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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.

The Journal is required under Rule 16.3 of Standing Orders and contains, in addition to the *Minutes of Proceedings* themselves, notice of any Bill introduced*, notice of any instrument or draft instrument or any other document laid before the Parliament; notice of any report of a committee, and any other matter that the Parliament, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau, considers should be included.

(* The requirement to include notice of Bills introduced was only added to Rule 16.3 in January 2003. However, such notices have in practice been recorded in the Annex to the *Minutes of Proceedings* from the outset.)

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No. 1 Wednesday 17 May 2000

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. Time for Reflection: Mr S L Gajree, President of the Hindu Mandir, Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

2. Glasgow Regeneration: The Minister for Communities moved S1M-858—That the Parliament endorses the wide-ranging action being taken by the Scottish Executive to ensure that all of the key agencies work together with the citizens of Glasgow to tackle the deep-rooted challenges facing the city; recognises the excellent work being done by the key players who form the Glasgow Alliance and the role they have to play in tackling these challenges and notes the part the Scottish Executive has played in supporting the significant developments which will prepare Glasgow's economy, housing, education provision and hospitals for the 21st century.

Mr Kenneth Gibson moved amendment S1M-858.1 to motion S1M-858—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“notes the activities being undertaken by the Executive with regard to regeneration in Glasgow; congratulates the key agencies, organisations and citizens involved in regenerating the city; recognises that despite these efforts levels of poverty, sickness and unemployment far exceed the Scottish and UK averages, and agrees that the Scottish Executive should undertake a comprehensive review of regeneration policy in Glasgow with specific regard to stimulation of employment demand, examination of the successes and failures of the past and analysis of thriving models of urban renewal elsewhere.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Bill Aitken moved amendment S1M-858.2 to motion S1M-858—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“notes with grave concern the levels of unemployment, education failure, serious health problems and population loss affecting the city of Glasgow; recognises that these are testament to the failure of the Labour local authorities to address these problems over two generations; further notes that the response of the Labour Government and the Scottish Executive has to date been inadequate to deal with these problems; asks the Executive to address these problems in Glasgow as a matter of urgency; requests that the Executive specifically notes the failure of the existing local government system to cope adequately with Glasgow's problems; urges the Executive to institute appropriate steps to allow for a democratically and directly elected Lord Provost for the city with an executive role; further urges the Executive to appoint a Minister, from within its Ministerial team, with specific responsibility for Glasgow whose remit would include liaison with departmental ministers, the newly elected Provost, the city council and all agencies connected with the regeneration of Glasgow, and believes that the Parliament should set up a Committee, comprising all Glasgow Members, to oversee the performance of that Minister, thus ensuring that Glasgow's problems receive the attention which they not only deserve but are necessary to ensure the city's future.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 62, Abstentions 28).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 17, Abstentions 29).

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Rural Affairs made a statement on the Agricultural Holdings White Paper.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

5. Epilepsy: The Parliament debated S1M-599 in the name of Mike Watson— That the Parliament recognises the valuable work of the Glasgow based Epilepsy Association of Scotland, notes that approximately one in 130 of the population has epilepsy and agrees that an appropriate level of health care throughout Scotland for people with epilepsy is a matter of priority.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

No. 2 Thursday 18 May 2000

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Community Care: The Deputy Minister for Community Care moved S1M-868—That the Parliament commends the Scottish Executive’s approach to community care, which aims to put the people using services and their carers at the centre, building on Modernising Community Care: an Action Plan; welcomes progress on the Strategy for Carers in Scotland, published in November; welcomes the work of the National Care Standards Committee to ensure the quality of care provision through national standards; welcomes the consultation on proposals for the independent regulation of care services and staff; welcomes the setting up of the Joint Future Group in December; welcomes the publication of the Learning Disability Review report *The same as you?* on 11 May 2000, and calls upon the NHS, local authorities and the voluntary and private sectors to make joint working a reality in every aspect of community care, in a Scotland where everyone matters.

Kay Ullrich moved amendment S1M-868.1 to motion S1M-868—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“supports the concept of care in the community; recognises the excellent work done in the Sutherland Report on long term care *With Respect to Old Age*; condemns the continued failure of the Executive to implement fully the recommendations of that Royal Commission; demands adequate funding for those providing services within local government and the voluntary sector; urges the Executive to accept responsibility for community care, and invites it to provide real leadership, and the necessary funding, to enable successful joint working in this field.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 79, Abstentions 1).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-868.2 to motion S1M-868—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“notes that the Scottish Executive’s approach to community care has resulted in a 40% increase in blocked beds in acute hospitals since 1997, to a total of 2,400 in the latest delayed discharge census, and that this costs the NHS in Scotland up to £96 million per year compared with the cost of nursing home places; further notes that many local authorities across Scotland have been forced to reduce services and increase costs for community care clients as a direct result of the Executive’s latest local government financial settlement; further notes that many nursing and residential homes are facing severe financial pressure, due to decisions by councils to freeze fees for social work funded places despite cost increases; calls upon the Scottish Executive to unify health and social work budgets within Community Health Trusts involving NHS community services, social work services, the voluntary sector and the private sector; and believes that NHS resources wasted on blocked beds should be transferred to Health Trusts in order to provide more community care places and to deliver seamless and more effective community care services for clients.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 16, Abstentions 28).

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-864—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) as an addition to the Business Motion agreed on 11 May 2000—

Thursday 18 May 2000

after “Stage 1 Debate on the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Amendment (Scotland) Bill” insert—

“followed by Executive Motion on Learning & Skills Bill – UK Legislation”

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 24 May 2000

9.30 am Time for Reflection

followed by Non Executive Business – Scottish National Party

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement

3.00 pm Stage 1 Debate – National Parks (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution on the National Parks (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business – debate on the subject of S1M-724 Johann Lamont: Jobs and Training in the Construction Industry

Thursday 25 May 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on Race Relations – UK Legislation

10.15 am Executive Debate on Rural Scotland – A New Approach

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister’s Question Time

3.30 pm Stage 1 Debate on the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution on the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-653 Mr Duncan Hamilton: Dyspraxia

Thursday 1 June 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement

10.00 am Committee Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-822 Mr Keith Harding: Bell Baxter High School in Cupar

and (c) that Stage 1 of the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill be completed by 25 May 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Question Time: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Children and Education made a statement on the regulation of early education and childcare.

5. Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Amendment (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: Tavish Scott moved S1M-852—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

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

6. Learning and Skills Bill – UK legislation: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-810—That the Parliament agrees that the regulation-making powers relating to Scotland in respect of learning accounts in the Learning and Skills Bill should be devolved to the Scottish Ministers.

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

7. Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-865—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 5.6.1(c) of the Standing Orders be suspended for the duration of the Meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 1 June 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-866—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance Committee considers the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Bill and reports on the provisions referred to in Rule 9.12.2 and 9.12.3 and that Rule 9.12.5 and Rule 9.12.6 of the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of the Parliament’s consideration of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-867—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Slopping Out in Scottish Prisons: The Parliament debated S1M-704 in the name of Dorothy Grace-Elder—That the Parliament agrees that urgent action must be taken in the 21st century to end “slopping out” at affected Scottish prisons, particularly Barlinnie Prison, Glasgow which is 90% without basic sanitation; acknowledges that Barlinnie cannot start its third century with this stomach churning and degrading practice continuing and that the practice of emptying chamber pots around five times a day is not only inhumane for prisoners but for also for staff who supervise and who deplore the practice; notes that Barlinnie’s high international status as an innovative prison and its excellent rehabilitation work is impaired seriously by the time consumed by slopping out, with around 400 staff hours a day wasted away from essential rehabilitation work with prisoners due to the security need to be on duty at sluice rooms, and urges that the money removed from the Scottish Prison Service budget for the Drugs Enforcement Agency must not result in any delay to plans to end slopping out as

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Time for Reflection: The text for Time for Reflection, as submitted by Captain Christopher Connelly of the Salvation Army, was read by the Presiding Officer.

2. Mike Tyson: Roseanna Cunningham moved S1M-890—That the Parliament notes the decision of the Home Secretary to grant a visa for Mike Tyson to enter the United Kingdom; is concerned that his decision was taken without any genuine consultation with members of the Scottish Parliament, Scottish Executive or relevant womens' groups; further notes that Mike Tyson has at no time expressed public remorse for the crimes of violence for which he has been convicted, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to ensure by whatever means possible, and if necessary by arranging for a judicial review to be sought, that the boxing match scheduled for 24 June 2000 at Hampden Stadium does not go ahead.

David McLetchie moved amendment S1M-890.1 to motion S1M-890—

Leave out from first “notes” to end and insert—

“regrets the determination of the SNP to promote an agenda designed to wreck rather than address the issues for which the Parliament is responsible; recognises and supports the current constitutional settlement, which was endorsed by a referendum of the Scottish people and which leaves immigration policy in the hands of the Home Secretary, and accordingly notes that the Home Secretary is the proper person to take the decision on whether Mike Tyson should be allowed into this country.”

The Deputy Minister for Justice moved amendment S1M-890.1.1 to amendment S1M-890.1—

Insert at end—

“and, whilst recognising the widespread concerns, in this Parliament and elsewhere, about the proposed visit, believes that this Parliament should use its time to discuss and to take decisions on matters within its competence and so help to build a Scotland true to the values of fairness, equality and justice, and supports the work of the Scottish Executive in tackling domestic abuse and supporting its victims, in particular in developing effective intervention and service provision to prevent male violence against women and their children.”

After debate, amendment S1M-890.1.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 1, Abstentions 34).

Amendment S1M-890.1, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 34, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament regrets the determination of the SNP to promote an agenda designed to wreck rather than address the issues

for which the Parliament is responsible; recognises and supports the current constitutional settlement, which was endorsed by a referendum of the Scottish people and which leaves immigration policy in the hands of the Home Secretary, and accordingly notes that the Home Secretary is the proper person to take the decision on whether Mike Tyson should be allowed into this country and, whilst recognising the widespread concerns, in this Parliament and elsewhere, about the proposed visit, believes that this Parliament should use its time to discuss and to take decisions on matters within its competence and so help to build a Scotland true to the values of fairness, equality and justice, and supports the work of the Scottish Executive in tackling domestic abuse and supporting its victims, in particular in developing effective intervention and service provision to prevent male violence against women and their children.

3. Scottish Heart Transplant Unit: Kay Ullrich moved S1M-888—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland urgently needs a fully-functioning and well maintained and staffed heart transplant unit.

The Minister for Health and Community Care moved amendment S1M-888.1 to motion S1M-888—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“welcomes the arrangements which are being put in place to secure the long-term future of heart transplantation service in Scotland; notes the efforts being made to minimise the effect of change on patients; welcomes the commitment of staff at the North Glasgow University Hospitals NHS Trust to continue with high quality support, assessment and follow-up of transplant patients in the interim period; notes the effective co-operation with the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle and arrangements for transplant patients, and notes the importance of patients and the public being reassured that interim arrangements are in place and that steps are being taken for the long-term.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 2, Abstentions 33).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the arrangements which are being put in place to secure the long-term future of heart transplantation service in Scotland; notes the efforts being made to minimise the effect of change on patients; welcomes the commitment of staff at the North Glasgow University Hospitals NHS Trust to continue with high quality support, assessment and follow-up of transplant patients in the interim period; notes the effective co-operation with the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle and arrangements for transplant patients, and notes the importance of patients and the public being reassured that interim arrangements are in place and that steps are being taken for the long-term.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs made a statement on Infectious Salmon Anaemia.

5. National Parks (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-770—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the National Parks (Scotland) Bill.

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

6. National Parks (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-716—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the National Parks (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) the expenditure out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund of the expenses of the Scottish Ministers in consequence of the Act, and

(b) payments by National Park authorities to the Scottish Ministers.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved that S1M-906 be taken without notice.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-906—That the Parliament agrees that, as a revision to the Business Programme agreed on 18 May 2000, the Scottish Executive Debate on Race Relations – UK Legislation, scheduled for Thursday 25 May, should be extended to conclude at 10.30 am.

The motion was agreed to.

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

10. Jobs and Training in the Construction Industry: The Parliament debated S1M-724 in the name of Johann Lamont—That the Parliament notes the increasing opportunities for construction work in Pollok, Glasgow and in Scotland as a whole; believes that the construction industry, working along with the construction unions and Construction Industry Training Board, should provide real training and apprenticeships for young men and women, work to improve safety and regulation in the construction industry and ensure, in conjunction with the Executive, local authorities, Social Inclusion Partnerships and other agencies, that those most excluded in society by poverty and disadvantage are provided with the opportunities to benefit from the jobs created by the boom in the construction industry, and further believes that the Executive should do everything within its power to support these aims.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Race Relations (Amendment) Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Communities moved S1M-887—That the Parliament agrees the principles contained in the provisions of the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill including the power to impose duties on public authorities so far as those provisions relate to matters within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or confer functions on the Scottish Ministers.

Michael Matheson moved amendment S1M-887.1 to motion S1M-887—

Insert at end—

“but regrets that discrimination on the grounds of nationality or ethnicity will not be unlawful where it is done by Ministerial authorisation or by officials acting within immigration laws or rules.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 78, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

2. Rural Scotland: A New Approach: The Minister for Rural Affairs moved S1M-896—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by the Scottish Executive of the document *Rural Scotland: A New Approach*; notes the progress which the Executive has already made in placing rural Scots in the mainstream of its policies and activities, and endorses the vision for rural Scotland presented in the document and the approach which will be taken, working together with others, to put and keep rural Scotland at the heart of Scotland’s future.

Alasdair Morgan moved amendment S1M-896.2 to motion S1M-896—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the publication by the Scottish Executive of *Rural Scotland: A New Approach*; recognises the need to place rural Scots in the mainstream of its policies and activities, but regrets that the retention of many powers at Westminster undermines the ability of the Scottish Executive to be fully effective in dealing with the affairs of rural Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S1M-896.1 to motion S1M-896—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the publication by the Scottish Executive of the document *Rural Scotland: A New Approach*; further notes the lack of progress which the Executive has made in placing rural

Scots in the mainstream of its policies and activities, and calls upon the Executive to acknowledge that Scotland's rural economy was in the past, and must continue to be in the future, based on its primary industries."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 64, Abstentions 27).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 0, Abstentions 15).

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-904—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Thursday 1 June 2000

9.30 am Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Committee Business - Rural Affairs Committee Debate on Borders Rail Link

12.00 pm Business Motion

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-822 Mr Keith Harding: Bell Baxter High School in Cupar

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Executive Motion on Insolvency Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 7 June 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Standards in Scotland's Schools Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 June 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement

10.00 am Executive Business

<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.10 pm	First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm	Executive Debate on Learning Disability Review
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

and (b) that Stage 2 of the Abolition of Poindings and Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill be completed by 29 September 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Emergency Question: An emergency question on Caledonian MacBrayne was answered by the Minister for Transport and the Environment.

6. Education and Training (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-876—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill.

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

7. Education and Training (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-861—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill, agrees to the expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund of the expenses of the Scottish Ministers in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Dyspraxia: The Parliament debated S1M-653 in the name of Mr Duncan Hamilton—That the Parliament notes the establishment of the first paid development worker within the field of dyspraxia in the UK, to be based in the Highlands and Islands; notes that the condition is estimated to affect up to ten per cent of the population; recognises that dyspraxia is often overlooked by GPs and is unknown to many in the teaching profession, and believes that greater recognition should be given to the condition by education and health professionals and that dyspraxia should be included in the current regime of pre-school screening.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 5 Thursday 1 June 2000

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Time for Reflection: Captain Christopher Connelly, Salvation Army, led Time for Reflection.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Finance made a statement on civic participation.

3. Borders Rail Link: Alex Johnstone, on behalf of the Rural Affairs Committee, moved S1M-922—That the Parliament recognises and endorses the case for the establishment of a railway linking the Scottish Borders to the national network at Edinburgh and Carlisle and urges the Scottish Executive to consult with the Strategic Rail Authority and others to facilitate its establishment.

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

4. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-923—That the Parliament agrees—

Wednesday 7 June 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Standards in Scotland's Schools Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – Debate on the subject of S1M-787 Ms Margo MacDonald: Standard Life Mutuality

Thursday 8 June 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement

followed by Committee Business – Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee Debate on Local Economic Development Services in Scotland

12.00 pm Ministerial Statement

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Debate on Learning Disability Review

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business -Debate on the subject of S1M-908 Elaine Thomson:
Women's Pay – 30 Years on from the Equal Pay Act

Wednesday 14 June 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 June 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Business – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

12.15 pm Ministerial Statement

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm Open Question Time

3.30 pm Debate on Early Education and Childcare

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Bell Baxter High School in Cupar: The Parliament debated S1M-822 in the name of Mr Keith Harding—That the Parliament notes that Bell Baxter High School in Cupar, Fife has operated on a split-site for the past 40 years, that pupils must walk along busy roads between both sites to attend classes with a loss of teaching time, and that Fife Council's capital programme for the school will take four years to implement and will nevertheless omit the refurbishment of the swimming pool and gymnasium and the provision of community facilities, and believes that the Scottish Executive should review the situation as a matter of urgency in order to determine whether it is able to assist Fife Council to resolve this problem at the earliest opportunity.

6. Question Time: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

7. Tackling Rough Sleeping in Glasgow and Across Scotland: The Minister for Communities moved S1M-921—That the Parliament welcomes the commitment of the Scottish Executive to achieving its aim that no one in Scotland should have to

sleep rough by the end of this session of the Parliament; recognises the allocation of funds through the Rough Sleepers Initiative to projects which address the complex needs of rough sleepers including health needs, and notes the progress of the high level review team in carrying out a strategic review of current measures to tackle the problems of street homelessness in Glasgow and across Scotland.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S1M-921.1 to motion S1M-921—

Leave out from “welcomes” to “recognises” and insert—

“notes the commitment of the Scottish Executive to achieving its aim that no-one should have to sleep rough by the end of this session of the Parliament; notes that this commitment has been moved back from an original deadline of 2002, and believes that the challenge funding nature of the Rough Sleepers Initiative aligned with a general fall in housing resources is hindering the ability of the Executive to meet its target of ending rough sleeping; however recognises.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 42, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Bill Aitken moved amendment S1M-921.2 to motion S1M-921—

Insert at end—

“and also recognises that concrete proposals are now essential to ensure that the commitments of the Executive are achieved, that these proposals must include provision for support to rough sleepers to enable them to obtain, and in turn to maintain, short and medium term tenancies with a view to enabling them to return to mainstream housing in the shortest possible time, and that such support should ensure that the needs of homeless people with drug, alcohol or mental health problems are met.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 41, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

8. Insolvency Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Justice moved S1M-889—That the Parliament endorses the principle of including in the Insolvency Bill a power for the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish Ministers, to make regulations to implement the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law model law on cross-border insolvency and agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve this end in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-926—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of lead committee—

the Finance Committee to consider The Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 4) Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-925—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000, to the extent that it relates to the particulars printed in italics in article 2 (3), be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-924—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 2000 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.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Very Reverend Graham Forbes, Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-967—That the Parliament agrees that under Rule 11.2.4 of the Standing Orders, Decision Time of the Meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 22 June 2000 should begin at 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-968—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 5.6.1(c) of the Standing Orders be suspended for the duration of the Meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 22 June 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Membership of Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-974—That the Parliament agrees that Des McNulty be appointed to the Rural Affairs Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-965—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stage 3 of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Bill be allotted as follows, so that debate on each part of the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion on the expiry of the specified period (calculated from the time when Stage 3 begins)—

- Section 1 to section 9 - up to 40 minutes
- Section 10 to section 12 - up to 55 minutes
- Section 12A to section 19 - up to 1 hour 15 minutes
- Section 20 to section 40 - up to 1 hour 45 minutes
- Remainder of the Bill - up to 2 hours 5 minutes
- Motion to pass the Bill – no later than 2 hours 30 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting was adjourned from 3.07 pm to 3.30 pm.

6. Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 19, 20, 2, 3, 27, 4, 5, 6, 40, 7, 8, 9, 10.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

13 (For 92, Against 16, Abstentions 0)

22 (For 99, Against 16, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

11 (For 28, Against 83, Abstentions 0)

17 (For 33, Against 79, Abstentions 0)

26 (For 45, Against 69, Abstentions 1)

29 (For 16, Against 64, Abstentions 25)

31 (For 15, Against 68, Abstentions 29)

33 (For 50, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

34 (For 36, Against 62, Abstentions 17)

41 (For 44, Against 70, Abstentions 0)

42 (For 33, Against 82, Abstentions 1)

43 (For 17, Against 100, Abstentions 0)

44 (For 36, Against 77, Abstentions 1)

In amendment 25, it was agreed to leave out <shall issue, and may at any time revise,> in line 3 and insert <may issue>. The amendment was then agreed to (without division).

Other amendments were not moved.

7. Standards in Scotland's etc. Schools Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Children and Education moved S1M-877—That the Parliament agrees that the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 100, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4 and 7 as noted above.

9. Standard Life Mutuality: The Parliament debated S1M-787 in the name of Ms Margo MacDonald—That the Parliament expresses its support for Standard Life, the largest mutual insurance company in Europe and one of the most important financial institutions in Scotland; notes that mutuality allows Standard Life to focus its interests solely on the long term financial security of its members, and further expresses its dismay that this mutuality and success could be threatened by the actions of a few individuals or “carpet-baggers” seeking short-term, individual gain.

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm.

No. 7 Thursday 8 June 2000

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice made a statement on diligence.

2. Local Economic Development Services Inquiry: Mr John Swinney, on behalf of the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee, moved S1M-935—That the Parliament notes the 1st Report 2000 of the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee on local economic development services (SP Paper 109) and commends the conclusions to the Scottish Executive in the context of its current review of economic development structures.

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

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Communities made a statement on local government best value and community planning.

4. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-970—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 14 June 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Stage 1 Debate on Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution in respect of Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-659 Robert Brown: Housing Needs of Disabled People

Thursday 15 June 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Business – Conservative Party

12.15 pm Ministerial Statement

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Early Education and Childcare

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-894 Mr Duncan McNeil:
Greenock Morton Football Club

Wednesday 21 June 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Bill
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-882 Roseanna
Cunningham: Edinburgh Folk Festival

Thursday 22 June 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Business – Scottish National Party
followed by Business Motion
followed by Executive Motion on Care Standards Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-913 David McLetchie:
Milestone House Hospice
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc.
(Scotland) Bill
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) that the Rural Affairs Committee reports to the Health and Community Care Committee by 23 June 2000 on the following—

the Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/158)
the Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Revocation Order (SSI 2000/159)

and (c) that Stage 2 of the National Parks (Scotland) Bill be completed by 20 June 2000

The motion was agreed to.

5. Question Time: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

6. Learning Disability Review: The Deputy Minister for Community Care moved S1M-966—That the Parliament notes that the report of the Learning Disability Review, *The same as you ?*, was issued on 11 May to a wide range of consultees; calls for the fullest possible debate on how its recommendations should be implemented and looks forward to a future where all relevant agencies work together with people with learning disabilities to ensure that they can live as full lives as possible in our communities.

Mr Duncan Hamilton moved amendment S1M-966.1 to motion S1M-966—

Leave out from “and” to end and insert—

“recognises the difficulties faced by local authorities as a result of underfunding; calls upon the Scottish Executive to press for a review of the social security and benefits systems to provide greater support to those with learning disabilities and welcomes the opportunity for inter-agency co-operation to ensure that those with learning disabilities are treated with equality and respect.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-973—That the Parliament agrees that the Transport and the Environment Committee is designated as Lead Committee in consideration of the Transport (Scotland) Bill; other Committees will be the Local Government Committee and the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-972—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-971—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of Lead Committees—

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/158)

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/159).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-969—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 9.5.3 of the Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill and the Bail and Judicial Appointments etc (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Women's Pay: The Parliament debated S1M-908 in the name of Elaine Thomson—That the Parliament notes with concern that 30 years after the introduction of the Equal Pay Act women earn only 73.3% of average male earnings; notes further that Aberdeen has the widest discrepancy between men and women's earnings in Scotland, with women in Aberdeen earning only 64.2% of men's earnings; believes that these figures clearly show that legislation in itself has failed to deliver parity in the labour market; believes that the Scottish Executive and its economic development agencies should pursue policies that would assist in the equalisation of pay between the genders, and asks the Scottish Executive, whilst pursuing the creation of a knowledge economy, to put in place adequate monitoring and evaluation to ensure that women will become equal players in the labour market.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Iain Whyte, University Chaplain, The University of Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-983—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill.

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

3. Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-930—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill, agrees to the following expenditure out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund—

(a) the expenditure of the Scottish Ministers under the Act; and

(b) increases attributable to the Act in expenditure payable out of that Fund by or under any other Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

5. Housing Needs of Disabled People: The Parliament debated S1M-659 in the name of Robert Brown—That the Parliament notes with concern the chronic shortfall of provision to meet the housing needs of disabled people and the lack of adequate information on the extent both of need and of provision; welcomes the forthcoming establishment by the Centre for Independent Living of the Disabled Persons Housing Service (DPHS) in Glasgow and Renfrewshire following the pioneering work of the DPHS in Edinburgh; and believes that the Scottish Executive, local authorities and voluntary groups should make the concept of independent living a reality for all disabled people, in particular by including a disabled audit in the proposed single seller survey, setting needs-related targets for the achievement of more barrier free housing, reviewing the building regulations to move to the standard of “stayability”, encouraging fuller use for disabled people of housing with major disabled adaptations; supporting user-led DPHSs as equal partners in delivering these improvements and supporting adequate facilities and support for homeless

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Announcements made by the Scottish Executive: Bill Aitken moved S1M-905—That the Parliament agrees that considerable confusion has been caused by a number of recent Scottish Executive announcements, particularly funding announcements; believes that the way funding announcements are made by the Scottish Executive has done little to further open government; notes that the Executive has allowed the same resources to be announced as “new funding” on more than one occasion, thus damaging public scrutiny, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to institute a new protocol for all public and press announcements in order that these make clear whether funding announced is additional resources or whether it is part of a previous funding package and, if it is, when and through what statement the funding was previously announced.

The Minister for Parliament moved amendment S1M-905.1 to motion S1M-905—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“notes that the provision of information by the Scottish Executive about its policies, spending plans and public services is an essential part of open, participative Government; agrees that such provision of information needs to be carried out in a modern, professional, pro-active and impartial manner so as to engage all interested citizens, and notes that the Scottish Executive will continue to pursue these aims.”

Michael Russell moved amendment S1M-905.2 to motion S1M-905—

Leave out from “a new protocol” to end and insert—

“and implement with immediate effect a policy for all Parliamentary, press and public announcements which is based upon the founding principles of this Parliament as defined by the Consultative Steering Group, that is to be accountable, accessible and open, and in particular to make absolutely clear in all such announcements whether policy innovations are new or repeated, whether funding announcements are allocations or distributions and from what budget in what year these sums will come.”

After debate, amendment S1M-905.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-905.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the provision of information by the Scottish Executive about its policies, spending plans and public services is an essential part of open, participative Government; agrees that such provision of information needs to be carried out in a modern, professional, pro-active and impartial manner so as to engage all interested citizens, and notes that the Scottish Executive will continue to pursue these aims.

2. Crime and Punishment: Phil Gallie moved S1M-1008—That the Parliament notes that public confidence in the criminal justice system is at an all time low due to the Scottish Executive’s failure to take effective steps to curb rising crime; recognises the frustration and anxiety felt by the victims of crime and the wider Scottish public arising from early prisoner release and asks the Scottish Executive to restore honesty in sentencing by ending automatic remission; further notes with concern the proposals to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 8 to 12 and to bring 16 and 17 year old offenders within the Children’s Hearings System; calls upon the Executive to reject the proposals and demands that the Executive brings forward its proposals to strengthen the law in relation to the seizure and confiscation of assets suspected of being derived from drug dealing.

The Deputy Minister for Justice moved S1M-1008.1 to motion S1M-1008—

Leave out from first “notes” to end and insert—

“continues to support the Executive’s policies on law and order and commends the priorities identified in the Programme for Government being taken forward by the Executive, including combating drug misuse as set out in the Drugs Action Plan Protecting our Future and through the creation of the Scottish Drugs Enforcement Agency which will fund an additional 100 officers in local forces, tackling youth crime, particularly persistent offenders, as set out in the Report It’s a Criminal Waste: Stop Youth Crime Now and the Executive’s response, helping witnesses by extending a volunteer Witness Service to all Sheriff Courts, and the injection of an additional £8.9 million for the police which is sufficient for forces to recruit a further 300 extra officers.”

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-1008.2 to motion S1M-1008—

Leave out from first “notes” to end and insert—

“recognises that issues of crime and punishment are complex; contends that to ensure public confidence a criminal justice system requires to be effective, which in turn depends on adequate resourcing at every level; further recognises that there is some identifiable concern amongst the public about both current sentencing patterns and the effectiveness of detention; welcomes the fact that Scotland has human rights responsibilities as a result of the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights; and calls upon the Scottish Executive to consider the establishment of an accurate review of public attitudes to sentencing and detention which would inform both the judiciary and the Scottish Prison Service and further to address urgently the current under-resourcing of all parts of the criminal justice system in Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1008.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 20, Abstentions 31). As a result, amendment S1M-1008.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 20, Abstentions 30).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament continues to support the Executive’s policies on law and order and commends the priorities identified in the Programme for Government being taken forward by the Executive, including combating drug misuse as set out in the Drugs Action Plan Protecting our Future and through the creation of the Scottish Drugs Enforcement Agency which will fund an additional 100 officers in local forces, tackling youth crime, particularly persistent

offenders, as set out in the Report It's a Criminal Waste: Stop Youth Crime Now and the Executive's response, helping witnesses by extending a volunteer Witness Service to all Sheriff Courts, and the injection of an additional £8.9 million for the police which is sufficient for forces to recruit a further 300 extra officers".

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport and the Environment made a statement on the water industry

4. Business Motion: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1006—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 21 June 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-882 Roseanna Cunningham: Edinburgh Folk Festival

Thursday 22 June 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Business – Scottish National Party

followed by Business Motion

followed by Executive Motion on Care Standards Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-913 David McLetchie: Milestone House Hospice

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Bail and Judicial Appointments etc (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Bail and Judicial Appointments etc (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 28 June 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Committee Business – Finance Committee Debate

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Forward Strategy for Scottish Agriculture

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

5. Question Time: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

6. Early Education and Childcare: The Minister for Children and Education moved S1M-1007—That the Parliament supports the progress that the Executive has made towards the twin goals of free pre-school education and affordable, accessible, quality childcare in every locality and welcomes the additional resources allocated to local authorities and other bodies in order to make further progress with these objectives.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-1007.1 to motion S1M-1007—

Leave out from “supports” to end and insert—

“congratulates local authorities and childcare partnerships on the progress made by them in providing more nursery places to three and four year olds and increasing provision of affordable, accessible, quality childcare in every locality; welcomes the resources already allocated for the furtherance of these objectives: and calls upon the Scottish Executive to ensure that its future policies and spending plans will enable local authorities to make continued progress towards the achievement of universal access to free pre-school education and affordable, accessible, quality childcare.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Mr Brian Monteith moved amendment S1M-1007.2 to motion S1M-1007—

Insert at end—

”; recognises that this progress has built upon the achievements of the last UK Conservative Government in increasing demand for high quality pre-school education and childcare and in increasing choice for parents through the nursery voucher scheme and looks forward to the reintroduction of vouchers as a means to further extend provision of childcare and increase choice for parents.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 6 as noted above.

8. Greenock Morton Football Club: The Parliament debated S1M-894 in the name of Mr Duncan McNeil—That the Parliament recognises that football plays an important part in our social culture and sporting life; recognises the important contribution made by local football clubs to the communities in which they are based; expresses concern over recent reports of developments at Greenock Morton Football Club; acknowledges that to lose a community asset such as Greenock Morton would be detrimental, not only to its supporters, but also to the community as a whole, and recognises that proposals such as community ownership and increased rights for supporters in the running of their teams offer the best opportunity for securing the long-term future of local clubs and promoting links between them and the communities they serve.

9. Motion without Notice: Trish Godman moved that under Rule 8.14.3 the debated be extended for up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend David Anderson, Evangelical Alliance, led Time for Reflection.

2. Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1029—That the Parliament agrees that the order in which the amendments to the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill be disposed of at Stage 3 of the Bill be altered so that the amendments to each schedule are considered immediately after the amendments to the section which introduces it.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1030—That the Parliament agrees that under Rule 11.2.4 of the Standing Orders, Decision Time of the Meeting of the Parliament on Wednesday 21 June should begin at 7.05 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1036—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stage 3 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill be allotted as follows, so that debate on each part of the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion on the expiry of the specified period (calculated from the time when Stage 3 begins)—

Section 1 to section 22 – up to 2 hours
Schedule 3 to after section 24 – up to 3 hours
Remainder of the Bill – up to 4 hours
Motion to pass the Bill – no later than 4 hours 30 minutes.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 63, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

5. Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 88, 10, 75, 76, 77, 78, 11, 13, 12, 14, 15, 79, 80, 81, 16, 17, 82, 83, 18, 26, 34, 19, 20, 21, 22.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

9 (For 79, Against 34, Abstentions 0)
23 (For 63, Against 49, Abstentions 0)

24	(For 63, Against 50, Abstentions 0)
25	(For 65, Against 50, Abstentions 0)
27	(For 64, Against 50, Abstentions 0)
28	(For 80, Against 36, Abstentions 0)
29	(For 66, Against 51, Abstentions 0)
30	(For 66, Against 51, Abstentions 0)
31	(For 64, Against 51, Abstentions 0)
32	(For 80, Against 36, Abstentions 0)
33	(For 66, Against 49, Abstentions 0)
35	(For 63, Against 48, Abstentions 0)
36	(For 77, Against 35, Abstentions 0)
37	(For 62, Against 51, Abstentions 0)
38	(For 79, Against 36, Abstentions 0)
39	(For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 0)
40	(For 66, Against 52, Abstentions 0)
41	(For 62, Against 50, Abstentions 0)
42	(For 75, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
43	(For 67, Against 51, Abstentions 0)
44	(For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0)
45	(For 83, Against 35, Abstentions 0)
46	(For 66, Against 52, Abstentions 0)
47	(For 83, Against 35, Abstentions 0)
48-74	(For 66, Against 36, Abstentions 13)
84	(For 106, Against 2, Abstentions 11)
85	(For 105, Against 1, Abstentions 11)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

87	(For 34, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
89	(For 20, Against 100, Abstentions 0)

6. Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Communities moved S1M-786—That the Parliament agrees that the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 17, Abstentions 2).

7. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved that a motion without notice be taken under Rule 8.2.6.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved that under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be taken at 6.23 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

10. Edinburgh Folk Festival: The Parliament debated S1M-882 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham—That the Parliament notes with concern the demise of the Edinburgh Folk Festival as a result of lack of financial backing; further notes that during a meeting attended in April by musicians, former festival volunteers, members of the Adult Learning Project’s Scots Music Group, members of Edinburgh Folk Club, the Wee Folk Club, Scottish Traditions of Dance Trust and others, concern was expressed about a perceived lack of political support for the traditional arts, and asks the Executive to recognise and encourage the important role of the traditional arts in its forthcoming National Cultural Strategy.

The meeting closed at 7.01 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. McCrone Report: Nicola Sturgeon moved S1M-1027—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to publish its response to the report of the McCrone Committee of Inquiry into the Professional Conditions of Service for Teachers and to confirm what additional resources it will make available to local authorities to fund the committee’s recommendations.

The Deputy Minister for Children and Education moved amendment S1M-1027.1 to motion S1M-1027—

Leave out from “calls upon” to end and insert—

“welcomes the Executive’s approach to establish genuine consultation and partnership through constructive dialogue and mature consideration of the recommendations of the McCrone Report, and calls upon the Executive to maintain its progress towards the objective of securing a modern and flexible mechanism for determining the professional conditions of service for teachers in Scotland’s schools as a critical determinant in establishing a world class reputation for the Scottish education system.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 2, Abstentions 31).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Executive’s approach to establish genuine consultation and partnership through constructive dialogue and mature consideration of the recommendations of the McCrone Report, and calls upon the Executive to maintain its progress towards the objective of securing a modern and flexible mechanism for determining the professional conditions of service for teachers in Scotland’s schools as a critical determinant in establishing a world class reputation for the Scottish education system.

2. Petrol and Diesel Prices: Mr Kenny MacAskill moved S1M-1026—That the Parliament notes that since 1997 petrol and diesel prices have risen in excess of 25%; further notes that Scottish public services are being forced to operate under ever increasing financial constraints; recognises that the increased cost of fuel is a burden which must be carried not just by motorists, but which falls on all Scottish citizens through rising fuel costs to the public sector; believes that it is unacceptable that money should be diverted from over-stretched Scottish public service budgets to the Treasury in Westminster, and therefore calls upon the Scottish Executive to consider extending the fuel duty rebate and to examine the possibility of extending the availability of rebated fuel across Scotland’s public services in order to ensure that money spent on Scottish services is spent here rather than being returned to London.

The Deputy Minister for Highlands & Islands and Gaelic moved amendment S1M-1026.2 to motion S1M-1026—

Leave out from first “notes” to end and insert—

“recognises concern about the impact of fuel prices especially in rural, highland and islands areas where public transport alternatives are more difficult to provide; recognises that fuel duty is a reserved matter; welcomes the investigation by the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee into the bulk purchase of fuel for remote areas; welcomes the progress made by the Scottish Executive in implementing a comprehensive integrated transport strategy and investing in public transport projects across Scotland; in particular notes support for rural public transport services and the network for petrol stations in rural Scotland, as well as measures to sustain lifeline air and ferry links, including the Highlands and Islands; and further notes that the current budget for the fuel duty rebate would have no impact on Treasury receipts but would be a cost to the current budget for Scottish public services.”

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-1026.1 to motion S1M-1026—

Leave out from “through rising” to end and insert—

“and calls upon the Scottish Executive to make representations to Her Majesty’s Government with a view to ensuring that fuel prices in Scotland are kept broadly in line with those of neighbouring countries and that prices in remoter areas are brought into line with those in other areas of Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1026.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 45, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-1026.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 45, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises concern about the impact of fuel prices especially in rural, highland and islands areas where public transport alternatives are more difficult to provide; recognises that fuel duty is a reserved matter; welcomes the investigation by the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee into the bulk purchase of fuel for remote areas; welcomes the progress made by the Scottish Executive in implementing a comprehensive integrated transport strategy and investing in public transport projects across Scotland; in particular notes support for rural public transport services and the network for petrol stations in rural Scotland, as well as measures to sustain lifeline air and ferry links, including the Highlands and Islands; and further notes that the current budget for the fuel duty rebate would have no impact on Treasury receipts but would be a cost to the current budget for Scottish public services.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice made a statement on Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary’s interim findings into his inspection of the Scottish Criminal Records Office.

4. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1035—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 28 June 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Committee Business – Finance Committee Debate

followed by Executive Motion on Written Agreements on Budgeting Process

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-380 Johann Lamont: Cross Examination During Sexual Crimes Trials

Thursday 29 June 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement on the Framework for Economic Development in Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill

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followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

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followed by Members' Business

(b) that the Equal Opportunities Committee reports to the Justice and Home Affairs Committee by 11 September 2000 on the Census (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/194) and that the Transport and Environment Committee reports to the Local Government Committee by 4 September 2000 on The Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/185);

and (c) that Stage 1 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill be completed by 14 September 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Care Standards Bill – UK Legislation: The Minister for Children and Education moved S1M-975—That the Parliament endorses the principle of a power to make an Order in Council to vary the functions of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, a cross-border public authority, as set out in the Care Standards Bill and agrees that the relevant provision to achieve this end in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Milestone House Hospice: The Parliament debated S1M-913 in the name of David McLetchie—That the Parliament notes with concern the proposal to close Milestone House in Edinburgh, Scotland's only hospice for AIDS sufferers, and urges the Scottish Executive to initiate discussions with Lothian Health Board, the City of Edinburgh Council and Waverley Care Trust with a view to devising a funding package which recognises that it is a national facility equipped to meet the needs of patients and their families

7. Question Time: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

8. Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-984—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill.

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

9. Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Deputy Minister for Justice moved S1M-1024—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill, agrees to the following expenditure—

(a) payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, of sums required by the Scottish Ministers to pay remuneration and allowances to part-time sheriffs; and

(b) charged on that Fund, of any increase attributable to the Act in expenditure charged on that Fund by any other Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1031—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead Committee—

the Local Government Committee to consider the Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/185).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1032—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead Committee—

the Justice and Home Affairs Committee to consider the Census (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/194).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1033—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 4) Order 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1034—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Budget (Scotland) Act 2000 (Amendment) Order 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Father John Robinson, Catholic Church, Tweeddale, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. 2001-02 Budget Process:** Mike Watson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved S1M-1057—That the Parliament notes the 11th Report 2000 of the Finance Committee, Stage 1 of the 2001-02 Budget Process and commends the recommendations to the Scottish Executive.

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

- 3. Written Agreements on the Form of Accounts and Powers of Direction:** Andrew Welsh, on behalf of the Audit Committee, moved S1M-1054—That the Parliament notes Written Agreement between the Parliament and the Scottish Ministers on the Form of Accounts and Powers of Directions (SP Paper 158) and agrees its terms.

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

- 4. Written Agreements on Budgeting Process:** Mike Watson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved S1M-1055—That the Parliament notes the two Written Agreements on the budgeting process between the Finance Committee and (a) the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body and (b) the Scottish Commission for Public Audit (SP Papers 156 and 157 respectively) and agrees their terms.

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

- 5. Written Agreements on Budgeting Process:** Mike Watson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved S1M-1056—That the Parliament notes the three written agreements between the Parliament and the Scottish Ministers on the budgeting process (SP Paper 155) and agrees their terms.

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

- 6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4 and 5 as noted above.

- 7. Cross Examination During Sexual Crimes Trials:** The Parliament debated S1M-380 in the name of Johann Lamont—That the Parliament recognises the huge distress that can be caused to the victims of rape and other sexual crimes if accused persons are allowed to conduct their own defence and can cross examine victims, and urges the Scottish Executive to bring forward legislation as a matter of urgency which will bring the rights of victims in such cases into line with the new rights of victims in England and Wales.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning made a statement on the Framework for Economic Development in Scotland.

2. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1060—That the Parliament agrees that the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (Scotland) Order 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1061—That the Parliament agrees that the following Orders be approved—

the draft Electricity Lands and Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000 and
the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Education and Training (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1065—That the Parliament agrees that for Stage 3 of the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill, debate on each part of the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion at the following times—

Amendments - no later than 1 hour 30 minutes after Stage 3 begins
Motion to pass the Bill - no later than 2 hours after Stage 3 begins.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 54, Against 41, Abstentions 0).

5. Education and Training (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 2 (For 29, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 37, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 25, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 39, Against 56, Abstentions 1)
- 5 (For 29, Against 66, Abstentions 0)

6. Education and Training (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-956—That the Parliament agrees that the Education and Training (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

7. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy Minister for Communities made a statement on the active communities initiative.

8. Business Motion: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1062—That the Parliament agrees—

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9.30 am Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the National Parks (Scotland) Bill

2.30 pm Continuation of Morning's Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-756 Allan Wilson: West Kilbride: Scotland's Craft Town

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9.30 am Ministerial Statement

followed by Executive Debate on Modernisation in the NHS

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Continuation of Executive Debate on Modernisation in the NHS

followed by Motion on Government Resources and Accounts Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Motion on Witness Expenses and Allowances Scheme

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-1009 George Lyon: University of Highlands and Islands

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

9. Question Time: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

10. Forward Strategy for Scottish Agriculture: The Minister for Rural Affairs moved S1M-1051—That the Parliament welcomes the steps being taken by the Scottish Executive to promote a wide-ranging and constructive debate on the development of a long-term strategy and plan of action for Scottish farming following the recent publication of the discussion document A Forward Strategy for Scottish Agriculture in order to secure a sustainable future for the agricultural industry as part of the social, economic and environmental fabric of rural Scotland.

Alasdair Morgan moved amendment S1M-1051.2 to motion S1M-1051—

Insert at end—

“but recognises that the re-negotiation of the Common Agricultural Policy will be a major factor affecting the future of Scottish agriculture and regrets that, under the current constitutional settlement, Scotland will not have its own voice in these negotiations.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

Alex Fergusson moved amendment S1M-1051.1 to motion S1M-1051—

Leave out from “the steps” to end and insert—

“steps being taken to secure a sustainable future for the agricultural industry as part of the social, economic and environmental fabric of rural Scotland; recognises agriculture as the main economic driver in rural Scotland; deplores the lack of urgency being shown by the Scottish Executive in addressing the short-term problems of Scotland’s farmers, and calls for a speedy conclusion to the series of consultations on an agricultural strategy so that action can be initiated to protect the future of the farming industry.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 61, Abstentions 28).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6 and 10 as noted above.

12. 999 Emergency Calls: The Parliament debated S1M-999 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament urges all members of the public who believe themselves to be in danger to contact the relevant emergency service by dialling 999 without hesitation; expresses concern that the recent campaign to minimise use of the 999 emergency call system may deter members of the public from contacting the emergency services on legitimate grounds; expresses its support for a full examination of the implications for the emergency services of the continuing expansion in forms of communication such as mobile telephones, and urges the

Scottish Executive to initiate discussions with all interested parties to identify a means of responding to this challenge, in particular the setting up of a central call system which could connect callers to the local police station.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

No. 14 Wednesday 5 July 2000

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Dr Findlay A J Macdonald, Principal Clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1084—That the Parliament agrees as an addition to the Business Motion agreed on 29 June 2000—

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after 'Executive Debate on Modernisation in the NHS', insert—

followed by Debate on Motion on Government Resources and Accounts Bill – UK Legislation

and after 'Continuation of Executive Debate on Modernisation in the NHS', insert—

followed by Standards Committee Motion on Relationships with MSPs

followed by Motion on Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill – UK Legislation

and delete—

'Motion on Government Resources and Accounts Bill – UK Legislation'

The motion was agreed to.

3. Meeting of the Parliament: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1089—That the Parliament agrees under the Rule 2.2.7 that the meeting of Parliament on Wednesday 5 July 2000 shall continue to 1900.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1090—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 that Decision Time on Wednesday 5 July 2000 shall begin at 1830.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill and the National Parks (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1092—That the Parliament agrees that for Stage 3 of the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill and the National Parks (Scotland) Bill, debate on each part of the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion at the following times (calculated from the time when Stage 3 of the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill begins)—

Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill—
Group 1 to Group 4 - no later than 1 hour 15 minutes
Group 5 - no later than 1 hour 45 minutes
Group 6 to Group 10 - no later than 3 hours
Motion to pass the Bill - no later than 3 hours 30 minutes

National Parks (Scotland) Bill—
Group 1 to Group 4 - no later than 4 hours 30 minutes
Group 5 - no later than 5 hours 15 minutes
Group 6 to Group 7 - no later than 6 hours
Group 8 to Group 11 - no later than 7 hours
Motion to pass the Bill - no later than 7 hours 30 minutes.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 63, Against 28, Abstentions 14).

6. Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (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.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

13 (For 16, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
19 (For 42, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
25 (For 16, Against 93, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 14, 16, 17, 27 and 28.

Other amendments were not moved.

7. Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1079—That the Parliament agrees that the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

8. National Parks (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 30, 19, 33, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 48, 53, 55, 59, 61, 62, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69 and 70.

The following amendment was agreed to (by division)—

3 (For 98, Against 3, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

28	(For 38, Against 63, Abstentions 1)
18	(For 17, Against 90, Abstentions 1)
26	(For 31, Against 80, Abstentions 2)
27	(For 18, Against 84, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 21, 31 and 35.

Other amendments were not moved.

9. National Parks (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Transport and the Environment moved S1M-957—That the Parliament agrees that the National Parks (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

10. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved under Rule 11.2.4, that Decision Time be taken at 5.27 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

12. West Kilbride: Scotland’s Craft Town: The Parliament debated S1M-756 in the name of Allan Wilson—That the Parliament welcomes the consultant’s report confirming the feasibility of establishing West Kilbride as Scotland’s Craft Town; congratulates Councillor Elizabeth Maclardy and the West Kilbride Initiative on the vision and persistence with which they have pursued this objective; recognises the economic and social impact which the initiative can secure for West Kilbride; believes that it can provide a new and important focal point for the Scottish crafts industry as a whole, and looks forward to rapid progress towards a successful outcome.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning made a statement on the review of enterprise network.

2. Modernisation in the NHS: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1091—That the Parliament recognises the Scottish Executive’s commitment to the NHS in Scotland and to improving the health of the Scottish people; supports the Scottish Executive’s commitment to build on the founding principles of the NHS and to providing a modern health service designed around the needs of patients; recognises that the delivery of a modern NHS requires both resources and reform; welcomes the Scottish Executive’s commitment to target its record investment in the NHS to areas of greatest need and to those changes which have greatest benefits for patients, and supports the Scottish Executive’s plans for the modernisation of the NHS in Scotland.

Kay Ullrich moved amendment S1M-1091.1 to motion S1M-1091—

Leave out from first “Scottish” to end and insert—

“failure of the Scottish Executive to tackle the chronic problems which currently exist in the health service in Scotland; calls upon the First Minister to take immediate action to address the situation; condemns the mismanagement and inaction on the part of the Executive, and demands new and imaginative methods of ensuring that the NHS in Scotland is run on the basis of patient need and not political expediency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-1091.2 to motion S1M-1091—

Leave out from first “the Scottish” to end and insert—

“that the delivery of a modern NHS requires both resources and reform; calls upon the Scottish Executive to abandon those policies which foster a spirit of divisiveness, to adopt policies which will restore the morale of the health service workers at all levels and to work with medical professionals and relevant authorities to address the need for investment in equipment and training and ensure that the £135 million underspend is fully committed to benefit patient care, and further calls for the development of a new approach to long-term and community care through unified health and social work budgets.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 65, Abstentions 32).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

3. Government Resources and Accounts Bill – UK Legislation: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-1072—That the Parliament endorses the principle of the creation of Partnerships UK; agrees that the Scottish Ministers should have the

power to take a financial interest in that body to ensure that Scottish interests are safeguarded, and agrees that the relevant provisions in the Government Resources and Accounts Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 5, Abstentions 27).

4. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1085—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

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2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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9.30 am Executive Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Question Time: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

6. Code of Conduct for Members and Relationships Between MSPs: Mr Mike Rumbles, on behalf of the Standards Committee, moved S1M-1087—That the Parliament agrees to amend the *Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament* as follows [see Appendix A, 1, for full text of amendment to Code].

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Local Government moved S1M-1073—That the Parliament endorses the principle of replacing section 93 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 with a provision placing a duty on broadcasters to draw up a code of practice as respects the involvement of candidates in broadcasts pending an election, and agrees that provision to this end in the case of local government elections in Scotland should be considered by the United Kingdom Parliament as part of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Witnesses Expenses and Allowances: Robert Brown, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S1M-1086—That the Parliament determines that [*see Appendix A, 2, for full text of motion*].

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S1M-1086.1 to motion S1M-1086—

In the line beginning “childcare costs, specially incurred”, in column (2), leave out “£2.50 per hour” and insert “up to £5 per hour”.

The amendment was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament determines that [*see Appendix A, 3, for full text of resolution*].

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on items 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. University of the Highlands and Islands: The Parliament debated S1M-1009 in the name of George Lyon—That the Parliament notes with concern that UHI, the company promoting the University of the Highlands and Islands project, has not yet been designated as a provider of higher education, eligible for funding by the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council; notes that this is a flagship project for the Highlands and Islands and a long held dream by many of its communities, and gives its wholehearted support to this vitally important project.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Douglas B. D. Alexander, Minister Emeritus, Bishopton, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1147—That the Parliament agrees—

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2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Business Motion

followed by Ministerial Statement on Independent Inquiry into Problems with Exam Results

followed by Debate on the Creative Economy

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-952 Malcolm Chisholm: Dementia Awareness Week

Thursday 7 September 2000

9.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Continuation of Stage 3 Debate on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-1111 Irene McGugan: Programme of Action for Scots and Gaelic in the European Year of Languages

Wednesday 13 September 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement and Debate on the Scottish Executive's Programme

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1124 Shona Robison:
Fibromyalgia Syndrome

Thursday 14 September 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement
followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Transport (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Transport (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Debate on the Framework for Economic Development in Scotland
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1122 Maureen
Macmillan: Screening for Prostate Cancer

Wednesday 20 September 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Ministerial Statement and Debate on Spending Strategy
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-959 Alex Johnstone: St.
Vigeans Primary School, Arbroath

Thursday 21 September 2000

9.30 am Executive Business
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee Debate on
Housing Stock Transfer
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-958 Michael McMahon:
Palliative Care

Mr Alex Salmond moved amendment S1M-1147.2 to motion S1M-1147—

Under “Thursday 7 September 2000”, delete—

“Stage 3 Debate on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill”

and insert—

“Debate on the Scottish Qualifications Authority and the crisis of year 2000 Higher and Standard Grade results”

and delete—

“Continuation of Stage 3 Debate on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill”

and insert—

“Continuation of Debate on the Scottish Qualifications Authority and the crisis of year 2000 Higher and Standard Grade results”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 2).

David McLetchie moved amendment S1M-1147.1 to motion S1M-1147—

Under “Wednesday 6 September 2000”, delete—

“Debate on the Creative Economy”

and insert—

“Debate on the subject of S1M-1128 Brian Monteith: Motion of No Confidence: That the Parliament has no confidence in the Minister for Children and Education”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 21, Against 105, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 70, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Children and Education made a statement on the independent inquiry into problems with exam results.

4. The Creative Economy: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning withdrew motion S1M-1145.

5. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken.

6. Dementia Awareness Week: The Parliament debated S1M-952 in the name of Malcolm Chisholm—That the Parliament believes that the care of people with dementia represents one of the greatest challenges to health and welfare services throughout Scotland because of the prolonged and complex nature of the illness and the severity of its consequences for the large numbers affected and their families, and welcomes the initiative of Alzheimer Scotland—Action on Dementia during Dementia Awareness Week to highlight the need for better planning mechanisms to provide integrated and comprehensive health and social care services for this group of people.

The meeting closed at 5.18 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1148—That the Parliament agrees that for Stage 3 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill, debate on each part of the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to conclusion no later than the following times after commencement of the Stage 3 proceedings—

Group 1 to Group 5 – 1 hour 30 minutes
Group 6 to Group 9 – 2 hours 30 minutes
Group 10 to Group 13 – 3 hours
Group 14 to Group 17 – 4 hours
Motions to pass the Bill – 4 hours 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 10, 3, 4, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 11, 12, 52, 53, 54, 13, 14, 15, 16, 55, 56, 17, 18, 57, 58, 19, 60, 61, 20, 63, 64, 21, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 22, 70, 71, 72, 24, 73, 74.

Amendment 62 was agreed to (by division: For 76, Against 28, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 14, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
8 (For 30, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 44, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 30, 32, 59.

Other amendments were not moved.

3. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

4. Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1136—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

5. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that S1M-1158 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

Agreed to.

6. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1158—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of the standing orders that Decision Time on Thursday 7 September 2000 shall begin at 4.10 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

8. Programme for Action for Scots and Gaelic in the European Year of Languages: The Parliament debated S1M-1111 in the name of Irene McGugan— That the Parliament notes that 2001 is to be the European Year of Languages; notes that European Union funding support will extend to projects including regional and minority languages which member states designate as eligible; urges the Scottish Executive to make representations on behalf of Scots and Gaelic to Her Majesty's Government in order to ensure that Scotland's indigenous languages are proposed for inclusion, and believes that the Executive should support a programme of action for both languages as part of the European Year of Languages.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 18 Wednesday 13 September 2000

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Right Reverend Ian Murray, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, led Time for Reflection.

2. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that S1M-1178 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1178—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revisions to the Business Motion agreed on 6 September 2000—

Wednesday 13 September 2000

after “Time for Reflection” delete all for that day and insert—

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions – S1M-1175 Change of Decision Time and S1M-1176 Suspension of Standing Orders

followed by Ministerial Statement, Questions and Debate on the Developing Fuel Situation in Scotland

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1124 Shona Robison: Fibromyalgia Syndrome

Thursday 14 September 2000

after “Financial Resolution in respect of the Transport (Scotland) Bill” delete all and insert—

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.30 pm Decision Time

2.00 pm Members’ Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1122 Maureen Macmillan: Screening for Prostrate Cancer

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister’s Question Time

3.30 pm Ministerial Statement and Debate on the Scottish Executive’s Programme

6.00 pm Business Concludes

and (b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 20 September 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

2.35 pm Question Time

3.15 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.35 pm Ministerial Statement and Debate on Spending Strategy

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-959 Alex Johnstone: St Vigean's Primary School, Arbroath

Thursday 21 September 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement

followed by Executive Debate on Public Health

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee Debate on Housing Stock Transfer

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-958 Michael McMahon: Palliative Care

Wednesday 27 September 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Executive Debate on the Creative Economy

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 September 2000

9.30 am Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm	Question Time
3.10 pm	First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

4. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1175—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of the standing orders that Decision Time on Thursday 14 September 2000 shall begin at 12.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1176—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 5.6.1(c) of standing orders be suspended for the purpose of taking Members' Business on Thursday 14 September 2000 at 2.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister made a statement on the developing fuel situation in Scotland.

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

8. Fibromyalgia Syndrome: The Parliament debated S1M-1124 in the name of Shona Robison—That the Parliament notes Fibromyalgia Syndrome Awareness Week from 10 to 16 September; recognises that the condition, which affects up to 4% of the population, is frequently overlooked or minimised by health professionals; recognises the problems sufferers have in claiming appropriate benefits; supports the demand for better education and awareness-raising about the condition, and calls for more research into the condition so that Fibromyalgia Syndrome is taken seriously as the devastating “hidden” disability that it is.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice made a statement on family law.
2. **Transport (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Transport and the Environment moved S1M-985—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Transport (Scotland) Bill.

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-985.1 to motion S1M-985—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“does not agree to the general principles of the Transport (Scotland) Bill because it opposes Part 3 (road user charging and workplace parking levy) including schedule 1, and section 69 (bridges).”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 18, Abstentions 27).

3. **Transport (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Finance moved S1M-1077—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Transport (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) the following expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund—

- (i) the expenses of the Scottish Ministers in consequence of the Act; and
- (ii) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of that Fund under any other enactment;

(b) the making of road user charging schemes and workplace parking levy licensing schemes; and

(c) any payments made to the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 18, Abstentions 1).

