that ‘nothing in this report prevents Scotland becoming an independent country in the future should the people of Scotland so choose’; recognises, however, that the 2014 referendum was rightly described as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and that it is incumbent on all parties to abide by its result; calls on the Scottish Government to abandon its obsession with a second independence referendum; expects the Scottish Ministers to devote their energies to, and to use their parliamentary time to debate, matters of devolved competence, such as health, education, transport and the economy in Scotland, and regrets that yet again the Scottish Government has chosen to debate the constitution instead of the failures in Scottish public services for which it is responsible.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-20615.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20615 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Future), leave out from “and that a referendum should be held” to end and insert “with the UK, including Scotland, due to leave the EU on 31 January; believes that a period of uncertainty for individuals, communities and businesses will follow; recognises that the majority of the people of Scotland do not want a further referendum at this time; calls on the Scottish Government to focus all of its efforts and energies on minimising the impact of the Prime Minister's disastrous Brexit deal and, as such, does not believe that a further independence referendum in the near future is in the best interests of Scotland; proposes instead the pursuance of ‘Home Rule’, which fully utilises the substantial powers

that are already devolved, and urges the UK Government to ensure that devolved powers are repatriated to Scotland following Brexit and that the Scottish Parliament gains the further devolved powers needed to create a fairer and more equal Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S5M-20615.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20615 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland’s Future), leave out from “; agrees” to end and insert “, and believes that the people of Scotland want the Scottish Government to focus on tackling the slipping education standards in Scotland’s schools, reduce long waiting times in the health service, take mental health more seriously, address the crisis in social care, repair the damage to police services caused by centralisation, reverse the rise in fuel poverty, and take consistent and determined action on the climate emergency, all of which are currently being given secondary status to the issue of independence.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20644—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 February 2020

1.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 5 February 2020

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Ministerial Statement: The New Transport Strategy for Scotland - Protecting our Climate and Improving Lives

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 6 February 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget for 2020-21

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 February 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Health and Sport Committee Debate: Social Prescribing: Physical Activity is an Investment, Not a Cost

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 February 2020

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 February 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 3 February 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20636—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 22 May 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20637—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 May 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20638—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill at stage 2 be completed by 21 February 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20639—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 March 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 3 as noted above.

10. Right to Full Care to Die at Home: The Parliament debated S5M-19252 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament understands that 70% of the population in Scotland wish to die at home; notes that many Highlands and Islands-based GPs are trained in palliative care that can support those who wish to die at home; believes however that not all areas of the region have charities or carers who provide “hospital at home care”, especially overnight, and notes the calls for there to be an automatic right for people to have full care at home day or night for their last few days of life, so that then can have their wish fulfilled by being able to die at home with suitable palliative care.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

No. 73, Thursday 30 January 2020

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Public Works Loan Board Rate:** The Parliament debated S5M-19810 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament condemns the recent UK Treasury announcement of an increase in the rate of borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) by one percentage point; understands that the PWLB lends money to local authorities for community infrastructure projects; is concerned by the implications of this percentage-point hike in interest rates on Scottish councils' abilities, including Clackmannanshire Council, to carry out crucial infrastructure developments, such as affordable housing, schools, leisure and regeneration projects; agrees with a number of local authorities that this increase is paramount to the UK Government "profiteering at the expense of council tax payers"; recognises the detrimental impact that this move will have on infrastructure projects in Clackmannanshire and Dunblane and other local authority areas across Scotland, and acknowledges calls on the UK Government to reconsider its decision.
4. **Business motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20668—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 30 January 2020—
after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Drugs and Alcohol – Preventing and Reducing Harms

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

The motion was agreed to.
5. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Security and Older People were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on EU Exit.
7. **Drugs and Alcohol: Preventing and Reducing Harms:** The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-20635—That the Parliament believes that Scotland faces a public health emergency in terms of drug-related deaths, and that addressing this issue requires a public health-led approach; agrees that reducing the harms caused by alcohol and other drugs requires concerted

action at all levels of public services and society; recognises that adverse childhood experiences and health inequalities both contribute to alcohol and drug-related deaths, and that stigma remains a significant barrier to people seeking treatment and support; welcomes the work to date of the Drug Deaths Taskforce, including its efforts to improve access and distribution of naloxone, optimised use of medically-assisted treatment, and piloting assertive outreach to support the most vulnerable; notes that the current Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 is not fit for purpose and poses a barrier to a public health-led approach, which has shown benefits in Portugal, British Columbia and elsewhere, and therefore calls on the UK Government to reform the Act or devolve powers to allow this Parliament to take further action to save lives.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-20635.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20635 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Drugs and Alcohol: Preventing and Reducing Harms), leave out from “; notes” to end and insert “, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide £15.4 million for residential rehabilitation beds in the upcoming Scottish Budget.”

After debate, amendment S5M-20635.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S5M-20635.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20635 in the name of Joe Fitzpatrick (Drugs and Alcohol: Preventing and Reducing Harms), after first “public health-led approach;” insert “acknowledges that there were 1,187 drug-related deaths and 1,136 alcohol-related deaths in 2018; is concerned by reports that the number of drug-related deaths could increase further for 2019; considers up-to-date information and data to be crucial for understanding the extent and cause of drug-related deaths, as well as informing preventative interventions from public services; believes delays to forensic toxicology reports for deaths reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service are therefore unacceptable; recognises the role of frontline staff, volunteers, families and the wider recovery community in supporting people affected by substance misuse; affirms the need for adequate funding of treatment and recovery services following the £40 million cumulative real terms reduction in alcohol and drug partnerships funding between 2014-15 and 2018-19, which negatively impacted the provision and capacity of essential addiction services;”.

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

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S5M-20635.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20635 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick (Drugs and Alcohol: Preventing and Reducing Harms), insert at end “, for example, by extending the involvement of the Scottish Government in the development of UK-wide policy frameworks on drugs; agrees with the Scottish Affairs Committee that there is undoubtedly more that the Scottish Government can do within its existing powers to address problem drug use, and calls on the Scottish Government to coordinate a plan for a Scotland-wide network of heroin-assisted treatment facilities, divert people caught in possession of drugs

for personal use into treatment and cease imprisonment in these cases, helping save lives.”

After debate, amendment S5M-20635.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that Scotland faces a public health emergency in terms of drug-related deaths, and that addressing this issue requires a public health-led approach; acknowledges that there were 1,187 drug-related deaths and 1,136 alcohol-related deaths in 2018; is concerned by reports that the number of drug-related deaths could increase further for 2019; considers up-to-date information and data to be crucial for understanding the extent and cause of drug-related deaths, as well as informing preventative interventions from public services; believes delays to forensic toxicology reports for deaths reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service are therefore unacceptable; recognises the role of frontline staff, volunteers, families and the wider recovery community in supporting people affected by substance misuse; affirms the need for adequate funding of treatment and recovery services following the £40 million cumulative real terms reduction in alcohol and drug partnerships funding between 2014-15 and 2018-19, which negatively impacted the provision and capacity of essential addiction services; agrees that reducing the harms caused by alcohol and other drugs requires concerted action at all levels of public services and society; recognises that adverse childhood experiences and health inequalities both contribute to alcohol and drug-related deaths, and that stigma remains a significant barrier to people seeking treatment and support; welcomes the work to date of the Drug Deaths Taskforce, including its efforts to improve access and distribution of naloxone, optimised use of medically-assisted treatment, and piloting assertive outreach to support the most vulnerable; notes that the current Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 is not fit for purpose and poses a barrier to a public health-led approach, which has shown benefits in Portugal, British Columbia and elsewhere, and therefore calls on the UK Government to reform the Act or devolve powers to allow this Parliament to take further action to save lives.

8. Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-20662—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner 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).

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm

No. 74, Tuesday 4 February 2020

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev. Fraser Donaldson, Hope Community Church, Greenock, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20731—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

(a) Tuesday 4 February 2020—

delete

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

and insert

followed by Stage 3 Amendments: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

(b) Wednesday 5 February 2020—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: The New Transport Strategy for Scotland - Protecting our Climate and Improving Lives

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Independent Care Review

after

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: No Case for Tax Increases or Further Cuts to Public Spending

insert

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 6 February 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

and insert

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Evidence of Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education

followed by Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill: Patrick Harvie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20724—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 45 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 30 minutes

Group 7: 2 hours 45 minutes

Groups 8 to 10: 4 hours

Groups 11 to 15: 5 hours 10 minutes

5. Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 30, 1, 31, 2, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 3, 41, 42, 43, 4, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 56, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 8, 65, 66, 11 and 67.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

32 (For 87, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
33 (For 88, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
34 (For 88, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
35 (For 104, Against 8, Abstentions 0)
57 (For 76, Against 36, Abstentions 0)
63 (For 106, Against 6, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

17 (For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
18 (For 26, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 55, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
23A (For 10, Against 103, Abstentions 0)

- 23 (For 10, Against 103, Abstentions 0)
- 24 (For 7, Against 104, Abstentions 0)
- 25 (For 6, Against 107, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 53, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 35, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
- 52 (For 36, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
- 16 (For 30, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
- 26 (For 36, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- 27A (For 36, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- 27 (For 36, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- 19 (For 26, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 20 (For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 10 (For 52, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 9 (For 52, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 13 (For 52, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 12 (For 52, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 53, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 15 (For 30, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 22, 53, 21, 28, 68, 69, 70, 29, 71 and 72.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

6. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

No. 75, Wednesday 5 February 2020

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Economy and Fair Work and then Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on the New Transport Strategy for Scotland – Protecting our Climate and Improving Lives.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Independent Care Review.
- 4. No Case for Tax Increases or Further Cuts to Public Spending:** Murdo Fraser moved S5M-20716—That the Parliament believes that there can be no justification for either further tax increases or further cuts to public spending and vital public services in the coming financial year, given analysis by the Fraser of Allander Institute, which shows that the UK block grant to the Scottish Government will increase by 2.1% in real terms from 2019-20 to 2020-21 as a result of increases in spending by the UK Government, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a Budget for the coming year that includes measures to help boost economic growth, with no widening of the tax gap between Scotland and the rest of the UK, a reduction in the Large Business Supplement for non-domestic rates to the same rate payable south of the border and protection of all existing reliefs, an investment of all health Barnett consequentials in the Scottish NHS, a scheme for the refund of hospital parking charges, a £15.4 million national drug rehabilitation bed fund and strategy, the delivery of NRAC funding parity, an increase in core funding for local government at least in line with inflation, a protection of revenue funding for higher education and a 2% real-terms increase in capital funding, an additional £50 million for the police to spend on protecting 750 officer roles, and an additional £10 million for the expansion of the Ending Homelessness Together Fund.

The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved amendment S5M-20716.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20716 in the name of Murdo Fraser (No Case for Tax Increases or Further Cuts to Public Spending), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish Conservative Party’s proposals for additional resource spending and tax cuts would cost almost £1.5 billion; further notes that the UK Government has indicated that the Scottish resource budget will increase by £1.1 billion; recognises that £1.5 billion is greater than £1.1 billion; considers this proposal to lack credibility, and recognises that the Scottish Government will present a balanced budget on 6 February that prioritises wellbeing, tackling climate change, reducing child poverty and boosting sustainable economic growth.”

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S5M-20716.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20716 in the name of Murdo Fraser (No Case for Tax Increases or Further Cuts to Public Spending), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “acknowledges the human impact that over a decade of austerity has had on communities, jobs, public services and the economy, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a budget that invests in the future, includes fair funding for local government with a focus on improving and expanding social care, includes a fair deal for further and higher education, extends free bus travel for all young people and ensures that the budget looks forward, linking spending to national outcomes, and puts in place transformative funding to benefit the future of communities and the planet.”

After debate, amendment S5M-20716.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 57, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S5M-20716.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 38, Abstentions 20).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Conservative Party’s proposals for additional resource spending and tax cuts would cost almost £1.5 billion; further notes that the UK Government has indicated that the Scottish resource budget will increase by £1.1 billion; recognises that £1.5 billion is greater than £1.1 billion; considers this proposal to lack credibility, and recognises that the Scottish Government will present a balanced budget on 6 February that prioritises wellbeing, tackling climate change, reducing child poverty and boosting sustainable economic growth.

5. Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-20705—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 32, Abstentions 6).

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20732—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 February 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Health and Sport Committee Debate: Social Prescribing: physical activity is an investment, not a cost

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 February 2020

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

followed by Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 February 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 February 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointment Committee Proposal for a Committee Bill: Assistance for Political Parties

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 February 2020

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; 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 27 February 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Budget for 2020-21

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 17 February 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted;

(c) that Rule 5.8.1(a) be suspended for the purposes of consideration of a Budget Bill setting out a budget for the financial year 2020-21.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20733— That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20734— That the Parliament agrees that Sarah Boyack be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Constitution Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20735—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20736—That the Parliament agrees that the Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20737—That the Parliament agrees that Beatrice Wishart be appointed to replace Mike Rumbles as a member of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. Cheyne Gang Singing Group: The Parliament debated S5M-19941 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament commends the Cheyne Gang, a community singing group and Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), for its work with people living with long-term respiratory conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, and bronchiectasis; understands that the Cheyne Gang, so named because its first meeting venue was in Cheyne Street, Edinburgh, was started by three general practice nurses in 2013 as a research project, and now comprises over 100 members in groups in the Oxfangs, Stockbridge, Pleasance and Leith areas of Edinburgh, Innerleithen, Helensburgh and Forfar, as well as in the Dennistoun and Bridgeton areas of Glasgow, with a new group due to be established in Coldstream; appreciates that the singing sessions are facilitated by trained song group leaders and that 11 singing teachers completed a training course in 2017 developed by the Cheyne Gang; recognises that singing is an inexpensive form of pulmonary rehabilitation and is considered a logical approach to managing breathlessness; notes that the Cheyne Gang has the support of the respiratory physiotherapy and pulmonary rehabilitation leads in NHS Lothian and NHS Borders and that the group actively tries to inform as many GPs as possible, and believes that the associated breathing techniques help improve the quality of life of the participants and is a living example of how singing can positively affect health outcomes.