4. **Membership of Committees:** Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1180—That the Parliament agrees the following appointments to Committees—

Johann Lamont and Cathy Jamieson to be members of the Education Committee;

Karen Whitefield to be a member of the Audit Committee; and
Kenneth Macintosh to be a member of the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1177—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Screening for Prostrate Cancer: The Parliament debated S1M-1122 in the name of Maureen Macmillan—That the Parliament supports the routine screening of middle aged men for early indications of prostate cancer, a disease which causes the second highest number of deaths from cancer among men in Scotland and which can be successfully treated if discovered at an early stage.

8. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister made a statement on the developments in the fuel situation.

9. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

10. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister made a statement on the Scottish Executive's programme.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

No. 20 Wednesday 20 September 2000

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Parminder Singh Purba, Honorary Secretary of the Central Guruduwara Singh Sabha Association, Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Finance made a statement on the spending strategy.
- 4. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to be taken.
- 5. St. Vigean Primary School, Arbroath:** The Parliament debated S1M-959 in the name of Alex Johnstone—That the Parliament commends the quality of education provided at St. Vigean Primary School near Arbroath; notes the concerns currently being expressed by the parents of children attending St. Vigean about the possible closure of the school by Angus Council, and believes that the local authority should give full consideration to these concerns, given that rural primary schools are an intrinsic part of the rural way of life in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on the Arbutnott resource allocation.

2. Public Health: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1196—That the Parliament notes the challenges and progress described in the Chief Medical Officer's report 1999 Health in Scotland; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Executive is now leading and supporting the biggest ever drive to improve health and tackle health inequalities, and values the contribution of local authorities, voluntary and community organisations and others working in partnership with health professionals and the NHS to improve the health of the people of Scotland.

Kay Ullrich moved amendment S1M-1196.1 to motion S1M-1196—

Leave out from "fact" to end and insert—

"efforts that are being made at all levels of Government and throughout voluntary and community groups and others, and urges the Executive to ensure further advances in tackling the substantial problems which remain in improving Scotland's public health record. "

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 51, Abstentions 15).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-1196.2 to motion S1M-1196—

Insert at end—

"further notes that progress towards a healthier Scotland is dependent on many factors and that progress will only be achieved through a partnership that matches the work of health professionals with public health education and an increased appreciation by individual Scots of the responsibility they have for their own health."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the challenges and progress described in the Chief Medical Officer's report 1999 Health in Scotland; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Executive is now leading and supporting the biggest ever drive to improve health and tackle health inequalities, and values the contribution of local authorities, voluntary and community organisations and others working in partnership with health professionals and the NHS to improve the health of the people of Scotland and further notes that progress towards a healthier Scotland is dependent on many factors and that progress will only be achieved through a partnership that matches the work of health professionals with public health education and an increased appreciation by individual Scots of the responsibility they have for their own health.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1197—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 27 September 2000

- 2.30 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by* Ministerial Statement
- followed by* Executive Debate on the Creative Economy
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by* Motion on the Publication of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration's Annual Report 1999-2000
- followed by* Motion on the Publication of the Health Service Commissioner for Scotland's Annual Report 1999-2000
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by* Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1004 Mr Jamie Stone: Highland Clearances

Thursday 28 September 2000

- 9.30 am Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
- followed by* Business Motion
- 2.30 pm Question Time
- 3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
- 3.30 pm Ministerial Statement
- followed by* Stage 3 Debate on the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Amendment (Scotland) Bill
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by* Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-994 Dr Sylvia Jackson: Body Piercing

Wednesday 4 October 2000

- 2.30 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by* Committee Business
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 October 2000

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Ministerial Statement

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1132 Tricia Marwick: Multiple Sclerosis in Scotland

The motion was agreed to.

4. Housing Stock Transfer: Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee, moved S1M-1185—That the Parliament notes the content and recommendations of the 3rd Report of the Social Inclusion, Housing and the Voluntary Sector Committee on *Housing Stock Transfer*.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 76, Against 2, Abstentions 1).

5. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1195—That the Parliament agrees that the following Orders be approved—

the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.3) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/266);
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/267);
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/291);
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.4) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/295); and
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.3) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/303).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Palliative Care: The Parliament debated S1M-958 in the name of Mr Michael McMahon—That the Parliament welcomes the establishment of the Cross Party Group on Palliative Care; welcomes the current priority status in the NHS in Scotland for cancer services; recognises that, despite improvements in the treatment of some cancers, the overall figures for cancer survival remain poor by international standards; believes that this demonstrates the need for more attention and resources to be focussed on palliative care; further notes that palliative care aims to control pain and other distressing symptoms in order to achieve the best possible quality of life for patients and their families; notes that people with chronic and progressive conditions other than cancer also have palliative care needs, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to confirm that palliative care is adequately included in the developing strategies for cancer care and for care of those with chronic and progressive illness in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Father George Thompson, Parish Priest of St Peter's, Dalbeattie, led Time for Reflection.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice made a statement on justice expenditure

3. The Creative Economy: The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-1213—That the Parliament recognises the increasing contribution of the creative industries to the Scottish economy and the potential for further growth in this sector; notes the Executive's wish to ensure that the creative and business skills on which these industries depend are fully and properly nurtured in Scotland's people; welcomes Scottish Enterprise's £25 million development strategy to support this sector of the economy and promote its continuing expansion; and therefore endorses the determination of the Executive to ensure the conditions in which Scotland's creative industries will continue to flourish in rapidly growing world markets.

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-1213.2 to motion S1M-1213—

Leave out from "notes" to end and insert—

"notes that the best way to expand this sector, as with all other sectors of the economy, is to ensure that tax, red tape and regulatory burdens are kept at as low a level as possible; and urges the Scottish Executive to work in close conjunction with Her Majesty's Government in order to reduce such burdens which have increased considerably since May 1997."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 1, Abstentions 19).

4. Publication of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration Annual Report 1999-2000: Margaret Smith moved S1M-1211—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration intends to lay his Annual Report for 1999-2000 before the Parliament and orders the Clerk to publish the Report.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Publication of the Health Service Commissioner for Scotland Annual Report 1999-2000: Margaret Smith moved S1M-1212—That the Parliament notes that the Health Service Commissioner for Scotland intends to lay his Annual Report for 1999-2000 before the Parliament and orders the Clerk to publish the Report.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. Highland Clearances: The Parliament debated S1M-1004 in the name of Jamie Stone—That the Parliament expresses its deepest regret for the occurrence of the Highland Clearances and extends its hand in friendship and welcome to the descendants of the cleared people who reside outwith our shores.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Scottish Tourism: Mr David Davidson moved S1M-1216—That the Parliament recognises the tremendous difficulties faced by Scottish tourism and calls upon the Scottish Executive to make an urgent statement, clearly stating its plans to deal with these difficulties and to improve efficiency in tourism support.

The Deputy Minister for Highlands & Islands and Gaelic moved amendment S1M-1216.2 to motion S1M-1216—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“acknowledges that tourism has had a difficult year, but recognises and supports the Executive’s on-going implementation of the New Strategy for Scottish Tourism, published in February this year.”

Fergus Ewing moved amendment S1M-1216.1 to motion S1M-1216—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“notes that tourism in Scotland faces considerable competitive disadvantages in comparison with countries such as Ireland in respect of the high pound, high levels of tax on fuel, high business rates and lower resourcing for generic and other promotion; believes that those involved in the tourism industry are to be congratulated for their work and the measure of success achieved despite these disadvantages; further believes that the tourism strategy launched by the Scottish Executive, whilst it has certain good elements, cannot in itself meet the needs of the sector, and calls for (a) an immediate assessment of the efficacy of the Ossian on-line booking system, (b) targeting of resources to permit locally based marketing, (c) a review of the level of landing charges in our airports and (d) a commitment that the area tourist board structure will be amended in the light of the conclusions of the local economic forums with the aim of finding the best solution for each area.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1216.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 50, Abstentions 2). As a result, amendment S1M-1216.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges that tourism has had a difficult year, but recognises and supports the Executive’s on-going implementation of the New Strategy for Scottish Tourism, published in February this year.

2. Report by the Royal Commission on Long Term Care: Mary Scanlon moved S1M-1215—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to implement the key recommendations of the report *With Respect to Old Age: Long Term Care – Rights and Responsibilities* of the Royal Commission chaired by Sir Stewart Sutherland, including the funding of personal care on the basis of assessed need in order to alleviate the problems facing those who require long term care.

The Deputy Minister for Community Care moved amendment S1M-1215.1 to motion S1M-1215—

Leave out from “calls” to end and insert—

“notes the report and recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Long Term Care of the Elderly; welcomes the Commission’s emphasis on the importance of older people in our society; welcomes their concentration on issues related to the quality of care, the balance between residential care and care provided in the home, and the value of joint management and resourcing of services for older people; welcomes the additional resources announced in the spending review for the care of older people, and calls upon the Executive to ensure that these additional resources are used to deliver significant improvements in care for the largest possible number of older people, particularly those in greatest need and to continue, over time, to work towards fulfilling the Royal Commission’s objectives of fairness and equity in the care of the elderly.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 55, Abstentions 1).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 53, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the report and recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Long Term Care of the Elderly; welcomes the Commission’s emphasis on the importance of older people in our society; welcomes their concentration on issues related to the quality of care, the balance between residential care and care provided in the home, and the value of joint management and resourcing of services for older people; welcomes the additional resources announced in the spending review for the care of older people, and calls upon the Executive to ensure that these additional resources are used to deliver significant improvements in care for the largest possible number of older people, particularly those in greatest need and to continue, over time, to work towards fulfilling the Royal Commission’s objectives of fairness and equity in the care of the elderly.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1220—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 4 October 2000

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Ministerial Statement
<i>followed by</i>	Justice and Home Affairs Committee Debate on the Carbeth Hutters
<i>followed by</i>	Standards Committee Debate on Register of Members’staff Interests
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1140 Patricia Ferguson:
25th Anniversary of Establishment of Local Health Councils

Thursday 5 October 2000

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Ministerial Statement

followed by Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1132 Tricia Marwick:
Multiple Sclerosis in Scotland

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport and the Environment made a statement on transport expenditure.

6. Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Amendment (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 1 was disagreed to (by division: For 17, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

7. Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Amendment (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: Tavish Scott moved S1M-1222—That the Parliament agrees that the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Amendment (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

8. Membership of Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1225—That the Parliament agrees that the following members be appointed to Committees—

Alex Neil to the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee
Alasdair Morgan to the Justice and Home Affairs Committee
Donald Gorrie to the Transport and the Environment Committee

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Body Piercing: The Parliament debated S1M-994 in the name of Dr Sylvia Jackson—That the Parliament notes that body piercing carries a risk of hepatitis, HIV, cellulitis and wound infections; further notes that local authorities have introduced very different ways of regulating the industry; recognises the potential dangers of this situation; believes that an enforceable national regulatory framework to govern body piercing should be introduced, and urges the Scottish Executive to bring forward legislation to cover this industry.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** The Very Reverend Dr David Steel of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Rural Affairs made a statement on the Integrated Administration and Control System Appeals Mechanism.
- 3. Petition PE14 from the Carbeth Hutters' Association:** Gordon Jackson, on behalf of the Justice and Home Affairs Committee, moved S1M-1228—That the Parliament notes the content and recommendations of the 3rd Report, 2000, of the Justice and Home Affairs Committee on petition PE14 from the Carbeth Hutters' Association.

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

- 4. Register of Members' Staff Interests:** Mr Mike Rumbles, on behalf of the Standards Committee, moved S1M-1217—That the Parliament agrees to the establishment of a Register of Members' Staff Interests as set out in the appendices to the Standards Committee 3rd Report, 2000 and agrees that the provisions contained in those appendices shall apply to all MSPs as of 23 October 2000; that the provisions shall form an annexe to the Code of Conduct for Members and that the annexe shall be published for sale in hard copy and made available on the Parliament's website.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 2, Abstentions 7).

- 5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.
- 6. 25th Anniversary of Establishment of Local Health Councils:** The Parliament debated S1M-1140 in the name of Patricia Ferguson—That the Parliament notes that the year 2000 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Scotland's local health councils; congratulates the staff and lay members who have served the public through these councils during that time and recognises the important role that the councils have played in giving the patient an effective voice in the decision making processes of the NHS.

The meeting closed at 5.29 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Fuel Duty: Mr Kenny MacAskill moved S1M-1238—That the Parliament acknowledges that Scotland is the largest oil producer in the European Union yet has the highest fuel prices in the developed world; notes that the Scottish economy as a whole and fuel dependent industries in particular are paying a heavy price as a result of high fuel prices; recognises that both individuals and entire geographic areas, in particular rural and island Scotland, are suffering; further recognises that the root cause of high fuel prices is taxation; notes that as a result of the recent increases in world oil prices Her Majesty's Government will receive a revenue windfall in excess of £4.4 billion, and therefore calls upon the Scottish Executive to hold a summit of interested parties to address the fuel situation, introduce a package of measures to address the needs of fuel dependent industries, and make urgent representations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer requesting him to make an immediate cut in fuel duty and give a commitment to work towards the European average.

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-1238.2 to motion S1M-1238—

Leave out from “is the largest” to end and insert—

“has the highest fuel prices in Europe owing to the high levels of taxation levied by Her Majesty's Government; notes that this position is reducing the competitiveness of Scottish business; recognises that the essential car user, particularly in rural Scotland, is suffering and calls upon the Scottish Executive to make representations to Her Majesty's Government in order to reduce taxation in general and fuel tax in particular.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1238.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 101, Abstentions 0).

George Lyon moved amendment S1M-1238.1 to motion S1M-1238—

Leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert—

“notes that fuel is a matter reserved to the UK Parliament; recognises that rising fuel prices and haulage costs create particular financial and social difficulties for individuals and businesses, especially for remote, rural and island areas of Scotland, and further recognises that the Liberal Democrats have opposed all fuel duty increases since the introduction of the fuel escalator under the last Conservative Government and support (a) a cap on fuel taxes in real terms for five years, (b) investment of additional resources acquired through increased VAT in public transport, (c) the encouragement of fuel-efficient cars by abolishing Vehicle Excise Duty for the most fuel-efficient vehicles and (d) targeted assistance for Scotland's remote, rural and island communities to alleviate the additional fuel price that these areas incur.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1238.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 105, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

2. Proportional Representation in Local Government: Mr Kenneth Gibson moved S1M-1239—That the Parliament agrees that there is a democratic deficit at the heart of local government and resolves to implement the single transferable vote system of proportional representation for the next local government elections.

The Deputy Minister for Local Government moved amendment S1M-1239.2 to motion S1M-1239—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“notes that the Partnership Agreement contains a commitment, following the publication of the final report of the McIntosh Commission, to an immediate programme of change including progress on electoral reform; notes too that the Executive established the Renewing Local Democracy Working Group chaired by Richard Kerley, and welcomes the decision by the Executive to establish a Ministerial Group to consider its recommendations and the Executive’s commitment to continue to make progress on electoral reform and other issues relating to the modernisation of local government.”

Mr Keith Harding moved amendment S1M-1239.1 to motion S1M-1239—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“resolves that no alteration to the voting system for local authority elections should be considered until after the publication of the report of the Ministerial Task Group being chaired by the First Minister; agrees that this report, together with the McIntosh and Kerley recommendations, should be debated as a whole and, in view of the limited timescale, resolves that the next local authority elections should take place on the basis of the existing first-past-the-post electoral system which delivers accountability, a clear link between elected member and voter and puts the power to create administrations in the hands of voters rather than politicians.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1239.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 54, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-1239.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 21, Abstentions 33).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the Partnership Agreement contains a commitment, following the publication of the final report of the McIntosh Commission, to an immediate programme of change including progress on electoral reform; notes too that the Executive established the Renewing Local Democracy Working Group chaired by Richard Kerley, and welcomes the decision by the Executive to establish a Ministerial Group to consider its recommendations and the Executive’s commitment to continue to make progress on electoral reform and other issues relating to the modernisation of local government.

3. Business Motion: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1241—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 25 October 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Executive Debate on Primary Dental Care Services

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-1096 Dennis Canavan: SBG and Transport Operatives Pension Schemes

Thursday 26 October 2000

9.30 am Executive Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on the Framework for Economic Development in Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1171 Alex Fergusson: Waiver of Groundwater Maintenance Charge

and (b) that Stage 2 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill be completed by 22 November 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister, the Solicitor General for Scotland and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on care for older people.

6. Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1240—That the Parliament notes that changes to the current registrations scheme for the registering of sex offenders under the Sex Offenders Act 1997 are proposed in amendments in the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill currently before the UK Parliament; recognises the practical importance of consistency across the United Kingdom, and agrees that provisions to achieve these ends should be considered in the Bill by the UK Parliament.

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

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 6 as noted above.

8. Multiple Sclerosis in Scotland: The Parliament debated S1M-1132 in the name of Tricia Marwick—That the Parliament notes that Scotland, with an estimated 10,400 multiple sclerosis (MS) sufferers, is widely held to have the highest incidence of this disease, for which there is currently no cure; recognises the importance of the lobby of MSPs by people with MS which is to take place on 5 October 2000; notes the important developments in MS care in recent years, including the introduction of specialist MS nurses, a concept pioneered in Scotland, and the development of the drug beta interferon, the only treatment to date which modifies the course of the disease; regrets that, despite this progress, standards of care for people in Scotland with MS remain unsatisfactory, as recognised by the recent report of the Scottish Needs Assessment Programme; further notes that the cost-effectiveness of beta interferon in the treatment of MS is currently under review by the Health Technology Board for Scotland, and believes that Scotland, with the highest incidence of MS in the world, should set the world standard for people with MS care.

9. Motion without Notice: Mrs Margaret Ewing 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 5.53 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Tributes to the Right Honourable Donald Dewar MP MSP: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1260—That the Parliament expresses its deep regret and sadness at the untimely death of the First Minister, The Rt Hon Donald Dewar MP MSP; offers its sympathy and sincere condolences to his family and many friends whose grief is shared by all members of this Parliament; agrees that tributes should be paid to a distinguished Parliamentarian and great leader of Scotland, and further agrees that, as a mark of respect, no other business will be taken today.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 2.36 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Right Reverend Joseph Devine, Bishop of Motherwell, led Time for Reflection.

2. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1278—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of Lead Committees—

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider The Specified Risk Material Order Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/344); and the Health and Community Care Committee to consider The Specified Risk Material Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/345).

The motion was agreed to.

3. Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1277—That the Parliament agrees that Rules 13.6.2 and 13.6.3 of the Standing Orders be suspended for the duration of the Meetings of the Parliament for the week beginning Monday 23 October 2000 and that Rule 5.6.1 (c) of the Standing Orders be suspended for the duration of the Meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 26 October 2000.

Alasdair Morgan moved amendment S1M-1277.1 to motion S1M-1277—

Leave out from “Rules 13.6.2 and 13.6.3” to “and that”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 35, Against 59, Abstentions 16).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 77, Against 34, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1275—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revisions to the Business Motion agreed on 5 October 2000—

Thursday 26 October 2000

delete all for that day and insert—

2.30 pm Selection of the Parliament’s Nominee for First Minister

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 1 November 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

2.35 pm Executive Motion to appoint Scottish Ministers
3.05 pm Executive Motion to appoint junior Scottish Ministers
3.35 pm Executive Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1188 Mrs Mary Mulligan:
Sydney Paralympics and Olympic Games

Thursday 2 November 2000

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Debate on National Cultural Strategy
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1171 Alex Fergusson:
Waiver of Groundwater Maintenance Charge

Wednesday 8 November 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Executive Debate on Equality Strategy
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1236 Ms Sandra White:
Glasgow and West Coast of Scotland Rail Infrastructure

Thursday 9 November 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on Children's Issues
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Debate on Sport

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (c) that the Rural Affairs Committee reports to the Health and Community Care Committee by 10 November 2000 on the Specified Risk Material Order Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/344) and the Specified Risk Material Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/345)

Tricia Marwick moved amendment S1M-1275.1 to motion S1M-1275—

In point (a) leave out from “2.30pm” to “Minister” and insert—

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Selection of the Parliament's Nominee for First Minister

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 33, Against 62, Abstentions 15).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 78, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

5. Primary Dental Care: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1271—That the Parliament notes the vital contribution which dental services make to health improvement and patient care; affirms its commitment to an effective and accessible NHS dental service for all who wish to use it in rural and urban Scotland, and welcomes the recently published Scottish Executive action plan for dental services in Scotland as a first step in improving the dental and oral health of Scotland and addressing inequalities in dental health.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-1271.1 to motion S1M-1271—

Insert at end—

“and further calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward proposals for the abolition of charges for dental check-ups.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 37, Against 76 Abstentions 0).