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

No. 76, Thursday 6 February 2020

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. World Cancer Day 2020:** The Parliament debated S5M-20184 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament recognises that 4 February 2020 is World Cancer Day, a global initiative that encourages everyone to put cancer on the global agenda; understands that one in two people will get cancer in their lifetime and that over the last 40 years survival rates have doubled, with half of people in Scotland now surviving cancer thanks to the great progress that research has made, and that Cancer Research UK's vision is to see three-quarters of people with cancer surviving the disease by 2034; believes that it is crucial to address variations in outcomes between cancer types and patient groups where they exist in Scotland; welcomes world-leading research funded by Cancer Research UK and others into those cancers with the lowest survival rates, including lung, pancreatic and brain cancers; notes what it sees as the persistent gaps in outcomes, especially for those in Scotland's most deprived communities and recognises calls for urgent action to address cancer health inequalities in any form; understands the need to ensure that cancer services in the Central Scotland region and across the country are planned to ensure the best outcome for every patient wherever they live, while allowing patients to decide what matters most to them on their cancer journey, and notes that Members can show their support for World Cancer Day through the wearing of the Unity Band.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Evidence of excellence and equity in Scottish education.
- 5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Economy were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Budget 2020-21.
- 7. Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-20740—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 8. Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-20364—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Elections (Reform) 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).

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

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

No. 77, Tuesday 18 February 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Aftab Gohar, Abbotsgrange Church, Grangemouth, and Wing Chaplain for the West Scotland Wing of the Air Training Corps., led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-20900—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 18 February 2020—

after

followed by Health and Sport Committee Debate: Social Prescribing: Physical Activity is an Investment, Not a Cost

insert

followed by Ministerial Appointments

(b) Thursday 20 February 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations

after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Report on Social Prescribing: Lewis Macdonald, on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee, moved S5M-20753—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health and Sport Committee's 14th Report 2019 (Session 5), *Social Prescribing: physical activity is an investment, not a cost* (SP Paper 639).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Appointment of Minister: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-20875—That the Parliament agrees that Kate Forbes be appointed as a Minister.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S5M-20874—That the Parliament agrees that Jenny Gilruth be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

8. Gaelic-medium Education in the Western Isles: The Parliament debated S5M-20588 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament welcomes Comhairle nan Eilean Siar’s decision to enrol pupils entering P1 into Gaelic-medium education (GME) as the default choice; recognises that parents can still choose to put their children into English-medium education (EME); further recognises that this decision was taken as a majority of parents were expected to enrol their children into GME in 2020; notes that the percentage of children entering GME in Na h-Eileanan an Iar has steadily increased over the last decade; further notes that increasing the level of GME enrolment to 55% was an action in the council’s statutory Gaelic Language Plan; commends Comhairle nan Eilean Siar for becoming the first council in Scotland to take this policy decision; further commends the council for taking what it sees as this progressive step to consolidate the national language in its heartland communities; understands that there is an overwhelming consensus among academics and researchers in support of the cognitive benefits of bilingual education, and reiterates the findings of the 2010 study by the University of Edinburgh, which it understands outlined evidence that GME pupils, on a whole, outperform their EME peers in English reading by P5.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 78, Wednesday 19 February 2020

The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

1. Smoking Ban for Play Parks and Outdoor Sports Facilities: The Parliament debated S5M-20554 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament notes the view that Scotland should ban smoking in play parks, outdoor sports facilities and other similar outdoor areas; understands that section 4 of the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 does not provide powers to do so; acknowledges that the Welsh Government introduced the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017, which imposes a ban there on smoking in these types of places; believes that such a ban in Scotland would improve public health, especially in helping to alleviate the effects of passive smoking on children in the Borders and across the country, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to legislate accordingly.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity and Justice and the Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. Standing up for NHS Staff and Patients: Monica Lennon moved S5M-20882—That the Parliament has serious concerns about governance, leadership, performance and financial sustainability within the health service, noting that six territorial NHS boards are at level three or higher on the performance escalation framework; notes the forthcoming public inquiry into the scandals in NHS Lothian and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; considers that challenges and risks within the NHS are not being satisfactorily addressed by the Scottish Government, to the detriment of patients and NHS staff; pays tribute to NHS staff for their dedication to patient care and is worried that more than half of doctors and nurses surveyed by BMA Scotland and RCN Scotland link heavy workloads to negative impacts on their own health; believes that the Scottish Government must be more transparent on its stewardship of the NHS, in accordance with Open Government principles, and that the culture of secrecy must end; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that ministers are accountable to the public and staff through the chairing of annual health board meetings, and agrees that the Parliament should have the power to take evidence from all departing health board chief executives and chairpersons.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved amendment S5M-20882.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20882 in the name of Monica Lennon (Standing up for NHS Staff and Patients), leave out from “has serious concerns” to end and insert “pays tribute to NHS staff for their dedication to patient care and safety, commending them for the work they are doing in implementing plans for workforce development, waiting times improvements and enhancing mental health services; welcomes that the draft budget for 2020-21 would ensure that health funding will be £1.4 billion higher than had there been only real terms funding increases since 2016; notes that Lord Brodie will chair the public inquiry into the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People in Edinburgh and the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and that the terms of reference for this inquiry are currently under development; welcomes that the Scottish Government ensures that ministers are accountable to the public and staff through the

chairing of annual health board meetings, and notes that, should they choose to do so, the Parliament's committees already have the power to take evidence from all departing health board chief executives and chairpersons."

After debate, amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-20882.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20882 in the name of Monica Lennon (Standing up for NHS Staff and Patients), insert at end “; believes that there is a need to improve the holistic care and support provided to NHS and social care staff, including pre- and post-shift support, in order to promote wellbeing; condemns bullying in any part of the NHS, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring a full debate on the Sturrock review before Parliament at the earliest opportunity.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament has serious concerns about governance, leadership, performance and financial sustainability within the health service, noting that six territorial NHS boards are at level three or higher on the performance escalation framework; notes the forthcoming public inquiry into the scandals in NHS Lothian and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; considers that challenges and risks within the NHS are not being satisfactorily addressed by the Scottish Government, to the detriment of patients and NHS staff; pays tribute to NHS staff for their dedication to patient care and is worried that more than half of doctors and nurses surveyed by BMA Scotland and RCN Scotland link heavy workloads to negative impacts on their own health; believes that the Scottish Government must be more transparent on its stewardship of the NHS, in accordance with Open Government principles, and that the culture of secrecy must end; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that ministers are accountable to the public and staff through the chairing of annual health board meetings; agrees that the Parliament should have the power to take evidence from all departing health board chief executives and chairpersons; believes that there is a need to improve the holistic care and support provided to NHS and social care staff, including pre- and post-shift support, in order to promote wellbeing; condemns bullying in any part of the NHS, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring a full debate on the Sturrock review before Parliament at the earliest opportunity.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-20904—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 February 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointment Committee Debate:
Assistance for Political Parties

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 February 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

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 27 February 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: COP 26 – Our Contribution to Global Climate Action

followed by Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Each for Equal: Celebrating International Women's Day 2020

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 March 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

followed by Education and Skills Committee Debate: STEM in Early Years Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 March 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

followed by Portfolio Questions: Finance

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 24 February 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-20906—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Consumer Scotland Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 March 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-20907—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 24 April 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-20908—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-20909—That the Parliament agrees that the Fuel Poverty (Additional Amount in respect of Remote Rural Area, Remote Small Town and Island Area) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-20910—That the Parliament agrees that the Fuel Poverty (Enhanced Heating) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-20911—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Data Matching) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-20912—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. The Cochno Stone and the Social Value of Scotland's Prehistoric Rock Art: The Parliament debated S5M-20055 in the name of Gil Paterson—That the Parliament congratulates Dr Kenny Brophy of the University of Glasgow Archaeology Department on the extensive work on prehistoric rock art throughout a wide expanse of West Dunbartonshire; notes that this includes numerous excavations in the Faifley area of Clydebank, including, in particular, the Cochno Stone; understands that this is one of Europe's most important examples of rock carvings, and that this was entirely uncovered and intricately documented, including a full digital scan and recording; notes that this important work by Dr Brophy and his university team was assisted over many months by volunteers from far and wide, including local people and school pupils, and considers that this project is a model for collaboration between experts, well-practised helpers and a very supportive, well-informed community that wants to bring to the wider world the iconic art that is there to be exposed, enjoyed and celebrated by all.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 79, Thursday 20 February 2020

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. Tackling Climate Change, the Role of Scottish Agriculture: The Parliament debated S5M-20548 in the name of Maurice Golden—That the Parliament welcomes the contribution of Scottish agriculture to protecting the environment and being part of the solution to tackling climate change; commends Scottish farmers, including those in the West of Scotland, for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 29.4% since 1990; recognises that Scottish farmers already work hard to preserve the landscape, improve biodiversity, plant and manage woodland, restore peatland, improve water and soil quality and generate renewable energy; acknowledges the view that there is a need to develop a suite of joined-up, practical and progressive policies that allow food producers to continue running their businesses in a more sustainable and efficient manner, and looks forward to the new Agricultural Modernisation Fund assisting industry in this transition.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20923—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 45 minutes

Groups 3 to 5: 1 hour 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 32A and 32.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

21 (For 32, Against 87, Abstentions 0)

22 (For 32, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
23 (For 32, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
24 (For 27, Against 92, Abstentions 0)
25 (For 26, Against 92, Abstentions 0)
15A (For 6, Against 113, Abstentions 0)
26 (For 54, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
27 (For 27, Against 92, Abstentions 0)
28 (For 27, Against 92, Abstentions 0)
30 (For 28, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
31 (For 10, Against 106, Abstentions 0)
34 (For 28, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
35 (For 28, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
36 (For 28, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
37 (For 27, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
38 (For 27, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
39 (For 47, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 15B, 15C, 20A, 20B, 20C, 29, 33 and 40.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, provisions of the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill related to a protected subject-matter. As such, a super-majority was required in order for the Bill to be passed.

7. Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-20922—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 27, Abstentions 0). Accordingly, a super-majority was achieved.

8. Motion Without Notice: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-20921—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 11 February 2020, relating to Scottish Ministers' power to refer prisoners to the Parole Board, Scottish Ministers' power to release prisoners when recommended to do so by the Parole Board and disapplication of certain powers held by Scottish Ministers' in respect of the early release of prisoners, so far as these matters alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 105, Against 11, Abstentions 3).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.23 pm.

No. 80, Tuesday 25 February 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Rt Rev Colin Sinclair, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
3. **Proposal for a Committee Bill:** Bill Kidd, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S5M-20752—That the Parliament agrees to the proposal for a Committee Bill, under Rule 9.15, contained in the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5), *Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill* (SP Paper 669).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** Monica Lennon moved S5M-20756—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 0, Abstentions 1).

5. **Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20995—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 26 February 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

and insert

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Modernising and Empowering Scotland's Inshore Fisheries

followed by Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 27 February 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Analysis of the 2019 Exam Diet

followed by Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport

The motion was agreed to.

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21001—That the Parliament agrees—

Gordon Lindhurst be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee;

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Donald Cameron as a member of the Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Committee;

Gil Paterson be appointed to replace Tom Arthur as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Bill Bowman be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Gordon Lindhurst be appointed to replace Jeremy Balfour as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Alison Harris be appointed to replace Jamie Halcro Johnston as a member of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee;

Michelle Ballantyne be appointed to replace Gordon Lindhurst as a member of the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee;

Alex Neil be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Alison Harris as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Jamie Greene be appointed to replace Liz Smith as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Annie Wells be appointed to replace Rachael Hamilton as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

Alison Harris be appointed to replace Annie Wells as a member of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed to replace Oliver Mundell as a member of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

George Adam be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald as a member of the Finance Committee;

Donald Cameron be appointed to replace Adam Tomkins as a member of the Finance Committee;

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth as a member of the Justice Committee;

Jeremy Balfour be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Tom Mason be appointed to replace Brian Whittle as a member of the Public Petitions Committee;

Rachael Hamilton be appointed to replace Jamie Greene as a member of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee;

Tom Arthur be appointed to replace Alasdair Allan as a member of the Social Security Committee;

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Michelle Ballantyne as a member of the Social Security Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Tom Mason as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21002— That the Parliament agrees—

Rachael Hamilton be appointed to replace Dean Lockhart as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee;

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Bill Bowman as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed to replace Tom Mason as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee;

Liz Smith be appointed to replace Oliver Mundell as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Education and Skills Committee;

John Scott be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

Miles Briggs be appointed to replace Jamie Greene as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;

Gillian Martin be appointed to replace George Adam as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance Committee;

Adam Tomkins be appointed to replace Jamie Halcro Johnston as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Sarah Boyack as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Constitution Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Tom Mason as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Pauline McNeill be appointed to replace Anas Sarwar as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Local Government and Communities Committee;

Adam Tomkins be appointed to replace Finlay Carson as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee;

Dean Lockhart be appointed to replace Finlay Carson as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee;

James Dornan be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Social Security Committee;

Brian Whittle be appointed to replace Gordon Lindhurst as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Security Committee;

Liam Kerr be appointed to replace Edward Mountain as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Committee Remits: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21003—Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the remits of committees:

Name of Committee: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.8 shall be added—Culture and tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs.

New remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.8 shall be added—culture matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture; tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Tourism, and migration matters falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Public Finance and Migration.

Name of Committee: Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

Remit: To consider and report on economy and fair work matters falling within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work; matters relating to the digital economy within the responsibilities of the Minister for Public Finance and Digital Economy, and matters relating to energy falling within the responsibilities of the Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands.

New remit: To consider and report on economy and fair work matters falling within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture; matters relating to the digital economy within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, and matters relating to energy falling within the responsibilities of the Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands.

Name of Committee: Finance and Constitution Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.6 shall be added—Constitutional matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations

New remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.6 shall be added—Constitutional matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs.

Name of Committee: Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and the matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity.

New remit: To consider and report on matters relating to the rural economy within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Tourism and matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. ENABLE Scotland Campaign, In Safe Hands?: The Parliament debated S5M-19700 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament welcomes the ENABLE Scotland campaign, In Safe Hands?, which seeks to end the inappropriate use of seclusion and restraint in schools against children and young people who have a learning disability and promote the rights of some of the country's most vulnerable pupils; recognises that the December 2018 report by the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, No Safe Place, identified 2,674 incidents of restraint and seclusion relating to 386 children in the school year 2017-18; notes the calls for the implementation in Dumbarton and across Scotland of the campaign's call for the Scottish Government to issue strong, dedicated guidance on the use of restraint and seclusion in schools, to roll out Positive Support in all schools with a minimum standard that each has at least two trained staff on site at all times, to introduce a duty of candour around restraint and seclusion for all schools and to strengthen transparency and accountability with powers of oversight resting with the appropriate body, and commends all the children, young people and families who have bravely shared their experiences of restraint and seclusion in the hope of change.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 81, Wednesday 26 February 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Modernising and Empowering Scotland's Inshore Fisheries.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs and then on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 3. Police Scotland Underfunded in Draft Budget:** Liam Kerr moved S5M-20979—That the Parliament believes that Police Scotland is underfunded in the Scottish Government's draft Budget 2020-21.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S5M-20979.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20979 in the name of Liam Kerr (Police Scotland Underfunded in Draft Budget), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "values the hard work of police officers and staff in keeping local communities safe; welcomes the ongoing work by Police Scotland to develop a workforce strategy that will inform the workforce mix, including specialist staff and community police officers required to deliver the 10-year policing strategy, Serving a Changing Scotland; recognises that this workforce requires capital investment, including to green the police fleet and to deliver a transformed police service; further recognises the exceptional and unprecedented demands currently facing policing in Scotland, including planning for a no-deal EU exit and COP26; supports the return of the £125 million of VAT previously paid to the UK Government, and recognises that discussions on the draft Budget 2020-21 are ongoing."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 54, Abstentions 6).

James Kelly moved amendment S5M-20979.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-20979 in the name of Liam Kerr (Police Scotland Underfunded in Draft Budget), insert at end "; considers it unacceptable that past budget decisions by Police Scotland have resulted in cuts to the number of officers in local policing divisions and redundancies for police staff, and notes the negative impact on Scottish budgets of UK Government austerity policies."

After debate, amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 7).

The motion as amended was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 54, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament values the hard work of police officers and staff in keeping local communities safe; welcomes the ongoing work by Police Scotland to develop a workforce strategy that will inform the workforce mix, including specialist staff and community police officers required to deliver the 10-year policing strategy, *Serving a Changing Scotland*; recognises that this workforce requires capital investment, including to green the police fleet and to deliver a transformed police service; further recognises the exceptional and unprecedented demands currently facing policing in Scotland, including planning for a no-deal EU exit and COP26; supports the return of the £125 million of VAT previously paid to the UK Government, and recognises that discussions on the draft Budget 2020-21 are ongoing.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20996—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Each for Equal, Celebrating International Women's Day 2020

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 March 2020

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

followed by Education and Skills Committee Debate: STEM in Early Years Education

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 March 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Finance

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 March 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 March 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Animals and Wildlife (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 March 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20997—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 March 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20998—That the Parliament agrees that the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-20999—That the Parliament agrees that, subject to its agreement to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill, for the purposes of consideration of the Bill at stage 3, in Rule 9.16.6 of Standing Orders—

(a) the words “or 3” be omitted, and

(b) the words “Notice of any amendment at Stage 3 shall be given by lodging it with the Clerk no later than 4.30pm on Wednesday 4 March 2020.” be inserted at the end.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. National Parent Forum of Scotland’s 10th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S5M-19270 in the name of Jenny Gilruth—That the Parliament congratulates the National Parent Forum of Scotland, which is marking its 10th anniversary; acknowledges the valuable contribution that the forum provides to support parents in Glenrothes and across the country to get involved in their child’s education; commends the partnership between national and local government, along with other stakeholders involved in education and child wellbeing issues, which aims to ensure

that parents play a full and equal role in education, with the aim to help all children maximise their full potential through school life, and wishes the forum continued success.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

No. 82, Thursday 27 February 2020

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Scotland's War Memorials:** The Parliament debated S5M-19754 in the name of Tom Arthur—That the Parliament recognises the importance of protecting and conserving Scotland's war memorials, and highlights the positive impact that war memorial associations have in communities across the country; understands that, until 2015, the East Renfrewshire village of Neilston was one of the few communities in Scotland that did not have a unified memorial to acknowledge those who gave their lives in the service of their country; recognises the crucial role played by Matt Drennan, Secretary of the Neilston War Memorial Association, in campaigning for a memorial and raising the £85,000 required for its construction and who now dedicates significant time to the upkeep of the site; notes that Matt was instrumental in obtaining a Book of Dedication for the fallen, which now sits in Neilston Library, and that he was part of the small team that spent hundreds of hours researching the names and historical backgrounds of men from Neilston who lost their lives in the wars; further notes that Matt also plays a significant role in the organisation and running of Neilston's annual Remembrance Service Parade; recognises the efforts of all those who support war memorials around the Renfrewshire South constituency, and all those involved in war memorial associations across Scotland, and thanks them for their selfless work.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Analysis of the 2019 Exam Diet.
- 5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 6. Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-21013—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-21013.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-21013 in the name of Kate Forbes (Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill), insert at end “, but, in so doing, regrets that the Scottish Government has made no commitment to prevent further divergence from UK tax rates, and further regrets that the draft Budget fails to fund a proper drug rehabilitation strategy or provide adequate capital funding for local authorities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 83, Tuesday 3 March 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev James Faddes, Church Leader, Bishopbriggs Community Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21096—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 3 March 2020—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 update.

5. Celebrating International Women’s Day 2020: The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-21073—That the Parliament unites to celebrate International Women’s Day on 8 March 2020; welcomes the theme for this year, #EachforEqual, which recognises that collectively everyone can play their part in taking action to create a more equal world; acknowledges that 2020 also marks the 25th anniversary of the 1995 UN World Conference on Women, which produced the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a blueprint for advancing women’s rights; further acknowledges that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act 1970 and the 10th anniversary of the Equality Act 2010; recognises that, while much progress to achieve equality has been made, it has not yet been achieved in Scotland or around the world, and is necessary for the economy and society to thrive; agrees that a focus on intersectional equality is essential to tackle the different forms of discrimination that women face, and reaffirms its commitment to upholding, protecting and advancing the rights of all women and girls, which are fundamental human rights, and to achieving an equal society.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21100—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 4 March 2020—

after

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Government Negotiating Mandate

and after

followed by Education and Skills Committee Debate: STEM in Early Years Education

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill

(b) that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 5 March 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted; and

(c) that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 5 March 2020, the words “of up to 15 minutes” in Rule 13.9.3 are suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

8. Improving Diagnosis of Pre-eclampsia: The Parliament debated S5M-20650 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament understands that the condition pre-eclampsia affects at least 6% of all pregnancies in Scotland, and that 70% of women admitted to hospital with suspected pre-eclampsia do not actually have the condition, which it considers results in cost implications for the healthcare system and unnecessary stress and inconvenience for the women and families involved; further understands that, in 2016, the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) published guidelines recommending blood testing of placental growth factor (PIGF), stating that PIGF-based testing “can help rule out the condition in women presenting with suspected pre-eclampsia”, and that this testing is currently being implemented in NHS England; believes that PIGF-based testing is not routinely used in Scotland despite repeated calls for its implementation by the charity, Action on Pre-eclampsia; considers that there is a disparity in care for pregnant women in Scotland, including in the Lothian region, compared with England, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to address what it sees as this disparity.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

No. 84, Wednesday 4 March 2020

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Communities and Local Government and then on Social Security and Older People were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on UK Government Negotiating Mandate.

3. Scottish Rate Resolution: The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-21090—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of section 11A of the Income Tax Act 2007 (which provides for income tax to be charged at Scottish rates on certain non-savings and non-dividend income of a Scottish taxpayer), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2020-21 are as follows—

- (a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,085,
- (b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,085 and up to a limit of £12,658,
- (c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £12,658 and up to a limit of £30,930,
- (d) a higher rate of 41%, charged on income above £30,930 and up to a limit of £150,000, and
- (e) a top rate of 46%, charged on income above £150,000.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 58, Against 50, Abstentions 5).

4. STEM in Early Years Education: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Education and Skills Committee, moved S5M-21089—That the Parliament notes the conclusions contained in the Education and Skills Committee's 8th Report, 2019 (Session 5), Report on STEM in early years education (SP Paper 624).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S5M-21087—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 5 June 2019, relating to ticket touting, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21101—That the Parliament agrees—

- (a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill

followed by Appointment of Auditor General for Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 March 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

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 12 March 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside

followed by Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 March 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 March 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 March 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21103—That the Parliament agrees that the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type A Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21104—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/24) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21105—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Consumer Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21106—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21107—That the Parliament agrees that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21108—That the Parliament agrees that the Alcohol (Minimum Price per Unit) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21109—That the Parliament agrees that the Census (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21110—That the

Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.
The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21128—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Acting Conveners: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21129—That, under rule 12.1A, the Parliament agrees that—

(a) Neil Bibby be appointed as a member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee; and

(b) an acting convener of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee shall be chosen for the period 5 March 2020 to 9 September 2020.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 as noted above.

18. Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2020: The Parliament debated S5M-20901 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes that 2 to 8 March marks Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2020; understands that approximately 1.25 million people in the UK have an eating disorder and that these conditions are serious mental illnesses that can have high mortality rates; acknowledges the importance of organisations such as Beat and the Scottish Eating Disorders Interest Group in providing vital support to families and professionals; notes the valuable work that Diabetes Scotland does to help people who have, or are at risk of developing an eating disorder, and the assistance that it provides to those that support them; commends NHS Lothian and Beat for the development and delivery of nationwide peer-support services for young people with an eating disorder and their families; welcomes the recognition by the Scottish Government in its Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027 of the crucial role that the third sector plays in supporting people, providing services, carrying out research and developing policies; further welcomes the commitment in the Strategy for access to the most effective and safe care and treatment for mental health problems to be made available across Scotland, and commends the Children and Young People’s Mental Health Taskforce for recognising the importance of empowering and supporting families and other carers.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

No. 85, Thursday 5 March 2020

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. Whitburn Academy's Be Herd Group, Shattering Mental Health Stigma:** The Parliament debated S5M-20457 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament acknowledges the success of Whitburn Academy's pupil-led Be Herd group, which aims to raise awareness of, and remove, stigma regarding mental health issues; understands that it was launched after the opening of the Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub in the school library, which can be used as a quiet safe place to relax or a place to talk to a mental health ambassador; notes that its work includes presentations at school assemblies, at which pupils, staff and parents can tell their personal stories, support sessions for anyone from the school community affected by mental health problems and events promoting the project; acknowledges that, in September 2019, it was awarded a West Lothian Council Stellar Award, which was followed in October by a COSLA Gold Award for tackling inequalities and improving health; recognises that SAMH has said that 25% of the population will experience a mental health problem; notes the view that it is paramount that early intervention programmes are in place to tackle mental ill health among young people and that schools play a major role in this, and commends the Be Herd group as an excellent initiative by Whitburn Academy's pupils and staff with an ambitious aim to shatter the stigma of mental ill health and offer help and support to their peers and the wider community.
- 4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
- 5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 6. Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill – Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) moved S5M-21113—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

- 7. Substitution on Committees:** Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21136—That the Parliament agrees that Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Richard Lyle as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 86, Tuesday 10 March 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Marjory MacLean, Convener, Chaplains to Her Majesty's Forces Committee, Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21205—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 10 March 2020—

after
2.00 pm Topical Questions

insert
followed by Ministerial Statement: Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

followed by Ministerial Statement: COP26 - Our Contribution to Global Climate Action

delete
5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert
6.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 11 March 2020—

delete
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

and insert
1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside

followed by Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform; Rural Economy and Tourism

(c) Thursday 12 March 2020—

delete
2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Update.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on COP26 – Our Contribution to Global Climate Action.

6. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]: Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-21170—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

7. Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21173—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 35 minutes

Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 19, 20, 21, 6, 7, 5, 8, 9, 10, 22, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 24, 17, 25, 26, 18, 27 and 28.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

9. Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill – Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-21174—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

10. Appointment of Auditor General for Scotland: Bill Bowman, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S5M-21153—That the Parliament nominates Stephen Boyle to Her Majesty The Queen, for appointment as the Auditor General for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Communication Failure?, A Review of the Accessibility of Health Information for Blind and Partially Sighted People: The Parliament debated S5M-20919 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament notes the contents of the RNIB Scotland report, *Communication Failure?*, launched on 17 February 2020, highlighting what it considers communication failures of NHS boards regarding people with sight loss or visual impairment; considers that the actions of each NHS board, including NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, which covers the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, are putting blind and partially sighted people at risk of missing treatments and potentially leading to increased ill health due to inaccessible health information; believes that patient confidentiality is being breached due to individuals relying on carers, relatives or friends to read appointment letters on their behalf; understands that 170,000 people in Scotland have significant sight loss, and therefore considers that the need for accessibility is high, and notes the view that every NHS board should engage with organisations that deal with sight loss to provide a more person-centred approach to communicating with such people.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm.

No. 87, Wednesday 11 March 2020

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) made a statement and answered questions on Independent Inquiry into Mental Health Services in Tayside.

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

3. Expansion of Funded Childcare: Jamie Greene moved S5M-21177—That the Parliament recognises the strong cross-party support for the expansion of funded childcare to 1,140 hours; expresses its concern however, regarding the findings of the most recent report by the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission, Early learning and childcare Follow-up, which states that certain risks remain around buildings, staffing and the sustainability of the private, voluntary and independent sectors; is concerned that the report notes that it is likely that flexibility and choice for parents will not be fully implemented by August 2020, and that any delays to the expansion will impact service delivery and families who are planning to use these services, and demands that the Scottish Government urgently addresses these concerns.

The Minister for Children and Young People (Maree Todd) moved amendment S5M-21177.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-21177 in the name of Jamie Greene (Expansion of Funded Childcare), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “welcomes the findings of the most recent report by the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission, Early learning and childcare Follow-up, that ‘the Scottish Government and councils are making steady progress to deliver the expansion of funded early learning and childcare’; notes that the Scottish Government remains committed to working closely and effectively in partnership with councils to ensure that the expansion to 1,140 hours will be delivered from August 2020; recognises that a major and ambitious transformation programme is always subject to risk and challenges, but that the Scottish Government and councils have robust plans and contingencies in place to address these risks and challenges, and places on record its appreciation of the hard work and commitment of thousands of early learning and childcare professionals across Scotland who are working tirelessly to deliver the expansion while offering high-quality learning and care to young children.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Mary Fee moved amendment S5M-21177.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-21177 in the name of Jamie Greene (Expansion of Funded Childcare), after “independent sectors;” insert “notes with

regret what has been identified by Audit Scotland as a possible loophole that prevents staff being paid the real living wage;”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament recognises the strong cross-party support for the expansion of funded childcare to 1,140 hours; expresses its concern however, regarding the findings of the most recent report by the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission, Early learning and childcare Follow-up, which states that certain risks remain around buildings, staffing and the sustainability of the private, voluntary and independent sectors; notes with regret what has been identified by Audit Scotland as a possible loophole that prevents staff being paid the real living wage; is concerned that the report notes that it is likely that flexibility and choice for parents will not be fully implemented by August 2020, and that any delays to the expansion will impact service delivery and families who are planning to use these services, and demands that the Scottish Government urgently addresses these concerns.