Robin Harper moved amendment S1M-1271.2 to motion S1M-1271—

Insert at end—

“but believes that the plans relating to the fluoridation of water supplies as a means of supporting primary care dental services outlined in the action plan should be abandoned in the light of the conclusions of the systematic review of fluoridation by the NHS Centre for Review and Dissemination.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 10, Against 67, Abstentions 36).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. SBG and Transport Operatives Pension Schemes: The Parliament debated S1M-1096 in the name of Dennis Canavan—That the Parliament notes that both the Scottish Bus Group pensions scheme and the Transport Operatives pension scheme have still to be wound up some seven years after privatisation; further notes that the schemes have a surplus of around £129 million and that some 8,000 pensioners and 4,000 deferred pensioners are awaiting payment from this surplus, and calls for urgent action to be taken in order to secure the maximum possible benefit for the pensioners and deferred pensioners from that surplus.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. First Minister: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as First Minister—

Dennis Canavan
Henry McLeish
David McLetchie
John Swinney

The result of the first round of voting was—

Dennis Canavan	3
Henry McLeish	68
David McLetchie	19
John Swinney	33

Henry McLeish was duly selected as nominee for appointment as First Minister.

The meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend David Miller, Chaplain of Saughton Prison, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Scottish Ministers: The First Minister moved S1M-1297—That the Parliament agrees that Jackie Baillie and Angus MacKay be appointed as Ministers.

David McLetchie moved amendment S1M-1297.1 to motion S1M-1297—

Leave out “and Angus MacKay.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 43, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to.

3. Junior Scottish Ministers: The First Minister moved S1M-1298—That the Parliament agrees that Malcolm Chisholm, Margaret Curran, Tavish Scott and Allan Wilson be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

4. Official Information and Accountability to Parliament - The Executive's Policy: The First Minister moved S1M-1299—That the Parliament notes that the Executive is committed to a policy of openness, accessibility and accountability in all its dealings with the Parliament and its Committees; further notes both the Parliament's right and duty to hold the Executive to account including the power to invoke section 23 of the Scotland Act and the public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of exchanges between officials and Ministers concerning policy advice; observes that other Parliaments with strong freedom of information regimes do not disclose the terms of such exchanges and calls, to that end, for the Executive and the Parliament to observe the following principles:

(i) consistent with its policy of openness, the Executive should always seek to make as much information as possible publicly available as a matter of course and should respond positively to requests for information from the Parliament and its Committees;

(ii) officials are accountable to Ministers and Ministers in turn are accountable to the Parliament and it follows that, while officials can provide Committees with factual information, Committees should look to Ministers to account for the policy decisions they have taken;

(iii) where, exceptionally, Committees find it necessary to scrutinise exchanges between officials and Ministers on policy issues, arrangements should be made to ensure that the confidentiality of these exchanges is respected,

and commends these principles to Committees as guidelines to be followed in their dealings with the Executive.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-1299.2 to motion S1M-1299—

Leave out from “that the Executive” to end and insert—

“the need for openness, accessibility and accountability in the workings of the Executive and calls upon the First Minister to convene a meeting at which the Leaders of the political parties in the Parliament and the members of the Consultative Steering Group develop guidelines for access to information in relation to the scrutiny of the Executive by the Parliament and its committees and to bring the proposed guidelines from the meeting before the Parliament for debate.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

David McLetchie moved amendment S1M-1299.1 to motion S1M-1299—

Insert at end—

“and further calls upon the Executive to clarify (a) in what circumstances exceptions to these principles are acceptable to it in relation to advice given to Ministers by civil servants and (b) how the proposals entitled “Bringing politics back to the heart of Government” presented to Labour MSPs by Henry McLeish on 24 October 2000 (and any subsequent clarification of same) are reconciled with these principles.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 66, Abstentions 30).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 29, Abstentions 19).

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

6. Sydney Paralympics and Olympic Games: The Parliament debated S1M-1188 in the name of Mrs Mary Mulligan—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Paralympians and Olympians on their success at being selected for the Sydney games and congratulates the teams on their success in Australia.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. Drugs Courts: Roseanna Cunningham moved S1M-1303—That the Parliament recognises the complex nature of the drugs problem in Scotland; accepts that addressing the problem requires effective law enforcement working in partnership with well resourced rehabilitation and treatment strategies; acknowledges the role that a system of specialist drugs courts could play in dealing with drug-related crime; notes that the Scottish Drugs Forum and CoSLA support the establishment of drugs courts, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to develop an appropriate pilot scheme with a view to moving towards the establishment of drugs courts in areas of Scotland where adequate rehabilitation and treatment resources exist, as proposed in the Scottish National Party's 1999 Election Manifesto.

The Deputy Minister for Justice moved amendment S1M-1303.2 to motion S1M-1303—

Leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert—

“and acknowledges the work that the Scottish Executive is doing in tackling this problem.”

Mrs Lyndsay McIntosh moved amendment S1M-1303.1 to motion S1M-1303—

Leave out from “with a view” to end and insert—

“based on the aims laid out in the 1999 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Election Manifesto.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1303.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-1303.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 1, Abstentions 48).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the complex nature of the drugs problem in Scotland; accepts that addressing the problem requires effective law enforcement working in partnership with well resourced rehabilitation and treatment strategies and acknowledges the work that the Scottish Executive is doing in tackling this.

2. Rates Relief for Small Businesses: Mr Kenneth Gibson moved S1M-1301—That the Parliament resolves that a permanent small business rates relief scheme, which is more generous than the present 1p poundage reduction, should be introduced with effect from 1 April 2001.

The Minister for Local Government and Finance moved amendment S1M-1301.1 to motion S1M-1301—

Leave out from “resolves” to end and insert—

“commends the Executive for delivering a 1p reduction in the poundage applied to small businesses with a rateable value of less than £10,000; notes that the revaluation of business rates has been delivered with the minimum turbulence for Scottish business and was conducted on a clear partnership basis with full participation from business rate payers and local authorities at every stage in the process, and welcomes the Executive’s current consideration of the case for small business rate relief.”

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-1301.2 to motion S1M-1301—

Leave out from “permanent” to end and insert—

“uniform business rate be re-instated and that efforts be made to reduce the level of uniform business rate, thereby diminishing the financial burden on all business and stimulating business activity in Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1301.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 50, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-1301.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 19, Abstentions 31).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends the Executive for delivering a 1p reduction in the poundage applied to small businesses with a rateable value of less than £10,000; notes that the revaluation of business rates has been delivered with the minimum turbulence for Scottish business and was conducted on a clear partnership basis with full participation from business rate payers and local authorities at every stage in the process, and welcomes the Executive’s current consideration of the case for small business rate relief.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1304—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) The following programme of business--

Wednesday 8 November 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Equality Strategy

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1229 Mr Andrew Welsh: Nuclear Testing Related Illnesses

Thursday 9 November 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement

followed by Executive Debate on NHS Governance and Accountability

followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Debate on Sport
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1210 Donald Gorrie:
Misuse of Alcohol

Wednesday 15 November 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Ministerial Statement
followed by Executive Debate on Social Justice
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 November 2000

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

and (b) that Stage 1 of the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) Bill be completed by 14 December 2000

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. National Cultural Strategy: The Minister for Environment, Sport and Culture moved S1M-1305—That the Parliament recognises the strength and breadth of cultural activity in Scotland and the important contribution it makes to Scotland’s economy and to the quality of life of people throughout Scotland; considers that public support and encouragement of cultural development should be guided by a framework which widens opportunities to participate, promotes education in and through culture and supports and celebrates excellence in all areas of cultural activity, and therefore welcomes the publication by the Scottish Executive of *Creating Our Future, Minding Our Past, Scotland’s first National Cultural Strategy*.

Michael Russell moved amendment S1M-1305.1 to motion S1M-1305—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“calls upon the Scottish Executive to tackle with urgency problems such as the impending closure of key industrial museums in Scotland whilst also developing and implementing a vibrant and accessible vision of the place of the arts and heritage in the lives of the people of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

David Mundell moved amendment S1M-1305.2 to motion S1M-1305—

Leave out from “public support” to end and insert—

“culture in Scotland is the product of our nation’s artistic, political and economic history and the spontaneous and independent interactions of individuals and organisations and that ownership of Scottish culture lies with Scotland’s people; believes that cultural excellence will best develop in an open and free society and that the role of the Scottish Executive should be to preserve and promote our historical record and artistic achievement and to foster an open society where new contributions can be made without requiring endorsement by politicians or producer groups, and further considers that the Executive’s Cultural Strategy document represents a missed opportunity to clarify the limitations of government in Scotland’s culture.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 0, Abstentions 49).

6. Membership of Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1309—That the Parliament agrees that the following Members be appointed to Committees—

Lloyd Quinan to the Audit Committee
Irene McGugan to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee
Linda Fabiani to the Equal Opportunities Committee
Kay Ullrich to the Equal Opportunities Committee
Richard Lochhead to the European Committee
Lloyd Quinan to the European Committee
Alex Neil to the Finance Committee
Shona Robison to the Health and Community Care Committee

Nicola Sturgeon to the Health and Community Care Committee
Kay Ullrich to the Procedures Committee
Winnie Ewing to the Public Petitions Committee
Fergus Ewing to the Rural Affairs Committee
Duncan Hamilton to the Rural Affairs Committee
Brian Adam to the Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee
Sandra White to the Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee
Fiona McLeod to the Subordinate Legislation Committee
Bruce Crawford to the Transport and the Environment Committee
Fiona McLeod to the Transport and the Environment Committee
John Home Robertson to the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee
Frank McAveety to the Health and Community Care Committee
Johann Lamont to the Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1302—That the Parliament agrees that the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee is designated as a Lead Committee in consideration of the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) Bill and that the Bill should also be considered by the Local Government Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Waiver of Groundwater Maintenance Charge: The Parliament debated S1M-1171 in the name of Alex Fergusson—That the Parliament notes that the annual groundwater maintenance charge has been waived for sheep farmers in England and Wales and believes that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency should waive its charge in order to eliminate the competitive disadvantage which is currently borne by Scotland's farmers.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Robert D. Kernohan, an elder of the Church of Scotland at Cramond Kirk, led Time for Reflection.

2. Equality Strategy: The Minister for Social Justice moved S1M-1320—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive’s commitment to ensuring that people are treated as equal individuals regardless of, for example, their background, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, any disability, age or religious belief; commends the strategy set out in *Working Together for Equality* and the Scottish Executive’s commitment to address inequality, prejudice and discrimination through an inclusive, participative and mainstreaming approach, and calls upon other organisations to do likewise in working to attain equality of opportunity for all.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S1M-1320.2 to motion S1M-1320—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the publication of the Scottish Executive’s strategy set out in *Working Together for Equality*, regrets that currently the legislative competence for equal opportunities remains with the Westminster Parliament, and therefore calls on the Scottish Executive within its limited powers to implement all the exceptions listed under section L2 of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998 in meeting their objectives to attain equality of opportunity for all.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 72, Abstentions 0).

Bill Aitken moved amendment S1M-1320.1 to motion S1M-1320—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“but recognises that true equality, namely the equality of opportunity, can only be achieved by a radical rethink of many Scottish Executive policies.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

3. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

4. Nuclear Testing Related Illnesses: The Parliament debated S1M-1229 in the name of Mr Andrew Welsh—That the Parliament recognises the possible correlation between participation in the UK’s Nuclear Test Programme in the 1950s and the development of subsequent illnesses; congratulates Dundee University on its progress toward the development of a new diagnostic procedure and management clinic for individuals exposed to injurious amounts of ionising radiation, and supports

the University's attempts to develop a centre of excellence to deal with the health hazards of long term and accidental radiation exposure.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Social Justice made a statement on street homelessness in Glasgow.

2. NHS Governance and Accountability: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1324—That the Parliament notes that improving governance and accountability arrangements is a core element of the work underway on NHS modernisation and calls on the Scottish Executive to ensure that meaningful and practical proposals for change are set out in the forthcoming Scottish Health Plan.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-1324.2 to motion S1M-1324—

Insert at end—

"and further notes that the formulation and implementation of such proposals for change must fully involve both staff and the public and that such changes must be adequately resourced if they are to be successful."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. Business Motion: Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1326—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 15 November 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Executive Debate on Social Justice

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1236 Ms Sandra White: Glasgow and West Coast of Scotland Rail Infrastructure

Thursday 16 November 2000

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Implications of the Chancellor's Pre-budget Statement for the Scottish Executive

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1273 Mr Duncan McNeil: Compensation for Mesothelioma Sufferers

Wednesday 22 November 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Domestic Abuse

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 November 2000

9.30 am Committee Business

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Continuation of Stage 1 Debate on the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that the Transport and the Environment Committee reports to the Justice and Home Affairs Committee by 24 November 2000 on the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No.2) Order 2000; and

(c) that the Justice and Home Affairs Committee and the Rural Affairs Committee report to the Transport and the Environment Committee by 24 November 2000 on

the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Sport: The Minister for Environment, Sport and Culture moved S1M-1325— That the Parliament recognises the contribution that sport makes to a modern inclusive society, to health and full and enjoyable life and as a positive and attractive alternative, for young people especially, to anti-social activities and criminal behaviour; notes the outcome of the first review of Sport 21; restates its support for Sport 21: Nothing Left to Chance as the strategic basis for developing sport in Scotland; welcomes the outcome of the 2000 spending review for sport in Scotland; congratulates Team GB and the Scots in it on their performances in the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and commends and supports the Scottish Executive's bid to secure the 2009 Ryder Cup for Scotland, the home of golf.

Irene McGugan moved amendment S1M-1325.1 to motion S1M-1325—

Insert at end—

"accepting that the overall purposes of a sport policy should be to involve as many as possible, to encourage diversity, to sustain not only mainstream but also minority sports, including traditional Scottish sports, and to ensure a high level of international standard sporting excellence in Scotland."

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

David Mundell moved amendment S1M-1325.2 to motion S1M-1325—

Insert at end—

"and urges the Executive to consider how it may best assist the objective of Euro 2008 being held in Scotland; recognises that sports such as swimming will require additional investment if participants are to realise their full potential; and calls upon the Scottish Executive to lobby Her Majesty's Government to use the ending of the Millennium Fund to return the share of lottery funds going towards sport in Scotland to the levels that existed when the share of National Lottery funding for sport, art, heritage and culture was 20% rather than the 16.7% that has been in place since the Labour Government introduced its New Opportunities Fund."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that sport makes to a modern inclusive society, to health and full and enjoyable life and as a positive and attractive alternative, for young people especially, to anti-social activities and criminal behaviour; notes the outcome of the

first review of Sport 21; restates its support for Sport 21: Nothing Left to Chance as the strategic basis for developing sport in Scotland; welcomes the outcome of the 2000 spending review for sport in Scotland; congratulates Team GB and the Scots in it on their performances in the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and commends and supports the Scottish Executive's bid to secure the 2009 Ryder Cup for Scotland, the home of golf, accepting that the overall purposes of a sport policy should be to involve as many as possible, to encourage diversity, to sustain not only mainstream but also minority sports, including traditional Scottish sports, and to ensure a high level of international standard sporting excellence in Scotland.

6. Designation of Lead Committees: Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1322—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of Lead Committees—

the Justice and Home Affairs Committee to consider the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No.2) Order 2000;
and
the Transport and the Environment Committee to consider the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No.2) Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1323—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Train Operating Companies (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No.2) Order 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Misuse of Alcohol: The Parliament debated S1M-1210 in the name of Donald Gorrie—That the Parliament agrees that everything possible should be done to ensure that alcohol abuse and the issues of health and violence arising from it receive greater attention, and urges the Executive to promote civilised social drinking and to reduce excessive and under age drinking through any means available, including administrative action, publicity, education and legislation.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.31 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Christine Davis from the Society of Friends, Dunblane, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment, Sport and Culture made a statement on water and sewerage charges.
3. **Social Justice:** The Minister for Social Justice moved S1M-1345—That the Parliament welcomes the Executive’s publication of the *Social Justice Annual Report 2000*; notes the progress which is being made in tackling poverty and social exclusion, and reaffirms its commitment to creating a fairer society in Scotland, where everyone matters.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S1M-1345.3 to motion S1M-1345—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“affirms its commitment to creating a fairer society and to combating poverty; notes the publication by the Scottish Executive of the *Social Justice Annual Report 2000*; requests that in future the report is produced on an independent basis, with targets and measurements revised to be sustainable over future administrations and subject to all-party Parliamentary agreement, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to abandon those policies which are currently undermining progress in combating poverty and where necessary to make representations on behalf of the Scottish people to Her Majesty’s Government to change those policies which prevent progress in achieving social justice.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 72, Abstentions 0).

Bill Aitken moved amendment S1M-1345.1 to motion S1M-1345—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the information published to date which shows that the Scottish Executive still has a long way to go to meet its objectives on social justice; affirms its commitment to building a civic society based on opportunities and responsibilities for all, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to address the problems of crime in Scotland’s communities and devolve power to individuals, families and communities as essential steps on the road to achieving social justice.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 19, Abstentions 26).

4. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. Glasgow and West Coast of Scotland Rail Infrastructure: The Parliament debated S1M-1236 in the name of Ms Sandra White—That the Parliament agrees that the transport infrastructure of Glasgow and the West Coast of Scotland suffers from the lack of a direct rail link to Glasgow Airport and a Glasgow north/south rail link; notes that these interrelated schemes would bring benefits to all of Scotland, improving the rail accessibility of all parts of the country, and believes that the Scottish Executive should implement plans and make available the necessary funds for the development of these schemes.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Community Care: Nicola Sturgeon moved S1M-1356—That the Parliament is concerned about the current waiting lists held by local authorities of people in hospital and at home who have been assessed as needing residential and nursing home care but for whom no funding is available; recognises that home care services are inadequate to enable them to safely stay within their own home; notes that most of the additional funding announced by the Minister for Health and Community Care on 5 October 2000 will not be introduced until April 2001 and therefore calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward proposals as a matter of urgency to address these issues before the onset of winter.

The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care moved amendment S1M-1356.1 to motion S1M-1356—

Leave out from “is concerned” to end and insert—

“notes that the Health and Community Care Committee is conducting an inquiry into Community Care and believes it is appropriate that the Parliament awaits the outcome of the Committee’s conclusions.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1356.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 26, Abstentions 18).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-1356.2 to motion S1M-1356—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“agrees that the best way forward is the eventual implementation of the Sutherland Commission’s recommendation of free personal care, and urges the Scottish Executive to monitor the use of new monies allocated to local authorities for community care in light of winter pressure to ensure that the elderly receive the appropriate care and support.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 56, Abstentions 2).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the Health and Community Care Committee is conducting an inquiry into Community Care and believes it is appropriate that the Parliament awaits the outcome of the Committee’s conclusions.

2. Housing Stock Transfer: Fiona Hyslop moved S1M-1355—That the Parliament notes that the ballot for the proposed Glasgow housing stock transfer may now be delayed until late 2001; calls upon the Scottish Executive to abandon its wholesale stock transfer policy in its current review of problem policies and further

calls upon the Executive to release budgets allocated for stock transfer now in order to improve housing stock in Glasgow and throughout Scotland.