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21210—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: OECD Review of Curriculum for Excellence

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Sentencing (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 March 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 March 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 March 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 March 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 March 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21206—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21207—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Allocation of Functions) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21208—That the Parliament agrees that the Energy Efficiency (Domestic Private Rented Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Sub-committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21209—That the Parliament agrees that Shona Robison be appointed to replace Jenny Gilruth as a member of the Justice Sub-committee on Policing.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21214—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21215—That the Parliament agrees that Johann Lamont be appointed to replace David Stewart as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2020: The Parliament debated S5M-20400 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2020, which runs throughout March; understands that donations are given and daffodil pins worn in memory of someone who has died, or to show support for Marie Curie services; recognises the dedication, hard work and contribution of volunteers across Scotland, including in East Kilbride, who raise funds and awareness during the appeal every year to support Marie Curie's services; commends the vital care and support that the charity provides in Scotland to over 7,500 people and their families every year, in their own homes across 31 local authorities, in Marie Curie hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow and through the West Lothian Community Service; praises its information and support services, which are available for everyone affected by a terminal illness and its volunteer helper services, which provide emotional support, companionship and information to people, carers and families; notes the view that, as everyone is affected by dying, death and bereavement, all people deserve the best possible experience to deal with this, reflecting what is most important to them, and welcomes Marie Curie's ambition to enable this; recognises that it works to improve the lives of all people living with a terminal illness, their carers and families; believes that wearing the daffodil pin unites millions of people who believe that dying people should get the care and support that they need and desire, and notes the calls encouraging as many people as possible to support the Marie Curie campaign in March.

13. Motion Without Notice: Linda Fabiani moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

No. 88, Thursday 12 March 2020

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21233—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on Thursday 12 March 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Novel coronavirus COVID-19 update

followed by Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

and insert

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

The motion was agreed to.

2. General Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers and a Cabinet Secretary.

3. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

4. Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2020: The Parliament debated S5M-20766 in the name of Jamie Halcro Johnston—That the Parliament notes that Scottish Apprenticeship Week takes place from 2 to 6 March 2020; understands that this year's theme is Talent Without Limits; appreciates that the annual campaign is coordinated by Skills Development Scotland and aims to highlight the opportunities that Scottish apprenticeships create for everyone, no matter their background, and for every business, no matter its size or sector; notes that events, activities and visits will take place across the country to celebrate the diversity that makes work-based learning good for individuals, employers and the economy; celebrates that a growing number of employers and training providers are offering foundation, modern and graduate apprenticeships, and notes that Members are being encouraged to take part in a local visit or event as part of the week.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Mairi Gougeon) moved S5M-21200—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill.

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

7. Urgent Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made an urgent statement and answered questions on Novel coronavirus COVID-19 update.

8. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21237—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on Tuesday 17 March 2020—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Novel coronavirus COVID-19 update

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm.

No. 89, Tuesday 17 March 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Fiona Bennett, United Reformed Church Honorary Chaplain, and Minister, Augustine United Reformed Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) and the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made statements and, along with other Cabinet Secretaries, answered questions on Novel coronavirus COVID-19 update.

3. OECD Review of Curriculum for Excellence: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-21263—That the Parliament confirms its support for the establishment of an independently-led review of curriculum for excellence; notes the publication of the remit for the OECD-led review; further notes that the remit covers curriculum design, the depth and breadth of learning in the Senior Phase, local flexibility versus increased prescription, the transition from the Broad General Education into the Senior Phase, vocational and academic learning and awards, and roles and responsibilities in relation to the curriculum; recognises that this remit has been informed by the work of the Education and Skills Committee, including its report, Subject choices in schools; agrees that this review must form part of a wider drive to tackle key weaknesses in aspects of Scotland's school education and the qualifications structure, and further agrees that benefits that can be derived from all participants in the education system working together as part of a shared national endeavour to ensure Scotland's curriculum helps support Scotland's young people achieving the best possible outcomes.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-21260—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Sentencing (Pre-consolidation Amendments) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 21 January 2020, relating to the transfer of community orders and suspended sentence orders imposed by courts in England and Wales to Scotland, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21282—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Wednesday 18 March 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Women in Scotland

after

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Education - COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy - COVID-19

followed by Portfolio Questions: Justice and the Law Officers; Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

followed by SPCB Motion: Reimbursement of Members Expenses Scheme

delete

followed by Members' Business

(b) Thursday 19 March 2020—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: COVID-19: Supporting our Communities

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Coronavirus Legislation

followed by Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

delete

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21283—That the Parliament agrees that Rules 5.6(a), (b) and (c) of the Standing Orders be suspended for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21284—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of electing an additional deputy Presiding Officer for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19, Rules 11.9.4, 11.9.5, 11.9.13 and 11.9.16 of the Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21285—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of committee meetings for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19—

- (a) in Rule 6.3A.1 after “member” the words “or members” be inserted
- (b) Rule 6.3A.2 be suspended
- (c) in Rule 6.3A.4 the first sentence be suspended
- (d) after Rule 6.3A.5(d) be inserted “(e) a political party withdraws in writing to the Bureau that nomination of the member or members nominated for the purposes of the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19.”
- (e) in Rule 12.1.15 the words “(other than a committee substitute)” be omitted in both instances where they occur.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21286—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 15.2.1 of the Standing Orders be suspended for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. 15th Anniversary of the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005: The Parliament debated S5M-21178 in the name of Elaine Smith—That the Parliament acknowledges that 2020 marks the 15th anniversary of the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005, which received royal assent on 18 January 2005; understands that the act made it an offence to prevent or stop a person in charge of a child who is otherwise permitted to be in a public place or licensed premises from feeding milk to that child in that place or on those premises, and to make provision in relation to the promotion of breastfeeding; notes the subsequent work that has been carried out to support women in breastfeeding their babies both at initiation and in sustaining maternal feeding; welcomes the progress made in increasing breastfeeding rates, as reported in February 2018 in the first Scottish Maternal and Infant Nutrition Survey, which found that 43% of mothers were continuing to breastfeed up to six months after birth, compared with 32% in 2010; is, however, concerned that 27% of women responding had sometimes decided not to breastfeed their baby in a certain place because they thought that they would be made to feel uncomfortable; believes that there is more work to be done to change societal attitudes to understand that a child has a right to be breastfed, wherever and whenever they are hungry or thirsty, to ensure that women can feel completely comfortable with this normal, nurturing, maternal behaviour in public spaces; celebrates and supports breastfeeding as being good for mums, babies and society, and encourages any woman who feels they have experienced an infringement of their lawful protection to seek legal redress in line with the provisions of the act.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

No. 90, Wednesday 18 March 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21303—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on Wednesday 18 March 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Education - COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy - COVID-19

after

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Economy - COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting our Communities - COVID-19

The motion was agreed to.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and, along with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) and the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing), answered questions on Economy – COVID-19.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) made a statement and, along with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville), answered questions on Supporting our Communities – COVID-19.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and the Lord Advocate.

5. Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme: Andy Wightman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-21271—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, determines that the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme, which was agreed to by resolution of the Parliament on 12 June 2008 and last amended by resolution of the Parliament on 15 March 2016, be amended to insert at the end of paragraph 3.4.1

“In exceptional circumstances the SPCB may reduce or suspend the qualifying period of absence and suspend the requirement in paragraph 3.4.2 for adequate medical certificates or other relevant documents.”

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21305—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on Thursday 19 March 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: COVID-19: Supporting our Communities

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Coronavirus Legislation

followed by Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

1.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education - COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Coronavirus Legislation

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21297—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK COVID-19 Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 25 March 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 26 March 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 1 April 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 2 April 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 March 2020, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21287—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Procedure for Appointment of Members) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21288—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21289—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Parking Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21290—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21291—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Appeals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21292—That the Parliament agrees that the UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21293—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Judicial Members) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21294—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21295—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Bus Lane Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21296— That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

18. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

No. 91, Thursday 19 March 2020

The meeting opened at 11.44 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Economy, Fair Work and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Education – COVID-19.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on UK Coronavirus Legislation.
6. **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21307—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:
Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour.

The motion was agreed to.

7. **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The following amendments were not moved: 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

8. **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-21279—That the Parliament agrees that the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

9. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S5M-21311—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business on Tuesday 24 March—

delete

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

insert

1.30 pm Time for Reflection

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Justice (COVID-19)

and after

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK COVID-19 Bill

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health (COVID-19)

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

10. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.58 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

No. 92, Tuesday 24 March 2020

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Iain May, Minister, South Leith Parish Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21331—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21332—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Tuesday 24 March 2020—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Justice (COVID-19)

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Coronavirus Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health (COVID-19)

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill - UK Legislation

6.00 pm Decision Time

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: First Minister

followed by Ministerial Statement: Justice (COVID-19)

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Coronavirus Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme

4.45 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 25 March 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 26 March 2020—

delete

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm Ministerial Statement: First Minister

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

(d) Wednesday 1 April 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.30 am Stage 1 Debate: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

11:30 am Ministerial Statement: COVID-19: Social Security

12.00 pm Ministerial Statement: First Minister

2.00 pm Stage 2: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) and the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made statements and, along with other Cabinet Secretaries, answered questions on Novel coronavirus COVID-19.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Lord Advocate and Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made statements and answered questions on Justice – COVID-19.

6. Coronavirus Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-21322—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Coronavirus Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 19 March 2020, so far as they 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.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020: The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-21327—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-21315—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 9 January 2020, so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme: Andy Wightman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-21330—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, determines that the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme, which was agreed to by resolution of the Parliament on 12 June 2008 and last amended by resolution of the Parliament on 18 March 2020, be amended to insert after paragraph 7.2.2: "7.2.3 The SPCB may, in exceptional circumstances, approve exceptional expenses incurred by members where the Scheme does not otherwise provide for reimbursement."

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21343—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Tuesday 31 March 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 2 April 2020—

delete

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

11. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21333—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 8 May 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

12. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21334—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 8 May 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

13. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21335—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Domestic Abuse Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21336—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21337—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21338—That the Parliament agrees that the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Eligible Land, Specified Types of Area and Restrictions on Transfers, Assignations and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21339—That the Parliament agrees that the Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

18. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21340—That the Parliament agrees that the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018 (Success Fee Agreements) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

19. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21341—That the Parliament agrees that the Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

20. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 93, Tuesday 1 April 2020

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-21369—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21365—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business on Wednesday 1 April 2020—

delete

09.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

09:30 am Stage 1 Debate: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

11:30 am Ministerial Statement: Social Security - COVID-19

12.00 pm Ministerial Statement: First Minister

2.00 pm Stage 2: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

6.00 pm Decision Time

insert

9.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.30 am Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill

followed by Election of a Deputy Presiding Officer

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Legislation Programme

followed by Ministerial Statement: Social Security – COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: First Minister

2.30 pm Committee of the Whole Parliament: Stage 2 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21366—That the Parliament agrees for the purposes of consideration of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill, subject to the Parliament’s agreement, that it be treated as an Emergency Bill, that—

(a) In Rule 9.7.8 the words “printed and” be omitted, and

(b) Rules 9.7.8A and 9.7.8B be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Referral of SSIs: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21367—That the Parliament agrees that the following SSIs be considered by the Parliament—

Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 202/103);

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification No.2) Amendment Order 2020 [draft];

Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft];

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) (No. 2) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/105).

The motion was agreed to.

5. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21376—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during a ministerial statement from the First Minister on Wednesday 1 April 2020 for the purpose of considering Scottish statutory instruments.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-21370—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

7. Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-21377—That the Parliament,

for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Coronavirus (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.

8. Election of Deputy Presiding Officer: The following member was nominated as a candidate for appointment as an additional Deputy Presiding Officer: Lewis Macdonald. The result of voting was—

Lewis Macdonald 78

Lewis Macdonald was duly elected as an additional Deputy Presiding Officer.

9. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government Legislation Programme.

10. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Social Security – COVID-19.

11. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and, along with other Cabinet Secretaries, answered questions on Novel coronavirus COVID-19 update.

12. Referral of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21379—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/106) be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

13. Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-21371—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (For 80, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

14. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21364—That the Parliament agrees to the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 April 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate
followed by First Minister's Questions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 22 April 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 April 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by First Minister's Questions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 29 April 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Disclosure (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

15. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21368—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Non-executive Directors of the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. as Specified Authorities) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21372—That the Parliament agrees that the Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21373—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/105) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

18. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21374—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/103) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

19. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21375—That the Parliament agrees that the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification No.2) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved

The motion was agreed to (DT).

20. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21380—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/106) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

21. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 8.01 pm.

Meeting of a Committee of the Whole Parliament

No.93a, Tuesday 1 April 2020

The meeting opened at 4.35 pm.

1. Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2: The Bill was considered at Stage 2 by a Committee of the Whole Parliament.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 24, 26, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 54, 55 and 58.

Amendment 53 was agreed to (by division: For 59, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 2 (For 24, Against 57, Abstentions 0)
- 12 (For 24, Against 57, Abstentions 0)
- 16 (For 24, Against 57, Abstentions 0)
- 28 (For 35, Against 47, Abstentions 0)
- 29 (For 35, Against 47, Abstentions 0)
- 30 (For 35, Against 47, Abstentions 0)
- 31 (For 35, Against 47, Abstentions 0)
- 32 (For 35, Against 47, Abstentions 0)
- 33 (For 35, Against 47, Abstentions 0)
- 34 (For 35, Against 47, Abstentions 0)
- 35 (For 35, Against 47, Abstentions 0)
- 36 (For 41, Against 41, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
- 37 (For 41, Against 41, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
- 38 (For 41, Against 41, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
- 39 (For 41, Against 41, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
- 40 (For 41, Against 41, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
- 42 (For 41, Against 41, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote)
- 47 (For 23, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 49 (For 19, Against 54, Abstentions 0)
- 50 (For 19, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
- 56 (For 32, Against 45, Abstentions 0)
- 57 (For 32, Against 45, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 1, 22, 48 and 52.

The following amendments were not moved: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 51 and 59.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1 and 2, schedule 1, section 3, schedule 2, section 4, schedule 3, sections 5 and 6, schedule 5, sections 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: schedules 4, 6 and 7 and sections 10 and 11.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 7.08 pm.