The Deputy Minister for Social Justice moved amendment S1M-1355.3 to motion S1M-1355—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“supports the community ownership policies that the Scottish Executive is taking forward to attract significant new investment into housing and supports putting tenants at the heart of the decision making process relating to their homes, in line with its commitments in Partnership for Scotland and Programme for Government.”

Bill Aitken moved amendment S1M-1355.1 to motion S1M-1355—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“calls upon the Scottish Executive to recognise the rapidly worsening condition of Glasgow City Council’s housing stock; agrees that improved standards of social housing can only be achieved through the genuine devolution of control of housing from councils to local housing providers with tenant involvement as initiated by the last Conservative Government and continued by the current Scottish Executive; recognises that tenant priorities will only be achieved if the size of community housing providers is limited to reflect genuine communities and maintain local control, and urges the Scottish Executive to expedite its stock transfer policy to appropriately sized community housing providers.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1355.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 28, Abstentions 18). As a result, amendment S1M-1355.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 73, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the community ownership policies that the Scottish Executive is taking forward to attract significant new investment into housing and supports putting tenants at the heart of the decision making process relating to their homes, in line with its commitments in Partnership for Scotland and Programme for Government.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1358—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 22 November 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Executive Debate on Renewing Local Government Finance

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1243 John Scott: SSSI, SPA and SAC Designations

Thursday 23 November 2000

9.30 am Standards Committee Debate on its Report on Investigation of Complaints and the Appointment of a Standards Commissioner

followed by Procedures Committee Debate on its Report on Parliamentary Questions

followed by Procedures Committee Debate on its Report on Changes to Standing Orders

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Continuation of Stage 1 Debate on the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1218 Margaret Jamieson: Tinnitus

Wednesday 29 November 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Executive Debate on Domestic Abuse

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 November 2000

9.30 am Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by

Members' Business

and (b) that the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee reports to the Transport and the Environment Committee by 28 November 2000 on the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Implications of the Chancellor's Pre-budget Statement for the Scottish Executive: The First Minister moved S1M-1357—That the Parliament notes the implications of the Chancellor's pre-Budget statement for the Scottish Executive.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-1357.1 to motion S1M-1357—

Insert at end—

"but regrets that at the end of the budget period the Chancellor will be investing less of the nation's wealth in public services than when the Conservative Party left office."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 19, Abstentions 0).

6. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1351—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead Committee—

the Transport and the Environment Committee to consider the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1352—That the Parliament agrees that the following Orders be approved—

the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.4) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/359);
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (Scotland) Order (SSI 2000/360);
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/370); and
the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Notification of Authorisations etc.) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/340).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Sitting Days: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1353—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk will be closed on 27, 28 and 29 December 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Rule 2.3.1: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1354—That the Parliament agrees the following dates under Rule 2.3.1: 19–23 February 2001 inclusive, 9–20 April 2001 inclusive, 2 July–31 August 2001 inclusive, 8–19 October 2001 inclusive and 24 December 2001–4 January 2002 inclusive.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 4, Abstentions 2).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Compensation for Mesothelioma Sufferers: The Parliament debated S1M-1273 in the name of Mr Duncan McNeil—That the Parliament notes the plight of shipyard workers and their families who were exposed to asbestos, became ill and have now contracted mesothelioma; expresses concern over the length of time their compensation cases are taking to reach conclusion and the use of so-called “blanket denials” by the defenders, and notes that this practice victimises and denies justice to these cancer sufferers.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

No. 35 Wednesday 22 November 2000

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Maryanne Ure, National Secretary of the Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, led Time for Reflection.

2. Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1381—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 5.6.1(c) of the standing orders be suspended for the duration of the Meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 23 November 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Decision Time: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1380—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of the standing orders that Decision Time on Thursday 23 November 2000 shall begin at 3.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1379—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the Business Motion on 16 November 2000—

Thursday 23 November 2000

after 'Stage 1 Debate on the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill', delete all for that day and insert—

followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1218 Margaret Jamieson:
Tinnitus

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Decision Time

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 29 November 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Oath Taking

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Executive Debate on Domestic Abuse
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1189 Mr Adam Ingram:
Mental Health Carers

Thursday 30 November 2000

9.30 am Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Debate on the Framework for Economic Development in Scotland
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1347 Mr Mike Rumbles:
Access to NHS Dental Services in Grampian

Wednesday 6 December 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Ministerial Statement
followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Abolition of Poidings and Warrant Sales Bill
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1286 Tommy Sheridan:
Glasgow Light Rail Scheme

Thursday 7 December 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement
followed by Executive Debate on Sea Fisheries
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Debate on Development of a National Alcohol Misuse Strategy

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (c) that the Equal Opportunities Committee reports to the Justice and Home Affairs Committee by 11 December 2000 on the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Renewing Local Government Finance: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1373—That the Parliament welcomes the improvements in the local government finance system proposed by the Scottish Executive and agrees that this will provide greater stability and improve accountability and will contribute to the Scottish Executive's aims of revitalising government and ensuring better local services and tax stability for the citizens of Scotland.

Mr Kenneth Gibson moved S1M-1373.1 to motion S1M-1373—

Leave out from “and will contribute” to end and insert—

“and believes that an independent and comprehensive review is essential to the renewal of local government finance and further welcomes the inquiry currently being conducted by Local Government Committee.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

Mr Keith Harding moved amendment S1M-1373.2 to motion S1M-1373—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the changes in the local government finance system proposed by the Scottish Executive but recognises that further changes and considerations are necessary with regard to the funding and powers of local government to ensure that a truly democratic, responsive, inclusive and accountable system of local government is put in place in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 72, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

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

7. SSSI, SPA and SAC Designations: The Parliament debated S1M-1243 in the name of John Scott—That the Parliament notes and expresses its concern at the significant increase in proposed designations of Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Special Protection Areas and Special Areas of Conservation made during the last year and covering more than 8% of Scotland's landmass; requests a report to the Parliament on the scientific basis for these designations and on the findings of any

consultations undertaken prior to designation, and believes that this issue should be debated in the Parliament before these designations are finalised. R

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. Investigation of Complaints and the Appointment of a Standards Commissioner: Mr Mike Rumbles, on behalf of the Standards Committee, moved S1M-1376—That the Parliament agrees the recommendations of the Standards Committee, as set out in its 4th Report 2000, on the investigation of complaints, the appointment of a Standards Commissioner and other matters.

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

2. Parliamentary Questions: Mr Murray Tosh, on behalf of the Procedures Committee, moved S1M-1382—That the Parliament notes and agrees to the recommendations contained in the 1st Report 2000 of the Procedures Committee, *Preliminary Report into the Volume of Written Parliamentary Questions and the Scottish Executive's Speed of Response* (SP paper 169), as set out on pages 1 and 2 of the Report and reproduced below—

- (a) to agree the terms of the proposed agreement between the Parliament and the Executive (as detailed on page 1 of the Report);
- (b) that a continuing seminar on the resources for obtaining information and the appropriate use of parliamentary questions, and involving members, the Scottish Executive and Parliamentary officials, be organised by the Parliamentary authorities to assist those involved in the drafting of parliamentary questions, primarily members' researchers and assistants;
- (c) that internal departmental telephone directories of the Scottish Executive be made available to all MSPs; and
- (d) that to facilitate the tracking of parliamentary questions and the answers submitted, the Parliamentary authorities should investigate now the feasibility of placing the date on which questions are lodged in the relevant Parliamentary publications.

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

3. Private Legislation in the Scottish Parliament and Changes to the Standing Orders: Mr Murray Tosh, on behalf of the Procedures Committee, moved S1M-1383—That the Parliament notes—

- (a) the terms of the 2nd Report 2000 of the Procedures Committee, *Private Legislation in the Scottish Parliament* (SP Paper 204) and agrees to amend the Parliament's standing orders in terms of the amendments set out in Annex B to the Report;
- (b) the terms of the 3rd Report 2000 of the Procedures Committee, *Changes to Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament* (SP Paper 205) and

agrees to amend the Parliament's standing orders in terms of the amendments set out in Annexes A and B to that Report; and

agrees that these amendments come into force on 24 November 2000.

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

4. Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy Minister for Rural Development moved S1M-1361—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill.

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

5. Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1372—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund by or under any other Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Membership of Committee: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1386—That the Parliament agrees that Duncan Hamilton be appointed to the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1378—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of lead committee—

The Justice and Home Affairs Committee to consider the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1377—That the Parliament agrees that the following Order be approved—

The draft Budget (Scotland) Act 2000 (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Tinnitus: The Parliament debated S1M-1218 in the name of Margaret Jamieson—That the Parliament notes that tinnitus affects around one in ten of the population, including an even higher proportion of older people; further notes that following advances in various therapies to counter its effects a pharmacological

solution is now a real possibility, and urges the Scottish Executive to encourage appropriate research to this end by all means at its disposal.

10. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 3.33 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.32 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Alan McDonald, Minister of the Parish Churches of St Leonard's and Cameron in St Andrews and Convenor of the Church and Nation Committee, Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Oaths and Affirmations: William Gerard Butler made his solemn affirmation before the Clerk.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Lord Advocate made a statement concerning the murder of Surjit Singh Chhokar.

4. Domestic Abuse: The Minister for Social Justice moved S1M-1400—That the Parliament approves the final Report of the Scottish Partnership on Domestic Abuse, endorses the National Strategy to Address Domestic Abuse in Scotland and welcomes the funding package which has been put in place to implement the recommendations of the Partnership.

Tommy Sheridan moved amendment S1M-1400.1 to motion S1M-1400—

Insert at end—

"but believes that this represents only a small step in the direction of tackling real problems which women and children who live with, are planning to leave or have left violent men face and that immediate resources need to be made directly available to women and children in this position."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 91, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

5. Motion without Notice: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that motion S1M-1408 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1408—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 12.3.3 of the standing orders be suspended from 12.30 pm until 2.30 pm on Thursday 30 November 2000 to allow the Education, Culture and Sport Committee to meet.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Mental Health Carers: The Parliament debated S1M-1189 in the name of Mr Adam Ingram—That the Parliament congratulates Trust: A Carers Connection on its campaigning for the rights of carers of the mentally ill in Ayrshire; recognises the specific needs of these carers; believes that the rights of carers of people with mental illness should be at least the same as those of other carers, particularly in relation to consultation over care issues concerning the patient, and acknowledges the invaluable work carried out by these carers.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. District Courts: Phil Gallie moved S1M-1404—That the Parliament expresses its concern over the detrimental effects of the current strike being undertaken by UNISON members in Glasgow District Court on the administration of justice and calls upon the Scottish Executive to do everything in its power to resolve the current situation and in the longer term to transfer the responsibility for administration of district courts to the Scottish Courts Administration and to seek to negotiate a no strike agreement with court staff to put them on a par with police and prison officers.

The Deputy Minister for Justice moved amendment S1M-1404.2 to motion S1M-1404—

Leave out from “and calls” to end and insert—

“; recognises that the Crown has worked to protect business in District Courts and that this has proved successful except in the case of Glasgow, and urges the suspension of further action affecting the courts.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1404.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Michael Matheson moved amendment S1M-1404.1 to motion S1M-1404—

Leave out from “detrimental” to end and insert—

“effect of the current industrial action on the operation of the Glasgow District Court; calls upon the Scottish Executive to ensure a speedy resolution of the dispute and, in the light of the current situation, further calls upon the Scottish Executive to publish an interim report from the current review of district courts in order that public confidence in the administration and operation of our judicial system is restored and to ensure that this report is made available to the Parliament.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1404.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament expresses its concern over the detrimental effects of the current strike being undertaken by UNISON members in Glasgow District Court on the administration of justice; recognises that the Crown has worked to protect business in District Courts and that this has proved successful except in the case of Glasgow and urges the suspension of further action affecting the courts.

2. Europe: David McLetchie moved S1M-1406—That the Parliament notes the forthcoming Nice intergovernmental conference meeting which is intended to pave

the way for enlargement of the European Union and, which will have significant consequences for Scotland and, whilst welcoming enlargement, opposes moves towards a European superstate which will undermine our national sovereignty; calls upon the Scottish Executive to urge Her Majesty's Government to support the development of a European Union which is based on flexibility, consensus and co-operation, believing that this is in the best interests of Scotland and Europe as a whole and further calls upon the Scottish Executive to commission and publish a study into the impact of the Nice proposals on devolved functions and the Scottish economy.

The Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs moved amendment S1M-1406.2 to motion S1M-1406—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“recognises the vital importance of the European Union to the current prosperity of Scotland; welcomes Scotland's positive engagement in the European Union directly and through the UK; believes appropriate decisions in different areas of policy can be taken at Scottish, UK and European levels to ensure democracy and effective government; and supports the work of the Executive and the Parliament to raise the profile of a newly devolved Scotland as a modern, dynamic country with a clear sense of identity within a strong member state.”

Andrew Wilson moved amendment S1M-1406.1 to motion S1M-1406—

Insert at end—

“and encourages any moves towards the normalisation of Scotland's status as a nation within a confederal European Union with full rights and obligations as a member state.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1406.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 49, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-1406.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the vital importance of the European Union to the current prosperity of Scotland; welcomes Scotland's positive engagement in the European Union directly and through the UK; believes appropriate decisions in different areas of policy can be taken at Scottish, UK and European levels to ensure democracy and effective government; and supports the work of the Executive and the Parliament to raise the profile of a newly devolved Scotland as a modern, dynamic country with a clear sense of identity within a strong member state.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1403—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 6 December 2000

2.30 pm

Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Abolition of Poidings and Warrant Sales Bill
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1286 Tommy Sheridan:
Glasgow Light Rail Scheme

Thursday 7 December 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement on Local Government Settlement
followed by Executive Debate on Sea Fisheries
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Debate on Development of a National Alcohol Misuse Strategy
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1363 Scott Barrie: Let's
Keep It Safe

Wednesday 13 December 2000

9.30 am Time for Reflection
followed by Education, Culture and Sport Committee and Enterprise and Lifelong
Learning Committee Debate on SQA Inquiries
2.30 pm Finance Committee Debate on 2001-02 Budget Process Stage 2
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1206 Lord James
Douglas-Hamilton: Abercorn Primary School West Lothian

Thursday 14 December 2000

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business
followed by Ministerial Statement
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Framework for Economic Development in Scotland: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-1405—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *Way Forward: Framework for Economic Development in Scotland*; agrees with the clear aspirations for the Scottish economy which it sets out; agrees that for future economic success and prosperity, Scotland needs to improve productivity, its capacity for learning and innovation and transform its technology base, and that the Framework provides a basis for the joined up economic decision-making which is vital, and welcomes the work being done in partnership with all the key players in the Scottish economy towards achieving the Framework's vision.

Mr Kenny MacAskill moved amendment S1M-1405.2 to motion S1M-1405—

Leave out “and that” and insert—

“and to that end insists that further investment is made in education and in the transport and electronic communications infrastructure to ensure that the aspirations of the framework document can be achieved; agrees that with such investment.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-1405.1 to motion S1M-1405—

Insert at end—

“but emphasises the importance of monitoring such activity in order that a meaningful response can be made to any negative outcome or trend.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *Way Forward: Framework for Economic Development in Scotland*; agrees with the clear aspirations for the Scottish economy which it sets out; agrees that for future economic success and prosperity, Scotland needs to improve productivity, its capacity for learning and innovation and transform its technology base, and that the Framework provides a basis for the joined up economic decision-making which is vital, and welcomes the work being done in partnership with all the key players in the

Scottish economy towards achieving the Framework's vision but emphasises the importance of monitoring such activity in order that a meaningful response can be made to any negative outcome or trend.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 5 as noted above.

7. Access to NHS Dental Services in Grampian: The Parliament debated S1M-1347 in the name of Mr Mike Rumbles—That the Parliament recognises that improving access to NHS dental services is a public health priority, welcomes the publication by the Scottish Executive of An Action Plan for Dental Services in Scotland as a first step in this process but recognises that in the Grampian Health Board area, as in a number of rural areas of Scotland, more needs to be done to ensure access for all to NHS dental treatment.

Meetings of Committees

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Alison Fuller, Rector of St Columba's by the Castle Episcopal Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Abolition of Poindings and Warrant Sales Bill – Business Motion: Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1429—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stage 3 of the Abolition of Poindings and Warrant Sales Bill be allotted as follows, so that debate on each part of the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion on the expiry of the specified period (calculated from the time when Stage 3 begins)—

Group 1 to Group 2 - no later than 1 hour 55 minutes

Motion to pass the Bill - no later than 2 hours 25 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

3. Abolition of Poindings and Warrant Sales Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 1 was agreed to (without division).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division):

2 (For 36, Against 71, Abstentions 0)

3 (For 38, Against 65, Abstentions 2)

4. Abolition of Poindings and Warrant Sales Bill – Stage 3: Tommy Sheridan moved S1M-1401—That the Parliament agrees that the Abolition of Poindings and Warrant Sales Bill be passed.

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

5. Suspension of meeting: The meeting was suspended from 4.57 pm until 5.00 pm.

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

7. Glasgow Light Rail Scheme: The Parliament debated S1M-1286 in the name of Tommy Sheridan—That the Parliament believes that the construction of a light rail scheme in Glasgow would provide enormous benefits to the city in relation to jobs, improving the environment, tackling congestion and related pollution and regenerating the city as a tourist attraction; resolves therefore to reappraise urgently the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive's private legislation proposal for a light rail scheme promoted in 1994 but rejected by four Parliamentary Commissioners, appointed under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act

1936, in 1996, and agrees that this matter deserves to be investigated by the Minister for Transport and the Environment immediately.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

- 1. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Finance and Local Government made a statement on the local government settlement.
- 2. Sea Fisheries:** The Deputy Minister for Rural Development moved S1M-1433—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to seek from the negotiations leading up to the December Fisheries Council the best available outcome for the Scottish fishing industry consistent with sustainability of fish stocks.

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S1M-1433.1 to motion S1M-1433—

Insert at end—

" , and to negotiate the transfer of lead responsibility for European Union fisheries negotiations from Her Majesty's Government to the Scottish Executive in recognition of Scotland's dominant position within the UK industry; questions the basis on which many of the proposals tabled by the EU Commission for the December Fisheries Council were formulated; calls for the urgent implementation of a recovery plan for fish stocks comprising a range of technical measures to achieve the aim of sustainability; further recognises that adequately funded economic and social measures will also be required to ensure the viability of our fishing communities and achieve a restructuring of the fishing fleet; calls for an early introduction of zonal management to ensure that the unacceptable decision-making process that prevents stability in the fishing industry is not repeated, and notes that the Labour-Liberal coalition's policies have left the Scottish fishing industry at a competitive disadvantage."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 75, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

- 3. Business Motion:** Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1428—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 13 December 2000

9.30 am	Time for Reflection – The Reverend Dr. Gordon Murray, Minister, Edinburgh and Forth Methodist Circuit
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Education, Culture and Sport Committee and Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee Debate on SQA Inquiries
2.30 pm	Finance Committee Debate on 2001-02 Budget Process Stage 2
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1206 Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: Abercorn Primary School West Lothian

Thursday 14 December 2000

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business

followed by Ministerial Statement on the Health Plan

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Debate on Committee Restructuring

followed by Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-808 Fergus Ewing: Shinty

Wednesday 20 December 2000

9.30 am Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Transport (Scotland) Bill

2.30 pm Continuation of Stage 3 Debate on the Transport (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 74, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Development of a National Alcohol Misuse Strategy: The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1434—That the Parliament endorses the Executive's plans to work towards the publication of a national action plan to tackle alcohol misuse.

Mr Keith Harding moved amendment S1M-1434.1 to motion S1M-1434—

Leave out from "endorses" to end and insert—

“notes the Executive’s plans to work towards the publication of a national action plan to tackle alcohol misuse and calls upon the Executive to review the terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 in order that licensing practices are brought into line with modern attitudes and social outlooks.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 60, Abstentions 25).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. Membership of Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1430—That the Parliament agrees that Mrs Margaret Ewing be appointed to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee following the resignation of Ms Nicola Sturgeon.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1431—That the Parliament agrees that the following Orders be approved—

the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No.2) Order 2000;
the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000;
the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No.2) Order 2000;
the Mink Keeping (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/400); and
the draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Regulations 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Sitting Days: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1432—That the Parliament agrees that between 8 January 2001 and 11 January 2002 (inclusive) the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 13 April, 16 April, 7 May, 25 May, 28 May, 30 November, 24 December (pm), 25 December, 26 December 2001, 1 January 2002 and 2 January 2002.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Membership of Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1438—That the Parliament agrees that Bill Butler be appointed to the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee following the resignation of John Home Robertson.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Let's Keep Safe: The Parliament debated S1M-1363 in the name of Scott Barrie—That the Parliament notes the widespread harassment that people with learning difficulties can be subjected to in Scotland; further notes the work undertaken by MENCAP and ENABLE to highlight this problem; congratulates Values Into Action for producing the A to Z booklets Let's Keep Safe and Let's Report It to assist people in dealing with and overcoming such bullying and harassment; further notes the successful launch of these booklets in Edinburgh on 15 November 2000, and commends them to local authorities, NHS Trusts and voluntary groups as a guide to best practice in this area

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Dr Gordon Murray, Minister, Edinburgh and Forth Methodist Circuit, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1457—That the Parliament agrees, as an addition to the Business Motion agreed on 7 December 2000,—

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after the first Parliamentary Bureau Motions, insert—

“followed by Debate on Motion of No Confidence”

Tricia Marwick moved amendment S1M-1457.1 to motion S1M-1457—

Insert at end—

“and after the “Education, Culture and Sport Committee and Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee Debate on SQA Inquiries” insert

“to be concluded at 1.30 pm””

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 33, Against 79, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 78, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

3. Motion of No Confidence: Mike Russell moved S1M-1448—That the Parliament has no confidence in Sam Galbraith in his role as a member of the Scottish Executive, by reason of his failure to act decisively on the matter of the Scottish Qualifications Authority between 26 June and 13 August 2000.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 66, Abstentions 1).

4. Scottish Qualifications Authority Inquiries: Mary Mulligan, on behalf of the Education, Culture and Sport and Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committees moved S1M-1446—That the Parliament notes the 11th Report 2000 by the Education, Culture and Sport Committee, *Exam Results Inquiry* (SP Paper 234) and the 6th Report 2000 of the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee Inquiry into the Governance of the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SP Paper 232) and urges the Scottish Executive to give urgent consideration to their findings and recommendations.

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

5. Stage 2 of the 2001-02 Budget Process: Mike Watson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved S1M-1449—That the Parliament notes the 16th Report 2000 of the Finance Committee, *Stage 2 of the 2001-02 Budget Process* and commends the recommendations to the Scottish Executive.

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

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

7. Abercorn Primary School, West Lothian: The Parliament debated S1M-1206 in the name of Lord James Douglas-Hamilton—That the Parliament registers its concern about the possible closure of Abercorn Primary School in West Lothian which provides a first class education to its pupils, notes the opposition expressed by the parents to the proposed closure by West Lothian Council and calls upon the Council to keep the school open.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Transport: Bruce Crawford moved S1M-1461—That the Parliament notes with concern and anger the crisis in the rail network in Scotland; regrets the lack of authority, influence or action demonstrated by the Scottish Executive and that the control and legislative powers over the rail industry in Scotland remain primarily reserved matters for Her Majesty's Government and calls for all the powers over the rail industry in Scotland to be transferred to the Parliament, for the Scottish Executive to be given Scotland's share of new investment in transport infrastructure and for a mechanism to be established so that Scotland's interests are directly represented on cross-border rail matters.

The Minister for Transport moved amendment S1M-1461.2 to motion S1M-1461—

Leave out from "with concern" to end and insert—

"the progress being made by the Scottish Executive to build a sustainable, effective and integrated transport system which provides genuine choice and delivers a safe, accessible and expanding Scottish rail system as an integral part of the GB rail network."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the progress being made by the Scottish Executive to build a sustainable, effective and integrated transport system which provides genuine choice and delivers a safe, accessible and expanding Scottish rail system as an integral part of the GB rail network.

2. Health and Community Care: Nicola Sturgeon moved S1M-1453—That the Parliament is concerned that there are 3,000 fewer beds in the NHS than in 1997 and a further 3,000 beds occupied by patients ready for discharge; is further concerned that there are 900 fewer nurses than in 1996 and that hospital waiting lists have increased by 15% since September 1999; believes that the policies of the Scottish Executive to date have not adequately addressed these issues; notes the imminent publication of the Scottish Health Plan and calls on the Scottish Executive to include in that Plan practical and adequately funded proposals that will ease the pressure on hard pressed NHS staff and deliver real improvements to the quality of care provided to patients in Scotland.

The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care moved amendment S1M-1453.1 to motion S1M-1453—

Leave out from "is concerned" to end and insert—

“notes the fact that the NHS in Scotland is treating more patients than ever before and welcomes the fact that funding for the NHS in Scotland is being increased by record amounts over the period 2000-04, and looks forward to further modernisation and change in the interests of patients.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-1453.2 to motion S1M-1453—

Insert at end—

“and further notes the Royal Commission on Long Term Care’s recommendation on free personal care and calls upon the Scottish Executive to unequivocally commit itself to this recommendation and come forward with a firm date for its implementation.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 18, Abstentions 29).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the fact that the NHS in Scotland is treating more patients than ever before and welcomes the fact that funding for the NHS in Scotland is being increased by record amounts over the period 2000-04, and looks forward to further modernisation and change in the interests of patients.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on the health plan.

4. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1466—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the Business Motion agreed on 7 December 2000—

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after “Debate on Committee Restructuring”, replace—

“*followed by* Executive Debate on Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill – UK Legislation”

with—

“*followed by* Debate on the Draft Undertaking by the Scottish Ministers under section 2(1) of the Highlands and Islands Shipping Services Act 1960”

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 20 December 2000

9.30 am Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Transport (Scotland) Bill

2.30 pm Continuation of Stage 3 Debate on the Transport (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1389 Cathy Jamieson:
Home and Community Safety

(c) that the Local Government Committee reports to the Transport and the Environment Committee by 12 January 2001 on the Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/430);

(d) that Stage 1 of the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill be completed by 31 January 2001;

and (e) that Stage 1 of the Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Bill be completed by 18 January 2001.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

6. Committee Restructuring: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1462—That the Parliament agrees that resolution of the Parliament S1M-37, agreed on 8 June 1999, shall be amended with effect from 8 January 2001 as follows—

Name of Committee: European
Remit: Unchanged
Maximum number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Equal Opportunities
Remit: Unchanged
Maximum number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Finance
Remit: Unchanged
Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: Audit
Remit: Unchanged
Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: Health and Community Care

Remit: Unchanged

Maximum number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Justice and Home Affairs be renamed Justice I

Remit: to consider and report on matters relating to the administration of civil and criminal justice, the reform of the civil and criminal law and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Justice

Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: New Committee to be established and named Justice II

Remit: to consider and report on matters relating to the administration of civil and criminal justice, the reform of the civil and criminal law and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Justice

Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: Education, Culture and Sport

Remit: to consider and report on matters relating to school and pre-school education which fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs; and on matters relating to the arts, culture and sport which fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Environment, Sport and Culture

Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector be renamed Social Justice

Remit: to consider and report on matters relating to housing and the voluntary sector and such other related matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Social Justice

Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: Transport and the Environment

Remit: to consider and report on matters relating to transport which fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Transport; and matters relating to environment and natural heritage which fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Environment, Sport and Culture

Maximum number of members: 9

Name of Committee: Rural Affairs to be renamed Rural Development

Remit: to consider and report on matters relating to rural development, agriculture and fisheries and such other related matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Rural Development

Maximum number of members: 11

Name of Committee: Local Government

Remit: to consider and report on matters relating to local government and which fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Finance and Local Government

Maximum number of members: 7

and calls upon the Procedures Committee to bring forward amendments to the standing orders to allow substitutes with voting rights to be nominated for each of the Committees.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 34, Abstentions 1).

7. Approval of draft Undertaking: The Minister for Transport moved S1M-1467—That the Parliament approves the draft Undertaking by the Scottish Ministers under section 2(1) of the Highlands and Islands Shipping Services Act 1960.

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

8. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1458: Approval of SSIs—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000;
the draft Education (National Priorities) (Scotland) Order 2000;
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.5) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/409);
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.6) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/428); and
the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 87, Against 16, Abstentions 3).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1459—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead Committee—

the Transport and Environment Committee to consider the Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/430).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Shinty: The Parliament debated S1M-808 in the name of Fergus Ewing—That the Parliament recognises the importance of shinty as Scotland's indigenous sport; notes that, whilst it is especially popular in the Highlands, it is played throughout Scotland; acknowledges that it makes a significant contribution to Scotland in terms of social inclusion, citizenship, healthy living, community development, volunteering and economic development; welcomes the comprehensive presentation made by the Camanachd Association to MSPs on 3 May 2000, and supports the Association's case for enhanced funding from sportscotland.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

No. 43 Wednesday 20 December 2000

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Alexander G Horsburgh, Church of Scotland Chaplain to the University of Stirling, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1482—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) as an addition to the Business Motion agreed on 14 December 2000

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after the first Parliamentary Bureau Motions, insert—

“followed by Ministerial Statement on the Fisheries Council”

and (b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 10 January 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 11 January 2001

9.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister’s Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Stalking and Harassment

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by

Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-1436 Lloyd Quinan:
Autistic Spectrum Disorder Provision

The motion was agreed to.

3. Transport (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1488—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stage 3 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill be allocated as follows, so that debate on each part of the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion on the expiry of the specified period (calculated from the time when Stage 3 begins)—

Group 1 to Group 2 - no later than 30 minutes
Group 3 to Group 15 - no later than 1 hour 45 minutes
Group 16 to Group 17 - no later than 2 hours 30 minutes
Group 18 to Group 22 - no later than 3 hours 30 minutes
Group 23 to Group 29 - no later than 4 hours 30 minutes
Motion to pass the Bill - no later than 5 hours

The motion was agreed to.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy Minister for Rural Development made a statement on the Fisheries Council meeting.

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

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 59, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 60, 61, 62, 63, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 64, 65, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 66, 36, 37, 38, 67, 68, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 74, 58.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

6 (For 19, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 18, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
69 (For 15, Against 80, Abstentions 1)
70 (For 2, Against 87, Abstentions 1)
3 (For 6, Against 61, Abstentions 19)
5 (For 22, Against 75, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 73, 4.

Other amendments were not moved.

6. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice under Rule 8.2.6, a motion without notice.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved that under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be taken at 4.15 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Transport (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Transport moved S1M-1425—That the Parliament agrees that the Transport (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-1425.1 to motion S1M-1425—

Insert at end—

“but in so doing expresses opposition to road user charging as defined by Part 3, and section 69 of the Bill which provides for potential additional Forth Road Bridge tolls.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

9. Membership of Committees: Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1483—That the Parliament agrees that the following Members be appointed to Committees with effect from 8 January 2001—

Keith Raffan to the Audit Committee
Karen Gillon to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee
Frank McAveety to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee
Cathy Peattie to the Equal Opportunities Committee
Margaret Smith to the Equal Opportunities Committee
John Home Robertson to the European Committee
Helen Eadie to the European Committee
Nora Radcliffe to the European Committee
Colin Campbell to the European Committee
Donald Gorrie to the Finance Committee
Janis Hughes to the Health and Community Care Committee
John McAllion to the Health and Community Care Committee
Frank McAveety to the Standards Committee
Kenneth Macintosh to the Standards Committee
Kay Ullrich to the Standards Committee
Iain Smith to the Local Government Committee
Frank McAveety to the Procedures Committee
Kenneth Macintosh to the Procedures Committee
Patricia Ferguson to the Procedures Committee
Brian Adam to the Procedures Committee
Rhoda Grant to the Public Petitions Committee
George Lyon to the Public Petitions Committee
Dorothy Grace Elder to the Public Petitions Committee
Jamie Stone to the Rural Development Committee
Mary Mulligan to the Rural Development Committee
Cathy Jamieson to the Rural Development Committee

Margaret Ewing to the Rural Development Committee
Bill Butler to the Subordinate Legislation Committee
Gordon Jackson to the Subordinate Legislation Committee
Margo MacDonald to the Subordinate Legislation Committee
John Farquhar Munro to the Transport and the Environment Committee
Bristow Muldoon to the Transport and the Environment Committee
Maureen Macmillan to the Transport and the Environment Committee
Des McNulty to the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee
Kenneth Macintosh to the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee
Kenny MacAskill to the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee
Paul Martin to the Justice I Committee
Karen Whitefield to the Justice II Committee
Scott Barrie to the Justice II Committee
Pauline McNeill to the Justice II Committee
Lyndsay McIntosh to the Justice II Committee
Euan Robson to the Justice II Committee
Margo MacDonald to the Justice II Committee
Christine Grahame to the Justice II Committee

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

11. Home and Community Safety: The Parliament debated S1M-1389 in the name of Cathy Jamieson—That the Parliament congratulates East Ayrshire Council for working towards achieving a community safety strategy that encompasses safety at home, on the roads, and throughout the community; is aware that more than a third of all accidents take place in the home, resulting in an estimated two and a half million casualty attendance's each year; acknowledges the importance of creating a central database of information relevant to home safety, and asks the Scottish Executive to consider supporting the introduction of a Home Safety Act.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Sheila Blount, Minister of Falkirk Old and St Modan's Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1514—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead Committee—

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No.2) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/449) and the Feeding Stuffs (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/453).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs made a statement on the progress on implementing the McCrone report in respect of teachers' pay and conditions.

4. Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: Mr Adam Ingram moved S1M-1367—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill.

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

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 4 as noted above.

6. Scottish Borders Labour Force: The Parliament debated S1M-1500 in the name of Euan Robson—That the Parliament notes the recent studies which have shown that a skills shortage is likely to develop in the labour force in the Scottish Borders in the next few years, creating particular challenges for traditional industries such as textiles and also for the construction industry, and therefore urges all relevant agencies to develop plans for training, retraining and upskilling, which will also assist in attracting high technology inward investors to broaden the base of the Borders' economy and in expanding attractive job opportunities for young people near their home localities.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1518—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stage 3 of the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill be allocated as follows, so that debate on each part of the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion on the expiry of the specified period (calculated from the time when Stage 3 begins)—

Groups 1 and 2 - no later than 1 hour
Groups 3 and 4 - no later than 1 hour 30 minutes
Group 5 to Group 8 - no later than 2 hours 30 minutes
Motion to pass the Bill - no later than 3 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning made a statement on the Scottish Executive response to the career services review.

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

Amendment 12 was agreed to (by division: For 59, Against 41, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

2 (For 13, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 38, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
11 (For 14, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 14, Against 83, Abstentions 1)
6 (For 40, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 16, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
10 (For 15, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 26, Against 68, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved, and with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 1, 1A

Other amendments were not moved or pre-empted.

4. Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Rural Development moved S1M-1502—That the Parliament agrees that the Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S1M-1502.1 to motion S1M-1502—

Insert at end—

“and notes that the measures for the conservation of salmon which the Bill will allow are limited in nature; urges the Scottish Executive to bring forward an action plan designed to conserve salmon in all phases of their life cycle, and recommends that, as the existing corpus of statute law relating to salmon fishing and conservation is both complex and fragmented, a Consolidation Bill be brought forward as soon as practicable.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 75, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1520—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 17 January 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Bill

followed by Executive Debate on the Health and Social Care Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Executive Debate on the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1474 Janis Hughes: Acute Health Service Review in South Glasgow

Thursday 18 January 2001

9.30 am Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

12.15 pm Ministerial Statement

followed by Business Motion

2.00 pm Executive Debate on the International Criminal Court Bill – UK Legislation

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on the Scottish Strategy for Victims

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1454 Alex Neil:
Hepatitis C

Wednesday 24 January 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Ministerial Statement
followed by Committee Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 January 2001

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business
12.15 pm Ministerial Statement
followed by Business Motion
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3.30 pm Stage 1 Debate on the Budget (Scotland) Bill
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Robert Burns

and (b) that the Rural Development Committee reports to the Health and Community Care Committee by 2 February 2001 on the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No.2) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/449) and on the Feeding Stuffs (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/453).

The motion was agreed to.

6. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

7. Stalking and Harassment: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1515—That the Parliament welcomes the work undertaken by the Scottish Executive to review the law on stalking and harassment; notes the completion of the consultation exercise carried out in 2000 and endorses the

Scottish Executive's proposals for strengthening the law, procedures and practice in this area.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-1515.1 to motion S1M-1515—

Leave out from “and endorses” to end.

After debate, Roseanna Cunningham sought leave to withdraw the amendment. Agreed to.

Phil Gallie moved amendment S1M-1515.2 to motion S1M-1515—

Leave out “endorses the Scottish Executive's proposals” and insert—

“will endorse practical proposals.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 59, Abstentions 30).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1519—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice Committee is designated as Lead Committee in consideration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill and that the Bill should also be considered by the Local Government Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

10. Motion without Notice: Lloyd Quinan moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Autistic Spectrum Disorder: The Parliament debated S1M-1436 in the name of Lloyd Quinan—That the Parliament notes that the incidence of Autistic Spectrum Disorder has rapidly increased in the last ten years; further notes the challenge faced by parents, carers and organisations such as the Strathclyde Autistic Society regarding the lack of appropriate provision, and urges rapid action to address and rectify the current situation.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** The Most Reverend Bruce Cameron, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Decision Time:** Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1552—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of the Standing Orders that Decision Time on Wednesday 17 January 2001 shall begin at 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

- 3. Business Motion:** Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1551—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the Business Motion agreed on 11 January 2001—

Wednesday 17 January 2001

after “Executive Debate on the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill – UK Legislation”, delete all and insert—

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| <i>“followed by</i> | Debate on Convenership of Committees |
| <i>followed by</i> | Parliamentary Bureau Motions |
| 5.30 pm | Decision Time |
| <i>followed by</i> | Members’ Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1474 Janis Hughes: Acute Health Service Review in South Glasgow” |

The motion was agreed to.

- 4. Designation of Lead Committees:** Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1553—That the Parliament agrees that—

the Health and Community Care Committee is designated as Lead Committee in consideration of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill and that the Bill should also be considered by the Local Government Committee and by the Education, Culture and Sport Committee; and
the Justice 1 Committee is designated as Lead Committee in consideration of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Designation of Lead Committee:** Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1554—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead Committee—

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Specified Risk Material Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/3) and the Specified Risk Material Order Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/4).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: Cathie Craigie moved S1M-1534—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Bill.