No. 94, Tuesday 21 April 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Louis Reddick, Minister, Shettleston New Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Liz Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21449—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Tuesday 21 April 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by First Minister's Questions

followed by Topical Questions

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health (COVID-19)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Coronavirus: Justice Sector response

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy (COVID-19)

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

4.15 pm First Minister's Questions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 22 April 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Health (COVID-19).

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and, along with the Lord Advocate, answered questions on Coronavirus: Justice Sector response.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and, along with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes), answered questions on Economy (COVID-19).

6. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

7. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

8. Business Motion: Liz Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21505— That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 April 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Reporting on Emergency Legislation

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health (Covid-19)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transport (Covid-19)

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

4.15 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 May 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

4.30 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 6 May 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) For 55, Against 13, Abstentions 0).

9. Establishment of Committee: Liz Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21506—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: COVID-19 Committee

Remit: To consider and report on the Scottish Government's response to COVID-19 including the operation of powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19 and any secondary legislation arising from the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19.

Duration: For the duration of the operation of the powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19.

Number of members: 9

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party.

Membership: Willie Coffey, Annabelle Ewing, Shona Robison, Stewart Stevenson, Murdo Fraser, Adam Tomkins, Monica Lennon, Ross Greer, Beatrice Wishart.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: Liz Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21507—That the Parliament agrees that, as appropriate, for meetings of the Parliament including meetings of committees or sub-committees established by the Parliament, for the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19, this being the period up to and including 26 June 2020, and such further period or periods as are determined by the Presiding Officer

from time to time following consultation with the Bureau and notified to the Parliament in the Business Bulletin—

(a) Rule 2.7.1 be suspended and replaced with—

“1. Subject to Rule 2.7.2 and 2.7.3, meetings of the Parliament shall be held either in the Debating Chamber of the Parliament, Holyrood, or remotely, by video conference in a virtual Debating Chamber hosted on such platform as may be provided by the Parliamentary corporation; and references in the Rules to ‘the Chamber’ are to be interpreted accordingly.”

(b) In Rule 11.7.1 the words “the electronic voting system” be suspended and replaced with the words “an electronic voting system”.

(c) Rule 12.3.2 be suspended and replaced with—

“2. A committee shall meet—

(a) in Scotland at such place as it may decide, with the approval of the Parliamentary Bureau and the Conveners Group, or

(b) remotely by video conference hosted on such platform as may be provided by the Parliamentary corporation.

2A. A decision under Rule 12.3.2 shall, in the event of any disagreement between the Parliamentary Bureau and the Conveners Group, be referred to the Parliamentary corporation for a determination. The Parliamentary Bureau may require the Conveners Group to make a decision under Rule 12.3.2 within a specified period. If the Conveners Group does not make a decision within that period, the decision on the approval shall be made by the Parliamentary Bureau.”

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: Liz Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21508—That the Parliament agrees that in regard to motions S5M-21283, S5M-21284, S5M-21285 and S5M-21286—

(1) the references to “the duration of the public response to the Novel coronavirus COVID-19” be read as references to (a) the period from 17 March 2020 up to and including 26 June 2020 and (b) such further period or periods as are determined by the Presiding Officer from time to time following consultation with the Bureau and notified to the Parliament in the Business Bulletin, and

(2) they shall apply, as appropriate, to meetings of the Parliament, including meetings of committees or sub-committees established by the Parliament taking place during those periods.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.28 pm.

No. 95, Tuesday 28 April 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mr Iain Stewart, Executive Director, Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association, led Time for Reflection.

2. Referral of SSIs: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21593—That the Parliament agrees that the following SSIs be considered by the Parliament—

Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020;

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Further Extension) Order 2020;

Town and Country Planning (Changing Places Toilet Facilities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Coronavirus legislation update.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on Health (COVID-19).

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Transport in a COVID-19 world.

6. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

7. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

8. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21600—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 May 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy (COVID-19)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 6 May 2020

2.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.45 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 May 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Suppressing COVID: Next Phase

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 13 May 2020

2.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.45 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.15 pm Decision Time

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) For 54, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

9. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21595—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 29 May 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21596—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 5 June 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21584—That the Parliament agrees that the Town and Country Planning (Changing Places Toilet Facilities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21585—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Further Extension) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-21586—That the Parliament agrees that the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

No. 96, Tuesday 5 May 2020

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Jonathan Fleming, Minister, Cumbrae Parish Church and St John's Parish Church, Largs, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21662—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

Tuesday 5 May 2020—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy (COVID-19)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Finance (COVID-19)

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 6 May 2020—

delete

2.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.45 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.30 pm Decision Time

insert

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 7 May—

insert

1.30 pm Members' Virtual Question Time: Rural Economy

2.15 pm Members' Virtual Question Time: Health

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Finance (COVID-19).

5. Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S5M-21650—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill.

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

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21664—That the Parliament agrees that—

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Jackie Baillie on the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee;

Jackie Baillie be appointed to replace Neil Bibby on the Finance and Constitution Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.43 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

No. 97, Wednesday 6 May 2020

The meeting opened at 12.30 pm.

1. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

2. Consumer Scotland Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21669—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Consumer Scotland Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 45 minutes,
Groups 5 to 8: 1 hour 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Consumer Scotland Bill: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 19, 3, 8, 20, 21, 22, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 4, 15, 16, 17, 5, 6 and 7.

The following amendment was disagreed to (by division)—

23 (For 14, Against 38, Abstentions 16).

Amendment 9 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

Amendment 18 was not moved.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in his view, no provision of the Consumer Scotland Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

4. Consumer Scotland Bill: The Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills (Jamie Hepburn) moved S5M-21657—That the Parliament agrees that the Consumer Scotland Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21667—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 May 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Suppressing COVID-19: The Next Phase

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 13 May 2020

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: COVID-19 Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 May 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 20 May 2020

12.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: COVID-19 Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21665—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21666—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/126) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 98, Thursday 7 May 2020

The virtual meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. Members' Virtual Question Time: Questions on Rural Economy and Tourism were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. Members' Virtual Question Time: Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

The meeting closed at 3.06 pm.

Annex A: Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

28 May 2019

Referendums (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the holding of referendums throughout Scotland; to make provision about such referendums and other referendums held under Acts of the Scottish Parliament. (SP Bill 46) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Russell

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 46-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 46-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 46-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 46-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

29 May 2019

Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for female genital mutilation protection orders and for guidance in relation to such orders and in relation to the prevention of female genital mutilation generally; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 47) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 47-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 47-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 46-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 47-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

30 May 2019

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish the office of Scottish Biometrics Commissioner and to provide for its functions in relation to the acquisition, retention, use and destruction of biometric data for criminal justice and police purposes. (SP Bill 48) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 48-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 48-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 48-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 48-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

4 June 2019

Consumer Scotland Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish Consumer Scotland and provide for its functions as a consumer advocacy and advice body; and to require regard to be had to consumer interests. (SP Bill 49) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Derek Mackay

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 49-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 49-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 49-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 49-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

12 June 2019

Disclosure (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to restate and amend the law relating to the disclosure of criminal history and other information by the Scottish Ministers; to make amendments to the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 50) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 50-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 50-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 50-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 50-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

20 June 2019

Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to enfranchise certain persons in respect of Scottish parliamentary and local government elections; to extend to certain persons the right to vote at, stand for election at, and hold office as elected members following, Scottish parliamentary and local government elections; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 51) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 51-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 51-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 51-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 51-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

2 September 2019

Children (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law relating to children; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 52) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 52-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 52-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 52-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 52-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to reform certain aspects of the law relating to Scottish parliamentary and local government elections, including length of terms; to make provision about the role of the Electoral Commission in relation to those elections; to confer functions on the Electoral Management Board for Scotland in relation to Scottish parliamentary elections; to rename and make provision about the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 53) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Michael Russell

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 53-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 53-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 53-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 53-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

24 September 2019

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in relation to the Union of European Football Associations Championship that is to be held, in part, in Glasgow in 2020. (SP Bill 54) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Fiona Hyslop

Supported by: Ben Macpherson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 54-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 54-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 54-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 54-LC) were printed to accompany the bill.

26 September 2019

Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland (Amendment) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland Act 1871 in order to abolish the offices of librarian and fiscal; to rename the Widows' Fund as the Dependents' Fund and to make further provision as regards persons entitled to the benefit of that fund; to make new provision for members of the Society to resign; and to give the Society new powers including to close the Dependents' Fund completely or close it to new members, to create new categories of membership, or to wind up the Society; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 55) (Private Bill).

Introduced by: The Society of Solicitors in the Supreme Courts of Scotland
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 55-EN), a Promoter's Memorandum (SP Bill 55-PM), a Promoter's Statement (SP Bill 55-PS), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 55-LC) were printed to accompany the bill.

30 September 2019

Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to increase penalties for the most serious animal welfare offences, to provide for fixed penalties in relation to animal welfare offences generally, to increase the protection for service animals from being caused unnecessary suffering, to provide for fixed penalties in relation to animal health offences, to increase penalties in relation to certain wildlife offences; to confer power on inspectors and constables, where animals have been taken into possession to alleviate their suffering, to make arrangements for the treatment, transfer or destruction of those animals; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 56) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Roseanna Cunningham

Supported by: Mairi Gougeon

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 56-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 56-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 56-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 56-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to enable persons of different sexes to be in a civil partnership; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 57) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 57-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 57-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 57-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 57-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

10 October 2019

Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to create an offence of assaulting, threatening, abusing, obstructing or hindering retail workers; and to provide for a statutory aggravation of that offence where the retail worker is enforcing a statutory age restriction. (SP Bill 58) (Member's Bill).

Introduced by: Daniel Johnson
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 58-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 58-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 58-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 58-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

6 November 2019

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to confer powers to modify certain retained EU law relating to agriculture, including power to make new provision about marketing standards in relation to agricultural products and the classification of carcasses; to make provision about the collection and processing of information connected with food supply chains and agricultural activities; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 59) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Fergus Ewing
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 59-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 59-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 59-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 59-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

26 November 2019

Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to confer on health boards functions relating to the provision of forensic medical services to victims of sexual offences; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 60) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Jeane Freeman
Supported by: Humza Yousaf
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 60-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 60-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 60-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 60-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

2 December 2019

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law of defamation; replace the common law delicts of verbal injury with delicts of malicious publication; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 61) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf
Supported by: Ash Denham
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 61-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 61-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 61-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 60-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

3 February 2020

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Bill—Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish a Scottish Pubs Code to govern the relationship between tenants and owners of tied pubs; to establish the office of Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 62) (Member's Bill).

Introduced by: Neil Bibby

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 62-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 62-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 62-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 62-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

6 February 2020

Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2020/21, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies and for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund; to make provision, for financial year 2021/22, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 63) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Nicola Sturgeon

Statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 63-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

2 March 2020

Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for regulating the supply of thermal energy by a heat network, and for regulating the construction and operation of a heat network; to make provision about the powers of persons holding a heat networks licence; to make provision about conferring rights in heat network assets where a person ceases operating a heat network; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 64) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Supported by: Paul Wheelhouse

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 64-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 64-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 64-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 64-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

9 March 2020

Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland)—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to enable the recovery, from those making compensation payments to people with an industrial disease, of contributions towards the costs incurred by the NHS in Scotland in treating those people; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 65) (Member's Bill).

Introduced by: Stuart McMillan

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 65-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 65-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 65-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 65-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

31 March 2020

Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in connection with coronavirus; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 66) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Michael Russell

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 66-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 66-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 66-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 66-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

23 April 2020

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the aggravation of offences by prejudice; to make provision about offences relating to stirring up hatred against a group of persons; to abolish the common law offence of blasphemy; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 67) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 67-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 67-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 67-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 67-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

27 April 2020

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to modify the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 in relation to the appointment of persons to act on behalf of applicants; the provision of information in connection with the determination of eligibility for assistance; the operation of top-up assistance; and the diagnosis of terminal illness for disability assistance purposes; and to modify the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 in relation to the eligibility of judicial office-holders to sit in the First-tier Tribunal and the Upper Tribunal. (SP Bill 68) (Government Bill).

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 68-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 68-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 68-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 68-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

29 April 2020

Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide anew for the licensing of travelling funfairs. (SP Bill 69) (Member's Bill).

Introduced by: Richard Lyle

Supported by: Clare Adamson, Jackson Carlaw, Maurice Corry, Mary Fee, Christine Grahame, Bill Kidd, Richard Leonard, Fulton MacGregor, Ruth Maguire, Gillian Martin, Stuart McMillan, Alex Neil, Gil Paterson, David Torrance, Maureen Watt, Annie Wells
Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 69-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 69-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 69-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 69-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

5 May 2020

European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill—A
Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to incorporate in Scots law the European Charter of Local Self-Government, and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 70)
(Member's Bill).

Introduced by: Andy Wightman

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 70-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 70-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 70-PM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 70-LC) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Annex B: Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

16 May 2019

Presumption Against Short Periods of Imprisonment (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft]
laid under section 204(3D) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, and
section 201(4) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

22 May 2019

Presumption Against Short Periods of Imprisonment (Scotland) Order 2019
(2019/draft)
laid under section 204(3D) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, and
section 201(4) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010.

The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 22 May 2019.

19 June 2019

Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland)
Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

21 June 2019

Carer's Assistance (Young Carer Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI
2019/draft)
laid under Section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

26 June 2019

Additional Powers Request (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under Section 29(2) of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018.

27 June 2019

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment
Order 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

28 June 2019

Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under section 191(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

5 July 2019

Additional Powers Request (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under section 29(2) of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018.

The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 5 July 2019

01 August 2019

Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2019 SSI 2019/261
laid under section 14(2)(b) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland)
Act 2001

5 September 2019

Environmental Protection Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI
2019/draft)
laid under section 2(8) and (9)(e) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act
1999

12 September 2019

Victim Surcharge (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI draft/2019)
laid under section 253F(7) and 253G(9) of the Victims and Witnesses
(Scotland) Act 2019

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2019
(SSI draft/2019)
laid under section 33(3) of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014

17 September 2019

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland)
Amendment Order 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

19 September 2019

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations: Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2019
(SSI 2019/draft)
laid under section 459(6)(b) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

26 September 2019

Budget (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2019

9 October 2019

Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland)
Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act
1972.

The affirmative instrument was withdrawn on 9 October 2019.

10 October 2019

Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland)
Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

31 October 2019

Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2020
(SSI 2019/draft)
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to the Scotland Act 1998

01 November 2019

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)

laid under section 105(1) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

08 November 2019

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)

laid under section 61(2)(a) of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)

laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

26 November 2019

Social Security Assistance (Investigation of Offences) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

5 December 2019

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2019/draft)

laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

6 December 2019

Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2019/draft)

laid under section 210(6) of the Equality Act 2010

17 December 2019

Fuel Poverty (Enhanced Heating) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 17(1)(a) of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019

Fuel Poverty (Additional Amount in respect of Remote Rural Area, Remote Small Town and Island Area) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 17(1)(a) of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019

14 January 2020

The Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 11(2) of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013

The Representation of the People (Data Matching) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

17 January 2020

Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2020 [Draft]

laid under section 11(2) of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 17 January 2020.

23 January 2020

Census (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 1(2) of the Census Act 1920

24 January 2020

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Consumer Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 254(3) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

28 January 2020

Alcohol (Minimum Price per Unit) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 146(5)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Energy Efficiency (Domestic Private Rented Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 64(3) of the Energy Act 2011

29 January 2020

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 18(4)(a) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Allocation of Functions) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/draft)

laid under section 79(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

31 January 2020

Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/18)

laid under paragraph 2(1) of schedule 2 of the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Act 2020.

This instrument is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure.

Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]
laid under section 25(2)(b)(i) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

3 February 2020

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type A Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 59(3)(ad) of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006

6 February 2020

Budget (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2019

7 February 2020

Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Eligible Land, Specified Types of Area and Restrictions on Transfers, Assignations and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 126(3) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]
laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

13 February 2020

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Judicial Members) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]
laid under section 71(4) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Procedure for Appointment of Members) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 71(4) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Bus Lane Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Parking Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Appeals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(d) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

17 February 2020

Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018 (Success Fee Agreements) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 24(2) of the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018

UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 32(2) of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020

19 February 2020

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]

laid under section 150(2) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992

3 March 2020

Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and section 15(6) of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Act 2015

4 March 2020

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/65)

laid under section 41(3) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Order was made

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid on 4 March 2020

5 March 2020

Town and Country Planning (Changing Places Toilet Facilities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 275(7BA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

6 March 2020

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Non-executive Directors of the Scottish National Investment Bank p.l.c. as Specified Authorities) Order 2020 [draft]

laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

13 March 2020

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Ticket Touting Offence) (Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 32(2) of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Scottish Fuel Poverty Advisory Panel and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 17(1)(a) of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019

16 March 2020

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]
laid under section 58(3) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

23 March 2020

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Further Extension) Order 2020 [draft]
laid under section 133(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The instrument was withdrawn and re-laid on 23 March 2020.

26 March 2020

Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

27 March 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/103)
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking in to account any periods of dissolution or recess of more than 4 days.

The instrument is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure.

31 March 2020

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) (No. 2) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/105)

laid under section 41(3) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Order was made, not taking in to account any periods of dissolution or recess of more than 4 days.

The instrument is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure.

30 March 2020

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) (No. 2) Revocation Order 2020 [draft]

laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

1 April 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/106)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking in to account any periods of dissolution or recess of more than 4 days.

The instrument is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure.

21 April 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/126)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days.

The instrument is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure.

29 April 2020

Direct Payments (Crop Diversification Derogation) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/135)

laid under Article 71B(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013, for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days.

The instrument is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure.

1 May 2020

Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Supplementary Provision) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under section 126(3)(m) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

4 May 2020

Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]
laid under section 115 and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998
Representation of the People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]
laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/138)
laid under paragraph 20(3) of schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act
2020 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days
beginning with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into
account any period of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days.

The instrument is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure.

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the negative procedure—

17 May 2019

A90 Trunk Road (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) (Stonehaven to Blackdog)
(Prohibitions and Restrictions) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/166
laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

A956 Trunk Road (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) (Cleanhill to Charleston)
(Prohibitions and Restrictions) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/167
laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Motorways Traffic (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/168
laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Abertay University (Scotland) Order of Council 2019 SSI 2019/163
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act
1992

Marketing of Horticultural Produce and Bananas (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment)
Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/169
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972
and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

30 May 2019

Seed and Propagating Material (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations
2019 (SSI 2019/190)
laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)
Act 2018 and paragraph 2(1) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act
1972

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) (No. 2)
Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/191)
laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

03 June 2019

Private Landlord Registration (Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (2019/195)
laid under section 141(3) of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

11 June 2019

Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland)
Amendment Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/204
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

18 June 2019

University of the West of Scotland Order of Council 2019 (SSI 2019/212)
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act
1992

Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh (Scotland) Amendment Order of Council 2019
(SSI 2019/213)
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act
1992

26 June 2019

Police (Retention and Disposal of Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations
2019 (SSI 2019/231)
laid under Section 141 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Sums and Charges etc.)
(Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/230)
laid under section 10(5) of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 and section
134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

27 June 2019

Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI
2019/232)
laid under Section 15A2 of the Social Security Act 1988

Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI
2019/232)
laid under Section 15A2 of the Social Security Act 1988

12 July 2019

Plant Health (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/242)
laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967

2 September 2019

Environmental Protection (Cotton Buds) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (2019/271)
laid under section 161(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

4 September 2019

SSI 2019/273 - Management of Extractive Waste (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous
Amendments) Regulations 2019
laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)
Act 2018.

SSI 2019/274 - Town and Country Planning and Electricity Works (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Amendment Regulations 2019
laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

5 September 2019

Environmental Liability etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/276)
laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Plant Health (Forestry) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/278)
laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

12 September 2019

Enforcement of Fines (Relevant Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2019 2019/280
laid under section 226I(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Victim Surcharge Fund (Prescribed Relatives) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/282
laid under section 253G(9) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

National Health Service (Serious Shortage Protocols) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/284
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Animal Health and Welfare and Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 2019/288
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Seed, Propagating Material and Common Agricultural Policy (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 2019/289
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 (SSI 2019/290)
laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

20 September 2019

Caravan Sites Act 1968 (Amendment of Definition of Caravan) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/295)
laid under section 13(4) of the Caravan Sites Act 1968

4 October 2019

M8 Motorway (Junction 29A Off Slip Road) (40mph Speed Limit) Regulations 2019
laid under section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

30 October 2019

Scottish Dental Practice Board Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/346)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Agriculture Market Measures (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/347)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/356)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

31 October 2019

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/357)

laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 (SSI 2019/358)
laid under section 26(5) of the Fire Services Act 1947, section 34(1) to (4) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and sections 12 and 16 of the Superannuation Act 1972

05 November 2019

Robert Gordon University (Scotland) Order of Council 2019 (SSI 2019/375)
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

11 November 2019

2019/380 Police Pensions Amendment (Increased Pension Entitlement) (Scotland) Regulations 2019

laid under section 1(6) of the Police Pensions Act 1976

2019/381 Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Increased Pension Entitlement) (Scotland) Order 2019

laid under section 35(1) of the Fire Services Act 1947 and section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

2019/382 Firefighters' Pension and Compensation Schemes (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2019

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

14 November 2019

Scottish Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/384)

laid under section 79 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

18 November 2019

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 2019/393

laid under section 103(4) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

28 November 2019

Official Feed and Food Controls (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/407)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

2 December 2019

Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Revocation Order 2019 (SSI 2019/408)

laid under section 14(8) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

3 December 2019

Official Controls (Agriculture etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/412)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

5 December 2019

Public Procurement etc. (Scotland) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/414)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Environmental Impact Assessment (Transport) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/415)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

11 December 2019

Plant Health (Official Controls and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/421)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

12 December 2019

Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/419)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

17 December 2019

Restriction of Liberty Order etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/423)

laid under 245C(4) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

19 December 2019

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/426)

laid under section 38(1) and (6)(b) and (c) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/427)

laid under schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/425)

laid under section 56(4) of the Finance Act 1973

09 January 2020

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Amendment Order of Council 2020 (SSI 2020/3)

laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

Water and Sewerage Services to Dwellings (Collection of Unmetered Charges by Local Authority) (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/4)

laid under section 68(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

29 January 2020

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/17)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

30 January 2020

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/16)

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

7 February 2020

Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Applications, Written Requests, Ballots and Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/21)

laid under section 126(2) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

10 February 2020

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/25)

laid under section 113 and paragraph 1 of schedule 2 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

13 February 2020

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/26)

laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

14 February 2020

National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/30)

laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

19 February 2020

Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/32)

laid under section 176(3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

20 February 2020

Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/31)

laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

Police Pensions (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/33)

laid under section 1(6) of the Police Pensions Act 1976 and section 21(1) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/35)

laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

21 February 2020

Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/34)

laid under paragraph 2 of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Non-Domestic Rates (Reverse Vending Machine Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/36)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/37)

laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/38)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/39)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Relief for New and Improved Properties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/40)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/41)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/42)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/43)

laid under sections 24(5), 24A(6) and 24B(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/44)

laid under section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956 and section 27(11) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/51)

laid under section 122(4) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

24 February 2020

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/54)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/55)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/56)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

2 March 2020

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/64)

laid under section 113 and paragraph 1 of schedule 2 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

16 March 2020

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Compensation for Enforcement Action) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/79)

laid under section 32(3) of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020

26 March 2020

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus Reliefs) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/101)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

1 April 2020

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/108)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

2 April 2020

Carer's Allowance (Coronavirus) (Breaks in Care) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/117)

laid under section 176 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

3 April 2020

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018 (Reports) Regulations 2020 (SSI/2020/120)

laid under section 12(3) of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018

7 April 2020

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/122)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

14 April 2020

Electricity Works (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/123)

laid under Section 106 of the Electricity Act 1989

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/124)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

22 April 2020

Education (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/128)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and section 34(4) of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004

23 April 2020

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/129)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

4 May 2020

Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/137)

laid under section 16(4) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

5 May 2020

Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/139)

laid under section 29(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

7 May 2020

Census (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/143)

laid under section 3(2) of the Census Act 1920

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

17 May 2019

Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/170)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 June 2019

HMICS Inspection of the strategic arrangements for the delivery of police custody
HMICS/2019/04

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

12 June 2019

HMICS Inspection of custody centres in Greater Glasgow Division HMICS/2019/05
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

13 June 2019

Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Act 2018
(Commencement) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/205 (C.7)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

27 June 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Court Sittings)
2019 (SSI 2019/227)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 July 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Company
Insolvency Rules Amendment) (Insolvency) 2019 (SSI 2019/247)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 August 2019

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018(Commencement No. 5, Revocation and Saving
Provision) Regulations 2019 (2019/269 (C.8))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 September 2019

Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement
No. 1) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/277)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 September 2019

Enforcement of Fines (Relevant Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2019 2019/280

laid under section 226I(2) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Victim Surcharge Fund (Prescribed Relatives) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 SSI
2019/282

laid under section 253G(9) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

National Health Service (Serious Shortage Protocols) (Miscellaneous Amendments)
(Scotland) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/284

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Food Information, Labelling and Standards (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 2019/285

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Animal Health and Welfare and Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 2019/288

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Seed, Propagating Material and Common Agricultural Policy (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 2019/289

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2019 (SSI 2019/290)

laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

17 September 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Signature of Petitions and Answers) 2019 (SSI 2019/293)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 September 2019

Regulatory Reform (Specification of EU Instruments) (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/304)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

27 September 2019

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/305 (C.12))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

30 September 2019

South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019 (Commencement and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/308 (C.13))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

1 October 2019

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/309 (C.14))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

4 October 2019

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/310)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

10 October 2019

Homelessness etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2019 (SSI
2019/316 (C.16))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

Social Security (Switzerland) (Citizens' Rights Agreement) (Further provision in
respect of Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/318)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

Social Security (Iceland) (Liechtenstein) (Norway) (Citizens' Rights Agreement)
(Further provision in respect of Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/317)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

31 October 2019

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1 and
Transitory Provision) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/349 (C.17))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

05 November 2019

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional
Provision) Order (SSI 2019/363 (C.18))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

08 November 2019

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2, Saving and Transitional
Provisions) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/377 (C.19))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

15 November 2019

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2019 (SSI
2019/385 (C. 20))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

18 November 2019

Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1
and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2019 2019/392 (C.21)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

28 November 2019

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 2, Transitory and Saving Provision and Commencement No. 4 and Saving Provision) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/406)

Laid under section 99(2) and (3) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

2 December 2019

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 Amendment) (Proceeds of Crime) (No.2) 2019 (SSI 2019/405)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Case Management of Certain Personal Injuries Actions) 2019 (SSI 2019/404)

Laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

4 December 2019

Planning (Scotland) Act (Actual Dates) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/410)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/411)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 December 2019

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/413 (C.22))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 December 2019

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitory Provision) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/417 (C. 23)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

12 December 2019

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 9) Regulations 2019. SSI 2019/420 (C.24)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

19 December 2019

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/428 (C.25)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

7 February 2020

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 10) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/20 (C.1))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Lands Tribunal for Scotland Amendment (Fees) Rules 2020 (SSI 2020/22)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 February 2020

Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/23 (C.2))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 February 2020

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2020 (SSI 2020/27)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Reporting Restrictions) 2020 (SSI 2020/28)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 February 2020

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/49 (C.3))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 March 2020

Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/66 (C.4))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/67 (C.5))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 March 2020

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/68 (C.6))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 March 2020

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/74 (C.7))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No.6) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/75 (C.8))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 March 2020

Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/77 (C.9))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 March 2020

South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019 (Commencement and Transitional Provision) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/85 (C.10))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 March 2020

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/86)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 March 2020

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2020 (SSI 2020/93)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 April 2020

Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/107 (C. 11))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 April 2020

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/119 (C. 12))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/121 (C. 13))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 April 2020

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/127 (C. 14))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Annex C: Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandums were lodged on the dates indicated—

15 May 2019

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Wild Animals in Circuses (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S 5) 24)

19 June 2019

Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 25)

25 July 2019

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Sentencing (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 26)

22 August 2019

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Domestic Abuse Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 27)

22 October 2019

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S S5) 28)

20 December 2019

Michael Russell, Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S S5)29)

13 January 2020

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 30)

30 January 2020

Joe Fitzpatrick, Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 31)

5 February 2020

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Sentencing (Pre-Consolidation Amendments) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 32)

13 February 2020

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Terrorist Offenders (Restriction of Early Release) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 33)

26 February 2020

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 34)

16 March 2020

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Domestic Abuse Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 35)

30 March 2020

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 37)

4 May 2020

Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Agriculture Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S5) 38)

Annex D: Other Documents

Documents subject to approval

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to approval—

6 February 2020

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/24)

laid under section 68(4) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Order was made

Documents subject to consultation

The following documents were laid before the Parliament for consultation on the dates indicated—

10 September 2019

Proposed Draft Regulations – Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 (SSI 2019/164)

laid under section 97(2)(a) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 for the purposes of the representation period required by section 97(3) of that Act

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 – Accompanying Statement ((SSI 2019/165)

laid under section 97(2)(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

15 November 2019

Proposed Draft Order – The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 (SG/2019/248)

laid under Section 26(2)(a)(i) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

Proposed Explanatory Document – The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 (S/2019/249)

laid under Section 26(2)(a)(ii) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

4 February 2020

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 Remedial Order 2020 (SG/2020/18)

laid under section 13(3)(a) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 for the purposes of consultation required by section 13(3)(b) of that Act

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 Remedial Order 2020: Statement of Reasons (SG/2020/19)

laid under section 13(3)(a) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 for the purposes of consultation required by section 13(3)(b) of that Act

Other documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

14 May 2019

Guidance on Funeral Costs SG/2019/60

laid under Section 98(4) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

21 May 2019

Scrutiny Report on Draft Regulations: The Carer's Assistance (Young Carer Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 SG/2019/79

laid under Section 97 (8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

22 May 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations SPSO/2019/05 Compendium of Case Reports for May 2019

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

29 May 2019

Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2018-19 SG/2019/71

laid under Section 70 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

30 May 2019

HM Fire Service Inspectorate - Inspection of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's Management of its Fleet and Equipment Function SG/2019/84

laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005. This version replaces the one laid before the Scottish Parliament on 23 May 2019 as SG/2019/68

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland: Strategic Review – an independent assessment of Police Scotland's response to breach of Home Detention Curfew – progress review May 2019 SG/2019/77

laid under section 78(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland: Report on the Review of the Arrangements for Home Detention Curfew within the Scottish Prison Service - Progress Review May 2019 SG/2019/78

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Fiscal Commission - Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts May 2019 SG/2019/70

laid under Section 5(2)(a) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

4 June 2019

Scotland's colleges 2019: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission for Scotland AGS/2019/2

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/74

laid under Sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

13 June 2019

Audit Scotland Annual report and accounts 2018/19 year ended 31 March 2019 and independent auditor's report (SP Paper 558)

laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Scottish Land Commission: Programme of Work SG/2019/87

laid under Section 9(3)(b) and (4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

18 June 2019

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board - Report of the trustees and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018 SG/2019/73

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

19 June 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Discontinued Investigations- Compendium of Case Reports for June 2019 SPSO/2019/06

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002.

20 June 2019

Enabling digital government: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission for Scotland AGS/2019/3

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

21 June 2019

Scottish Government Response to SCoSS Recommendations SG/2019/102

laid under section 97(9) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

24 June 2019

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report 2018-19 SG/2019/57

laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2018-19 Annual Accounts SG/2019/58

laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

25 June 2019

Scottish Public Pensions Agency: Update on management of PS Pensions project – A report prepared for the Auditor General of Scotland AGS/2019/4

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Water Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/94
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

General Pharmaceutical Council: Annual report: annual fitness to practise report and
annual accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/96
laid under Paragraph 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

27 June 2019

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Annual Report and
Accounts 2018/2019 SG/2019/82
laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service
Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority Business Plan 2019/20 SG/2019/83
laid under Paragraph 16(1B) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service
Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

The Charter of Patient Rights and Responsibilities – Revised: June 2019 SG/2019/95
laid under 2(9)(b) of the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19
SG/2019/97
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2018-19 SG/2019/98
laid under section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2019
SG/2019/91
laid under Section 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Annual Report and
Accounts 2018/2019 SG/2019/82
laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service
Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority Business Plan 2019/20 SG/2019/83
laid under Paragraph 16(1B) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service
Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

The Charter of Patient Rights and Responsibilities – Revised: June 2019 SG/2019/95
laid under 2(9)(b) of the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19
SG/2019/97
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2018-19 SG/2019/98
laid under section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2019
SG/2019/91

laid under Section 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

28 June 2019

Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Annual Report 2018-2019 SG/2019/107
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

2 July 2019

BBC Group Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19 BBC/2019/01
laid by the BBC under the Memorandum of Understanding.

4 July 2019

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19
SG/2019/106
laid under Section 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19
SG/2019/103
laid under Section 5(5A) of the Utilities Act 2000

8 July 2019

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 (UKSA/2019/01)
laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

9 July 2019

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 (SG/2019/86)
laid by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 88 of the Scotland
Act 1998

10 July 2019

Progress in Preparing for Climate Change 2019 Report to Parliament: Volume 1:
Reducing UK emissions – 2019 Progress Report to Parliament, Volume 2: Progress in
preparing for climate change – 2019 Report to Parliament (SG/2019/111)
laid under section 36 of the UK Climate Change Act 2008

11 July 2019

22nd Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board: April 2018 to March 2019
(SG/2019/104)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

11 July 2019

The Office of Communications Annual Report & Accounts for the period 1 April 2018 to
31 March 2019 (SG/2019/59)
laid under paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Schedule to the Office of
Communications Act 2002

Risk Management Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 (SG/2019/61)
laid under Section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and
Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

12 July 2019

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19: (SG/2019/63)

laid under article 13 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 576)

15 July 2019

Education Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 (SG/2019/100)

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

17 July 2019

The National Lottery Community Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 (SG/2019/110)

laid under Section 34 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 4A of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

18 July 2019

British Transport Police Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2019 (SG/2019/99)

laid under section 46 of the Scotland Act 2016

Committee on Climate Change Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 (SG/2019/108)

laid under paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 to the Climate Change Act 2008

The Electoral Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 (ELC/2019/01)

laid under paragraph 20 A (1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

Health and Care Professions Council Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 (SG/2019/88)

laid under articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

The National Lottery Heritage Fund: National Heritage Memorial Fund National Lottery Distribution Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 (SG/2019/89)

laid under Section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 (SG/2019/90)

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards 2018 Annual Report (SG/2019/81)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Security Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 (SG/2019/113)

laid under paragraph 17(3) of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

Transport Focus Annual report and accounts 2018-19 (SG/2019/112)
laid under paragraph 11(6) of Schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

24 July 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports July 2019 SPSO/2019/07
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The United Kingdom Sports Council, Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/85
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Civil Service Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/115
laid under Paragraph 17(5) of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/118
laid under Paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 2 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013

25 July 2019

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/75
laid under Section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

26 July 2019

Government Chemist Review 2018 SG/2019/105
laid under Section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

31 July 2019

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2019 SG/2019/122
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Northern Lighthouse Board Inspection/Audit of Local Aids to Navigation Offshore Structures & Aquaculture Sites 2018/19 Report SG/2019/124
laid under Section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

MG ALBA Annual report & statement of accounts 18-19 SG/2019/125
laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

MG ALBA Aithisg bhliadhnaidh & aithris nan cunntasan 18-19 SG/2019/126
laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/93
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/92
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

1 August 2019

Report to the Scottish Parliament on Orders Regulating the Management of Shellfisheries Under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 SG/2019/117
laid under Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

The Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2019: Statement of Reasons SG/2019/129
laid under section 14(2)(b) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

5 August 2019

Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016, Report to the Scottish Parliament – August 2019 SG/2019/128
laid under Section 29(2)(a) of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

9 August 2019

Scottish Civil Justice Council - Sixth Annual Report and Programme SCJC/2019/01
laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

14 August 2019

Scotland's Population 2018 The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends 164th Edition SG/2019/76
laid under Section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

20 August 2019

Assurance Review of progress on recommendations from 'An Independent Review of Football Pricing In Scotland' HMICS/2019/07
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

21 August 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations SPSO/2019/08
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 August 2019

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2018-19 SG/2019/119
laid by a member of the Scottish Government not under any laying power.

Forestry Commission Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/145
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2019 SG/2019/147
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 August 2019

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2018-19 SCfS/2019/01
laid under paragraph 10F to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

29 August 2019

NHS workforce planning - part 2: The clinical workforce in general practice- A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland AGS/2019/5
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Housing Regulator - National Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter -
Headline Findings 2018/19 SG/2019/139
laid under section 41 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/116
laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

30 August 2019

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2018-2019 SG/2019/120
laid under Section 30 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/121
laid under Section 30 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2018/19 audit of Highlands and Islands Enterprise SG/2019/152
laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

3 September 2019

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2019 SG/2019/155
laid under Paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 4 to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and Article 6(2)(b) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Non-profit-making Companies) Order 2009

4 September 2019

Scottish Fiscal Commission - Forecast Evaluation Report September 2019 SG/2019/142
laid under section 5 of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

5 September 2019

Registers of Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/146
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

10 September 2019

The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 – Accompanying
Statement SG/2019/165
laid under section 97(2)(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Proposed Draft Regulations – The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland
Regulations 2020 SG/2019/164
laid under section 97(2)(a) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 for the
purposes of the representation period required by section 97(3) of that Act.

12 September 2019

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report & Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/162
laid under Section 5 of the Prison (Scotland) Act 1989 and Section 22(5) of the
Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2018/19 Audit of the Scottish Prison Service SG/2019/163
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

17 September 2019

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2018-19:
SG/2019/137
laid under section 14(3) of schedule 1 of Historic Environment Scotland Act
2014

18 September 2019

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the 12 Months to 31 March
2019 SG/2019/167
laid under section 12(5) of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008 and Section
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/123
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued
Investigations-Compendium of Case Reports for September 2019 SPSO/2019/09
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

19 September 2019

Finances of Scottish Universities- A report prepared for the Auditor General for
Scotland AGS/2019/6
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Scotland: The Hydro Nation Annual Report 2019 SG/2019/157

laid under Section 4 of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

Scottish Fiscal Commission Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/143

laid under section 5 of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/140

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

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2018/19 SG/2019/174

laid under section 13(5) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

Code of Practice on the exercise by Proper Persons of functions conferred by Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 SG/2019/173

laid under section 410(3) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

23 September 2019

Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/127

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

Climate Ready Scotland: Second Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019-2024 SG/2019/150

laid under section 53 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

24 September 2019

Scottish Housing Regulator Annual Performance Report & Accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/158

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

25 September 2019

Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/198

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

Food Standards Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/53

laid under section 15(5) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

26 September 2019

Crofting Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 SG2019/114

laid under section 2B and paragraph 19 of schedule 1 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/131

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

Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/132
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

The Scottish Government Non-Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March
2019 SG/2019/133
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Budget for the year ended 31 March 2019
SG/2019/134
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts SG/2019/135
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Fiscal Framework Outturn Report SG/2019/141
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power.

Social Security Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the seven months to 31
March 2019 SG/2019/148
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance & Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000 and section 20(1)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The 2018/19 audit of Social Security Scotland SG/2018/149
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance & Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2019-20 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget
(Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2020 SG/2019/154
laid under at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not
under any laying power

NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/159
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance & Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19
SG/2019/160
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance & Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Public Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/161
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance & Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Transport Scotland Annual Report & Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019
SG/2019/175

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

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 - Scottish Government Progress Report 2018-2019 SG/2019/197

laid under section 20(1)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

HMICS: Thematic Inspection of the Scottish Police Authority HMICS/2019/08

laid under by Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland (HMICS) under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

27 September 2019

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/151

laid under section 5(7)(a) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/138

laid under section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local Authorities' Functions: 2018 – 2019 SG/2019/199

laid under section 12 of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

National Records of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/20

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

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19

SCTS/2019/01

laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

30 September 2019

The Personal Injury Discount Rate: Review and determination of the rate in Scotland by the Government Actuary SG/2019/200

laid under Paragraph 24(1) of the Schedule of the Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Act 2019

1 October 2019

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2019-22 SG/2019/136

laid under Section 41B(11) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

2 October 2019

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19

SG/2019/156

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

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2019 Devolved Taxes Account RS/2019/01
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014.

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2019 Resource Accounts RS/2019/02
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014.

3 October 2019

Proposed National Islands Plan SG/2019/202
laid under section 4(2)(a) of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

4 October 2019

Scottish Canals Annual Report & Accounts 2018/2019 SG/2019/203
laid under Section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 October 2019

Scottish Government Overview of 'No Deal' Preparations SG/2019/204
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

21 October 2019

Benefit Take-up Strategy, October 2019 (SG/2019/214)
laid under section 8(3)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

23 October 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for October 2019 (SPSO/2019/10)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

24 October 2019

National Galleries of Scotland Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 (SG/2019/220)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Crown Estate Scotland Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2019 (SG/2019/224)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2019 (SG/2019/222)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019 (SG/2019/221)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS in Scotland 2019: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2019/7)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

OECD Review of the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) (SFC/2019/1)

laid under section 13(4)(b) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

25 October 2019

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report 2018-2019 (SHRC/2019/01)

laid under section 15 of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

28 October 2019

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/218

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

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2018/19 SG/2019/217

laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Children's Hearings Scotland - Annual Impact Report 2018–19 SG/2019/219

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Children's Hearings Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/210

laid under Paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report & Financial Statements 2018-19 SG/2019/166

laid under section 5(4) of Part 1 of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

National Records of Scotland: Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 - Report by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland, 2019 SG/2019/205

laid under Section 12 of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

Explanatory Document - The Public Services Reform (The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman) (Healthcare Whistleblowing) Order 2020 SG/2019/231

laid under 25(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 October 2019

General Dental Council Annual Report and Accounts 2018 SG/2019/72

laid under Section 2B and 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

30 October 2019

The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2017: incorporating report on impact on emissions of exercise of electricity generation related functions SG/2019/201

laid under sections 33 and 38 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report 2018-2019
CCYP/2019/2

laid under section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People
(Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2018/19
SPCPF/2019/01

laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102(2)(b) of the Scottish Parliamentary
Pensions Act 2009

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report 2018-19 SPSO/2019/AR

laid under Sections 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman
Act 2002.

31 October 2019

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2018-19
CES/2019/01

laid under pursuance of section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary
Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2018-19
SG/2019/232

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

The Scottish Civil Estate 2018-2019: The ninth report on the performance and
environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate SG/2019/213

laid under section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002: Report on exercise of section 5 power
SG/2019/223

laid under section 7A of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19
SG/2019/237

laid under Section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

HMICS review of the early implementation of the Contact Assessment Model
HMICS/2019/09

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

David MacBrayne Limited Group Annual Report & Consolidated Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/168

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

CalMac Ferries Limited Strategic Report, Directors' Report & Financial Statements for
the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/169

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the
year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/170

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

Argyll Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/171

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

4 November 2019

Grampian Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2018/2019 SG/2019/181

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

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/187

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

NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/192

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

NHS Education for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/193

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

5 November 2019

Borders Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/177

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Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/176

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

Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/189

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

Tayside Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/235

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

Highland Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/233

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

The 2018/19 audit of NHS Highland SG/2019/234

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

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/239

laid under Section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/238

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

The 2018/19 audit of NHS Tayside SG/2019/236

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

6 November 2019

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/182

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

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/195

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

National Waiting Times Centre Board (also known as the Golden Jubilee Foundation) Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/194

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NHS Fife Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/179

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

Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/178

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sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019 SG/2019/212

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

sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019 SG/2019/211

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

7 November 2019

NHS Western Isles Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019
SG/2019/186

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NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019
SG/2019/183

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

Forth Valley NHS Board Our Annual Report and Accounts - 2018/2019 SG/2019/180

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

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/191

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

8 November 2019

GTC Scotland Annual Report and Accounts-Year to 31 March 2019 GTCS/2019/13

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 1995

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/190

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

NHS Health Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2019
SG/2019/188

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

Shetland NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019
SG/2019/185

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

NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2019
SG/2019/184

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

Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/196
laid under Section 11(3) the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

12 November 2019

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2018-2019 SG/2019/153
laid under section 18 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

14 November 2019

Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/230
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Land Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2018 to 2019 SG/2019/229
laid under Section 20(2)(c) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 and section
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the
year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/228
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19
SG/2019/227
laid under Section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and Section
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Environment Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2018-2019
SG/2019/ 130
laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the
Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19
SG/2019/226
laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/230
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Land Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2018 to 2019 SG/2019/229
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22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the
year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/228
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19
SG/2019/227
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22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Environment Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2018-2019
SG/2019/130

laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the
Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19
SG/2019/226

laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 November 2019

National Confidential Forum Annual Report 2018/2019 SG/2019/208

laid under paragraph 12(5) of schedule 1A of the Mental Health (Care and
Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

20 November 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued
Investigations- Compendium of Case Reports for November 2019 SPSO/2019/11

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

21 November 2019

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19
SG/2019/250

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

22 November 2019

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements Year
ended 30 June 2019 SG/2019/242

laid under paragraph 15(2) of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid
(Scotland) Act 2007 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2018-2019 SG/2019/215

laid under section 16(4) of Schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid
(Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/244

laid under Section 42A(1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner – Commissioner's Annual Report 2018-
19 SG/2019/240

laid under Section 43(5) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice
(Scotland) Act 2006

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner – Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19
SG/2019/241

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

26 November 2019

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report and Accounts
Year Ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/254

laid under Paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 1 of the Commissioner for Children and
Young People (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/253

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

Scottish Road Works Commissioner 2018/19 Annual Report and Accounts
SG/2019/251

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

27 November 2019

Young Start Annual Report 2018-2019 SG/2019/245

laid under Schedule 3, Part 3, Paragraph 9 of the Dormant Bank and Building
Society Accounts Act 2008

28 November 2019

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2018-19 SG/2019/246

laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland)
Act 2003

2 December 2019

The Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Revocation Order
2019: Statement under section 14(4) of the Convention Rights (Compliance)
(Scotland) Act 2001 SG/2019/258

laid under section 14(4) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act
2001

3 December 2019

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd Annual Report & Accounts 2019 SG/2019/243

laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

6 December 2019

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/80

laid under paragraph 15(2)(b) of schedule 11 of the Public Services Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

11 December 2019

The Queen's Printer for Scotland Annual Report covering the period 1 April 2018 to 31
March 2019 SG/2019/247

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government.

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/101

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

12 December 2019

VisitScotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/264

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

13 December 2019

TS Prestwick Holdco Ltd Annual Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2019 SG/2019/268

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail & Cunntasan 2018/19 Bòrd na Gàidhlig Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/265

laid under paragraph 9 of schedule 1 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Sgrùdadh 2018/19 air Bòrd na Gàidhlig/The 2018/19 audit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig SG/2019/266

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

16 December 2019

Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2018-19 SG/2019/260

laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

Strategic Police Priorities for Scotland: December 2019 SG/2019/259

laid under Section 33 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Restraint and seclusion of children in schools CCYP/2019/3

laid under the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland in pursuance of section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/270

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

17 December 2019

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 SG/2019/263

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 2019 SG/2019/262

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

Scottish Police Authority: Annual Review of Policing 2018-19 SPA/2019/01
laid under Section 39 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19 SG/2019/206
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

The 2018/19 audit of the Scottish Police Authority SG/2019/207
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

18 December 2019

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2018 to 31
March 2019 SG/2019/257
laid under Section 10(1) of Schedule 2 of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act
2001 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

The 2018/19 audit of NHS Lothian SG/2019/256
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2019 SG/2019/255
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Costings: Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland)
Bill – December 2019 SFC/2019/2
laid under section 2(4) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic plan 2017-20: Year three continued
SG/2019/267
laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010

19 December 2019

Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/225
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

The 2018/19 audit of Disclosure Scotland SG/2019/252
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

23 December 2019

Scottish Water Interim Accounts For the six months to 30 September 2019
(SG/2019/271)
laid under section 57 of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

Wildlife Crime in Scotland - 2018 Annual Report (SG/2019/261)
laid under section 26B of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

7 January 2020

HM Revenue & Customs: Administration of Scottish income tax 2018-19 SG/2020/1
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Act 2014

16 January 2020

City Deals: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts
Commission for Scotland AGS/2020/1
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

21 January 2020

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Report on the Scottish Payment Draft
Regulations SCoSS/2020/01
laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

22 January 2020

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued
Investigations Compendium of Case Reports for January 2020 SPSO/2020/01
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

23 January 2020

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2018/19 SG/2020/6
laid under Section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

Explanatory Document - The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons
Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021 SG/2020/14
laid under section 40(b)(ii) of the Land Reform Scotland Act 2016, following
consultation under section 41 of that Act

Proposed Draft Regulations - The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of
Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021 SG/2020/13
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consultation under section 41 of that Act

28 January 2020

Privately financed infrastructure investment: The Non-Profit Distribution (NPD) and
hub models: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts
Commission for Scotland AGS/2020/2
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Home Detention Curfew (HDC) Operating Protocol SG/2020/15
laid under section 21A(4)(b) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings
(Scotland) Act 1993

31 January 2020

Explanatory Document - The Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order
2020 SG/2020/17
laid under section 25(2)(b)(ii) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 February 2020

Scottish Government response to the UK Committee on Climate Change 2019 annual report on progress towards targets SG/2020/21

laid under section 9(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

5 February 2020

Transport Scotland: National Transport Strategy 2 - Consultation Report SG/2020/12

laid under 3(2)(b) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

Transport Scotland: National Transport Strategy SG/2020/10

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6 February 2020

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2019-20 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2020 SG/2020/2

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Supplementary Costings: Scotland's Fiscal and Economic Forecasts– February 2020 SFC/2020/1

laid by the Scottish Fiscal Commission under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Carbon Assessment of the 2020-21 Budget SG/2020/22

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Scottish Budget: 2020-21 SG/2020/20

laid by the Scottish Ministers and not under any laying power.

7 February 2020

Social Security (Scotland) Act (2018): A report in fulfilment of section 77: Duty to consider effects of inflation SG/2020/7

laid under Section 77(1)(c) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

14 February 2020

Social Security Scotland: Code of Practice for Investigations SG/2020/24

laid under Section 76(4) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Report to the Scottish Parliament in respect of changes to The National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) SG/2020/5

laid under Section 22 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Report on the Social Security Assistance (Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-Rating and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations SCoSS/2020/02

laid under Section 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

19 February 2020

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 – Report by the Scottish Ministers SG/2020/26

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Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations: February 2020 SPSO/2020/02

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft 'The Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020' SG/2020/28

laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

21 February 2020

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2019 (SG/2020/23)

laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

25 February 2020

Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2018-19 SG/2020/11

laid under section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Supplementary scrutiny report on draft regulations: Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 SCoSS/2020/03

laid under section 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

26 February 2020

HMICS Online Child Sexual Abuse Review HMICS/2020/01

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

3 March 2020

Early learning and childcare: Follow-up: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission for Scotland AGS/2020/3

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 March 2020

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 – Report by the Scottish Ministers SG/2020/38

laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. This replaces the version laid before the Parliament on 19 February 2020 (SG/2020/26) which has been withdrawn

5 March 2020

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner - Statement by the Prime Minister on 05 March 2020 SG/2020/9

laid under Section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office Annual Report 2018 SG/2020/8

laid under Section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

6 March 2020

Standards Commission for Scotland Strategic Plan 2020-2024 SCfS/2020/01

laid under paragraph 10A to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life (Scotland) Act 2000

9 March 2020

The Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020 SCoSS/2020/04
laid under Section 97(8)(a) (ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

16 March 2020

The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020 - Accompanying Statement SG/2020/66
laid under section 97 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

16 March 2020

Scottish Information Commissioner Strategic Plan 2020-2024 SG/2020/25
laid under section 46A of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Scottish Law Commission: Electoral Law, A joint final report SG/2020/35
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Tenth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 SG/2020/40
laid under Section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

17 March 2020

Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system, March 2020 SG/2020/30
laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

18 March 2020

NHS Scotland: Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards 2019 Annual Report SG/2020/41
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Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations
Compendium of Case Reports for March 2020 SPSO/2020/03
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23 March 2020

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 – Report by the Scottish Ministers - March 2020 SG/2020/69
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24 March 2020

List of Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets 2018-2045 SG/2020/67
laid under section 3C of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

26 March 2020

Return of expenditure incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and incidences of Notifiable Disease in imported animals for the year 2019
SG/2020/37

laid under section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

27 March 2020

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Strategic Plan 2020-2024 SHRC/2020/01
laid under Section 15 (1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Costings: Non-Domestic Rates Measures
March 2020 SFC/2020/2

laid under section 2(4) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

30 March 2020

Scottish Crown Estate Strategic Management Plan March 2020 (SG/2020/39)
laid under Section 22 of the Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019

31 March 2020

Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland Strategic Plan 2020 -2024
(CCYP/2020/01)

laid under section 14A (1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People
(Scotland) Act 2003

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Strategic Plan 2020 -
2024 (CES/2020/01)

laid under section 14 of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and
Commissioners etc. Act 2010

Community Justice Scotland: Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland
Annual Report 2018-2019 (SG/2020/03)

laid under section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Community Justice Scotland: Community Payback Order, Summary of Local Authority
Annual Reports 2018-19 (SG/2020/04)

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HM Fire Service Inspectorate: The Training of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's
Retained Duty System Personnel (SG/2020/36)

laid under Section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2020/21 (PSOS/2020/01)

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8 April 2020

Participation Requests: Evaluation of Part 3 of the Community Empowerment
(Scotland) Act 2015 SG/2020/64

laid under Section 33(1) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

9 April 2020

Affordable housing: The Scottish Government's affordable housing supply target: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission for Scotland AGS/2020/4

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SPA Strategic Police Plan: Joint Strategy for Policing (2020) SPA/2020/01

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17 April 2020

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Strategic Plan 2020-2024 SPSO/2020/SP

laid under Section 17A of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

20 April 2020

Edinburgh College Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/48

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

Dundee and Angus College Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/47

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

Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019 SG/2020/46

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Borders College Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/44

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Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/43

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21 April 2020

Glasgow Kelvin College Annual Report & Financial Statements August 2018 - July 2019 SG/2020/53

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Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements 2018-19 SG/2020/52

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

Glasgow Clyde College Report and Financial Statements - for financial period 2018/19
SG/2020/51

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

Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/50

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

Fife College Annual Accounts 2018-19 SG/2020/49

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2000

22 April 2020

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued
Investigations- Compendium of Case Reports for April 2020 SPSO/2020/04

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Ombudsman Act 2002

North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the year to 31 July 2019

SG/2020/58

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2000

New College Lanarkshire Regional Financial Statements Year Ended 31st July 2019

SG/2020/57

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

University of the Highlands and Islands: Moray College Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/56

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

University of the Highlands and Islands: Lews Castle College Annual Accounts Year to
31 July 2019 SG/2020/55

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

University of the Highlands and Islands: Inverness College Annual Report and
Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/54

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

Fourth Annual Report on the implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 and Eighth
Annual Report on the implementation and operation of part 3 (financial provisions) of
the Scotland Act 2012 SG/2020/32

laid under section 33(2)(b) of the Scotland Act 2012

Scottish Government: Fourth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 and Eighth Annual Report on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 SG/2020/31
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23 April 2020

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Report: Fiscal Update - April 2020
SFC/2020/3
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West Lothian College Annual Report and Accounts 2018-2019 SG/2020/63
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West College Scotland Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/62
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South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride - Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2019 SG/2020/61
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University of the Highlands and Islands: Perth College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2019 SG/2020/60
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22 May 2019

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23 May 2019

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28 May 2019

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29 May 2019

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4 June 2019

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 30th Report 2019 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (SP Paper 551)

5 June 2019

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6 June 2019

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12 June 2019

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13 June 2019

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18 June 2019

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21 June 2019

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25 June 2019

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Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: Scottish National Investment Bank Stage 1 Report (SP Paper 571)

18 July 2019

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17 September 2019

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18 September 2019

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Legislation (SP Paper 579)

19 September 2019

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Paper 781)

23 September 2019

Justice Committee, 16th Report 2019 (Session 5): Consent notification for the Rights,
Equality and Citizenship Programme (Revocation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SP
Paper 584)

25 September 2019

Justice Committee, 17th Report 2019 (Session 5): Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals)
Regulations 2019 (SP Paper 587)

26 September 2019

Justice Committee, 18th Report 2019 (Session 5): Consent notification considered by
the Justice Committee (SP Paper 589)

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Local Government and Communities Committee, 8th Report 2019 (Session 5): Report
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Paper 590)

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1 Report on the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 596)

3 October 2019

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Scottish Government - Health Budget 2020-21: When is Hospital bad for your health?
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6 November 2019

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 11th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Pre-budget scrutiny 2020-21 (SP Paper 613)

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22 November 2019

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing, 2nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Report on capital resources for Police Scotland in the Scottish Government's 2020-21 budget (SP Paper 632)

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3 December 2019

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10 December 2019

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17 December 2019

Education and Skills Committee, 9th Report, 2019 (Session 5): Stage 1 report on the
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28 December 2019

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15 January 2020

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28 January 2020

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25 February 2020

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20 March 2020

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26 March 2020

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 2nd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Non-executive Directors of the Scottish National Investment Bank plc as Specified Authorities) Order 2020 [draft] (SP Paper 715)

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