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

7. Health and Social Care Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1529—That the Parliament endorses the principle of transferring to local authorities in Scotland the responsibility for the funding and care management of people in residential care and nursing homes with preserved rights to higher levels of income support as set out in the Health and Social Care Bill; also endorses the principle of introducing enabling powers to extend recognition to specific groups of healthcare professionals for the purposes of dispensing NHS prescriptions written by them and of determining the list of medicines and appliances which they may prescribe and which NHS community pharmacists may be paid for dispensing, and agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve these ends in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

8. Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1527—That the Parliament endorses the need to ban tobacco advertising and promotion in Scotland as set out in the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill and agrees that the relevant provisions in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

9. Convenership of Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1555—That the Parliament agrees that the Convener of the Justice 2 Committee be appointed from the Labour Party and that the Deputy Convener of the Justice 2 Committee be appointed from the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

Tricia Marwick moved amendment S1M-1555.1 to motion S1M-1555—

Leave out from “the Convener” to end and insert—

“the founding principles of the Parliament as established by the Consultative Steering Group must not be undermined; that those principles have as their bedrock the fair representation of the parties in the Parliament, on parliamentary committees and in the role of Convener and Deputy Convener of those committees and therefore instructs the Parliamentary Bureau to bring forward a proposal to allocate the Convenership and Deputy Convenership of the Justice

2 Committee according to the system that has been successfully applied since the establishment of the Parliament and which has to date commanded all party support.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 37, Against 75, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) For 73, Against 36, Abstentions 0).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Acute Health Service Review in South Glasgow: The Parliament debated S1M-1474 in the name of Janis Hughes—That the Parliament notes the current review of acute hospital services in the south of Glasgow and believes that there should be an option appraisal of all the sites considered by Greater Glasgow Health Board as part of their consultation process.

12. Motion without Notice: Ken MacIntosh moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Fisheries: Mr Jamie McGrigor moved S1M-1548—That the Parliament notes the failure of the Scottish Executive to take the lead in producing an appropriate cod recovery plan for presentation as a United Kingdom submission to the European Commission; believes that this failure has led to European proposals for the North Sea which would seriously disadvantage the Scottish fishing fleet; notes that the plan, unless altered, will cause tremendous economic damage to Scotland's fishing communities, and calls for an alternative plan, devised in co-operation with the Scottish fishing industry, to be promoted immediately, which will lead to the revival of fish stocks and ensure a long-term future for Scotland's fishing industry.

The Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs moved amendment S1M-1548.2 to motion S1M-1548—

Leave out from “the failure” to end and insert—

“that the Scottish Executive, as part of the UK delegation, is currently involved in negotiations on a cod recovery plan with the European Commission, is aiming to secure the best possible deal for Scottish fishermen whilst ensuring a sustainable fishing industry, and is fully involving the industry in these discussions.”

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S1M-1548.1 to motion S1M-1548—

At end insert—

“; notes that, while other European Member States provide generous financial support for their fishing industries, Scotland's industry receives minimal support, and therefore calls on the Scottish Executive to announce an appropriate level of new investment in the industry given that such additional support for our fishing communities in their hour of need will ensure that they continue to make an enormous contribution to Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1548.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 50, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S1M-1548.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 18, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Executive, as part of the UK delegation, is currently involved in negotiations on a cod recovery plan with the European Commission, is aiming to secure the best possible deal for Scottish fishermen whilst ensuring a sustainable fishing industry, and is fully involving the industry in these discussions.

2. Route Action Plan and Priority Trans-European Network Road Links: Mr Murray Tosh moved S1M-1547—That the Parliament recognises the strategic importance of the ports of Stranraer and Cairnryan and the A75 corridor, in linking Northern Ireland and Scotland with the rest of the United Kingdom and the Republic

of Ireland and in developing priority Trans-European Network links; applauds the efforts of Dumfries and Galloway Council and the North Channel Partnership to highlight the strategic importance of the corridor as well as its economic importance to South West Scotland; notes the concern of the Council and the Partnership that the Scottish Executive's current proposals for the A75 will neither ensure improvements to the standards required for a Trans-European Networks road link, nor deliver agreed improvements within a timescale which would allow Stranraer and Cairnryan to compete effectively with the A55-Holyhead corridor, and calls upon the Scottish Executive, in recognition of the strategic importance of the A75 corridor, to work with all relevant partners to reassess the A75 Route Action Plan proposals, with a view to promoting a more comprehensive upgrading of the route and bringing forward firm funding proposals.

The Minister for Transport moved amendment S1M-1547.1 to motion S1M-1547—

Leave out from “notes the concern” to end and insert—

“welcomes the Scottish Executive's decision in the Spending Review 2000 to increase expenditure on transport by £500 million in the period to March 2004, recognises the progressive improvement of the A75 most recently through the scheme at The Glen completed in 1999 and the measures covering the next 10 years set out in the Route Action Plan, and notes that the Scottish Executive has already completed the short term measures and is now implementing the medium term priorities in that Plan.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the strategic importance of the ports of Stranraer and Cairnryan and the A75 corridor, in linking Northern Ireland and Scotland with the rest of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and in developing priority Trans-European Network links; applauds the efforts of Dumfries and Galloway Council and the North Channel Partnership to highlight the strategic importance of the corridor as well as its economic importance to South West Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Executive's decision in the Spending Review 2000 to increase expenditure on transport by £500 million in the period to March 2004, recognises the progressive improvement of the A75 most recently through the scheme at The Glen completed in 1999 and the measures covering the next 10 years set out in the Route Action Plan, and notes that the Scottish Executive has already completed the short term measures and is now implementing the medium term priorities in that Plan.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Finance and Local Government's statement on the review of NDPBs in Scotland was taken as read. This item of business was not concluded.

4. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1550—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 24 January 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection – The Right Reverend Dr Andrew R C McLellan,
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Justice 1 Committee Debate on its Proposal for a Protection from Abuse Bill
The Clerk has been informed that the following document(s) are relevant to
this debate.
Justice and Home Affairs Committee's 9th Report, 2000 (SP Paper 221)

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1334 Pauline McNeill:
Funding of Glasgow's Museums and Galleries

Thursday 25 January 2001

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business

12.15 pm Ministerial Statement

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Stage 1 Debate on the Budget Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1506 David Mundell:
Robert Burns

Wednesday 31 January 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection – The Reverend Ernest Levy, Member of the Jewish
Clergy

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student
Support) (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution on the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student
Support) (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 February 2001

9.30 am Executive Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on the Strategy for Enterprise

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that Stage 1 of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill be completed by 7 March 2001;

(c) that Stage 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Bill be completed by 14 March 2001; and

(d) that the Rural Development Committee reports to the Health and Community Care Committee by 2 February 2001 on the Specified Risk Material Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/3) and the Specified Risk Material Order Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/4).

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 27, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

5. International Criminal Court Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1528—That the Parliament endorses the principle of establishing the International Criminal Court in the legal systems of the United Kingdom and agrees that the provisions within the International Criminal Court Bill that relate to devolved matters should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

6. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

7. Scottish Strategy for Victims: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1556—That the Parliament endorses the principles of the Scottish Strategy for Victims; commends the development of the strategy which gives proper recognition for victims of crime and their needs; welcomes its emphasis on partnership working between criminal justice agencies to achieve the Scottish Executive's objectives of better support and information for victims, and welcomes the commitment to action and real improvements set out in the Justice Department's Action Plan.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-1556.1 to motion S1M-1556—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“recognises the long-standing neglect of victims within the Scottish criminal justice system which the strategy seeks to address, in particular the need for better support and involvement of victims throughout the criminal justice process, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to give higher status to the Victim Steering Group and ensure that sufficient resources are in place for the successful implementation of the Strategy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 79, Abstentions 0).

Phil Gallie moved amendment S1M-1556.2 to motion S1M-1556—

Leave out from “gives” to end and insert—

“represents a step forward in what has been a lethargic approach by the Scottish Executive.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 64, Abstentions 31).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Committee: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1563—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice 2 Committee is designated as the other Committee in consideration in the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Hepatitis C: The Parliament debated S1M-1454 in the name of Alex Neil—That the Parliament notes with concern that there are currently 10,000 people carrying hepatitis C in Scotland and that there may be 50,000 undiagnosed cases; acknowledges that hepatitis C can be treated in a cost-effective manner through a comprehensive system of education, screening and holistic treatment, and recognises the work of C-Level, Capital C and other such groups in their attempts to gain adequate funding so that they might tackle the issue.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend Dr Andrew R C McLellan, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on long term care.
3. **Proposal for a Protection from Abuse Bill:** Alasdair Morgan, on behalf of the Justice 1 Committee, moved S1M-1392—That the Parliament agrees to the proposal for a Committee Bill under Rule 9.15 contained in the Justice and Home Affairs Committee’s 9th Report, 2000 (SP Paper 221).

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

4. **Designation of Lead Committees:** Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1582—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of Lead Committee—

the Justice 1 Committee to consider the draft Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2001;
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2001; and
the Justice 2 Committee to consider the draft Number of Inner House Judges (Variation) Order 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. **Funding of Glasgow’s Museums and Galleries:** The Parliament debated S1M-1334 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament is disappointed that Glasgow’s museums and galleries were left out of the new funding for the arts announced on 2 November 2000; considers that the omission of support for Glasgow in arts funding disregards Glasgow museums’ “special circumstances” as outlined in the Scottish Executive’s National Cultural Strategy; believes that Glasgow City Council’s cultural, social inclusion and educational strategy is second to none in Scotland; notes that the city’s museums are the most visited in the UK outside London and that Glasgow holds the greatest civic collection in Europe, all of this being funded by the council tax payers of Glasgow, and calls for the inequity in funding of museums in Scotland to be redressed and the east-west divide in arts funding to be ended.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Roads of Scotland: Bruce Crawford moved S1M-1584—That the Parliament expresses its grave concern over the tendering process for the award of the contracts for the management and maintenance of the trunk road network; in particular notes that there are wide concerns about the contract assessment process, the future operation of the trunk road service and the potential knock-on implications for local authorities and others, and also expresses its deep regret that the Scottish Executive has failed to respond fully to the substantial and detailed submissions by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, individual councils and others.

The Minister for Transport moved amendment S1M-1584.1 to motion S1M-1584—

Leave out from “expresses” to end and insert—

“recognises the strong concerns expressed by the local government consortia and trade unions about the award of the contracts for the management and maintenance of the trunk road network; in particular notes their concerns about the contract assessment process, the future operation of the trunk road services and the potential knock-on implications for local authorities, and calls upon the Executive to continue further exploration of all outstanding issues.”

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-1584.1.1 to amendment S1M-1584.1—

At end insert—

“and further expresses concern that the separation of trunk from non-trunk roads for management and maintenance work hitherto carried out on a combined basis may diminish overall operational efficiency and value for money, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to conduct an urgent analysis of the impact of disaggregation of combined operations and to report back to the Parliament on proposals necessary to achieve optimum operational efficiency and value for money across the network as a whole.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1584.1.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S1M-1584.1 was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 35, Abstentions 1).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 34, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the strong concerns expressed by the local government consortia and trade unions about the award of the contracts for the management and maintenance of the trunk road network; in particular notes their concerns about the contract assessment process, the future operation of the trunk road services and the potential knock-on

implications for local authorities, and calls upon the Executive to continue further exploration of all outstanding issues.

2. Personal Care for the Elderly: Nicola Sturgeon moved S1M-1589—That the Parliament, while welcoming the further package of proposals to improve care for the elderly announced by the Minister for Health and Community Care on 24 January 2001, notes that it is the policy of the Liberal Democrats, SNP, Conservatives and others to introduce free personal care for the elderly as proposed in the Sutherland Commission Report and calls upon the Scottish Executive to make a similar clear, firm and unequivocal commitment together with a definite timetable for its implementation.

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S1M-1589.2 to motion S1M-1589—
leave out from “while” to end and insert—

“recognises that there are benefits in providing free personal care for the elderly; welcomes as a major step in this direction the further package of proposals announced by the Executive on 24 January 2001 which set out a process that will lead to a substantial extension of free personal care; notes that there are significant issues of cost and practicality in moving further and calls upon the Executive to broaden the terms of reference of the Development Group to require it to consider the practicalities, costs and implications of providing free personal care for all and to report by August 2001 with proposals that will inform the Executive’s expenditure decisions for 2002-3 and beyond.”

Tommy Sheridan moved amendment S1M-1589.1 to motion S1M-1589—

Leave out “and others” and insert—

“the Scottish Socialist Party and the Scottish Green Party”.

After debate, amendment S1M-1589.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 55, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S1M-1589.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 20, Abstentions 36).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament, recognises that there are benefits in providing free personal care for the elderly; welcomes as a major step in this direction the further package of proposals announced by the Executive on 24 January 2001 which set out a process that will lead to a substantial extension of free personal care; notes that there are significant issues of cost and practicality in moving further and calls upon the Executive to broaden the terms of reference of the Development Group to require it to consider the practicalities, costs and implications of providing free personal care for all and to report by August 2001 with proposals that will inform the Executive’s expenditure decisions for 2002-03 and beyond.

3 Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1581—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 31 January 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection – The Reverend Ernest Levy, Member of the Jewish Clergy

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill

followed by Executive Debate on the Outworking Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Financial Resolution on the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1579 Ian Jenkins: Borders Textile Industry

Thursday 1 February 2001

9.30 am Executive Debate on Working Together for Scotland – a Programme for Government

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on the Strategy for Enterprise

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1575 Roseanna Cunningham: Tayside Acute Services Review Consultation

Wednesday 7 February 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2001

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 February 2001

9.30 am Scottish Socialist Party and Green Party Business

<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.10 pm	First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm	Stage 3 Debate on the Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

(b) that the Justice 2 Committee reports to the Justice 1 Committee by 2 February 2001 on the draft Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2001 and on the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2001 and that the Justice 1 Committee reports to the Justice 2 Committee by 2 February 2001 on the draft Number of Inner House Judges (Variation) Order 2001; and

(c) that Stage 1 of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill be completed by 21 March 2001

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill – Stage 1: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1574—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 0, Abstentions 52).

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Parliament, under Rule 13.2.2, made a statement on personal care for the elderly.

7. Suspension of meeting: The meeting was suspended from 5.09 pm until 5.10 pm.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 5 as noted above.

9. Robert Burns: The Parliament debated S1M-1506 in the name of David Mundell—That the Parliament recognises the immeasurable contribution which the life and works of Robert Burns have made to the history and culture of Scotland; commends the activities of the Robert Burns World Federation, individual Burns' Clubs and the many other organisations and individuals who are dedicated to preserving and promoting Burns' memory and work in Scotland and abroad, and believes that the Scottish Executive should do all it can to ensure that the maximum

educational, cultural and economic, particularly from tourism, benefits are gained by the people of Scotland from Robert Burns' global legacy.

The meeting closed at 6.19 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Ernest Levy, Member of the Jewish Clergy, led Time for Reflection.

2. Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs moved S1M-1525—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 15, Abstentions 27).

3. Outworking Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning and Gaelic moved S1M-1596—That the Parliament endorses the principle of tackling bogus outworking schemes by controlling the seeking or receipt of advance payments for the provision of work or of information about work opportunities as set out in the Outworking Bill and agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve this end in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Tricia Marwick moved amendment S1M-1596.1 to motion S1M-1596—

Leave out from “as set out” to end and insert—

“and therefore calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward legislation in Scotland to achieve these aims of the UK Outworking Bill.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 79, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 0, Abstentions 27).

4. Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1580—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill, agrees to—

(a) the following expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund—
(i) the expenses of the Scottish Ministers in consequence of the Act; and (ii) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of the Fund under or by virtue of any other enactment; and

(b) any payments made to the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 4 as noted above.

6. Borders Textile Industry: The Parliament debated S1M-1579 in the name of Ian Jenkins—That the Parliament notes with regret the loss of jobs in the textiles industry at the Murray Allan mill in Innerleithen; supports the efforts of local agencies working together to assist employees who have lost their jobs, and urges the Scottish Executive to report on progress to deliver aid to the sector and to resolve the threat posed to the industry by the ongoing trade dispute between Europe and the USA so that textiles manufacturing can look forward to a permanent place in the Borders economy.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Working Together for Scotland: A Programme for Government: The First Minister moved S1M-1609—That the Parliament endorses the contents of *Working together for Scotland: A Programme for Government*.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-1609.1 to motion S1M-1609—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“condemns the use of valuable Parliamentary time and public resources for an exercise in spin and calls for the Parliament to take on the powers of a normal Parliament which would enable it to use all of the resources of Scotland to address the social and economic priorities determined by the people of Scotland.”

Mr David McLetchie moved amendment S1M-1609.1.1 to amendment S1M-1609.1—

Leave out from “and calls for” to end and insert—

“represented by and contained within the *Working together for Scotland: A Programme for Government* document.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1609.1.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

After debate, amendment S1M-1609.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 77, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

2. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1605—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revisions to the Business Motion agreed on 25 January 2001—

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after “Business Motion” insert—

“followed by Ministerial Statement on the Lockerbie Trial”

and (b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 February 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2001
followed by Executive Debate on the Criminal Justice and Police Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1478 Cathy Peattie:
2001: UN Year of Volunteering

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9.30 am Green Party debate on Renewable Energy
followed by Scottish Socialist Party debate on the National Health Service
followed by Scottish Socialist Party debate on Local Authority Housing Capital Debt
followed by Scottish Socialist Party debate on the Abolition of Council Tax
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Stage 3 Debate on the Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1489 John Scott: Non-
payment of Redundancy Packages to Ailsa Troon Workers

Wednesday 14 February 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Ministerial Statement
followed by Health and Community Care Committee Debate on its Report on the Delivery
of Community Care in Scotland
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1569 Fiona Hyslop: Debt
Advice and Debt Awareness Day

Thursday 15 February 2001

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business

<i>followed by</i>	Ministerial Statement
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.10 pm	First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
<i>followed by</i>	Ministerial Statement on the Lockerbie Trial

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Lord Advocate made a statement on the Lockerbie trial.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister, the Solicitor General for Scotland and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Strategy for Enterprise: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-1610—That the Parliament notes the publication of A Smart Successful Scotland: Ambitions for the Enterprise Networks, the first ever comprehensive policy statement of what government expects from the networks, which sets out the foundation for long-term and sustained improvement in economic performance for all of Scotland; welcomes the determination of the Scottish Executive to work with the networks on the challenges of raising productivity, encouraging entrepreneurship, raising skill levels and connecting Scotland globally, and notes the Executive's commitment in setting the vision and direction for the networks to improve their focus and effectiveness.

Mr Kenny MacAskill moved amendment S1M-1610.1 to motion S1M-1610—

Leave out from “the first” to end and insert—

“calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward detailed proposals both for funding and implementing its plans regarding raising productivity, encouraging entrepreneurship and raising skill levels, and calls for a commitment, with regard to connecting Scotland globally, to roll out broadband communication services to all of Scotland within a defined timescale and to promote, in conjunction with the private sector, a dedicated Scottish Internet connector.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 77, Abstentions 1).

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-1610.2 to motion S1M-1610—

Leave out from “the first” to end and insert—

“calls upon the Scottish Executive to play its part in stimulating enterprise in Scotland by reducing the bureaucracy which is currently stifling entrepreneurship and discouraging employment, and further calls upon the Executive to take a lead in facilitating the provision of a communications and roads infrastructure which will assist Scotland’s business to develop.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 18, Abstentions 31).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 5 as noted above.

7. Tayside Acute Services Review Consultation: The Parliament debated S1M-1575 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham—That the Parliament expresses its lack of faith in the consultation process associated with the Tayside Acute Services Review and the way in which public opinion is being ignored; is concerned that Tayside Health Board are intent on imposing a centralising agenda which will remove services from Angus and Perthshire and overload the service in Dundee, and believes that the Health and Community Care Committee should undertake an inquiry into the evidence base for the proposals and the effectiveness of the consultation process undertaken.

8. Motion without Notice: Mrs Margaret Ewing moved without notice that under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Sister Patricia O'Brien, Roman Catholic Pastoral Worker in Glenrothes, led Time for Reflection.

2. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2001: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1598—That the Parliament approves the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2001.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 16, Abstentions 30).

3. Criminal Justice and Police Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Justice moved S1M-1618—That the Parliament notes the provisions on information disclosure for criminal proceedings and powers of seizure contained in Parts II and III of the Criminal Justice and Police Bill currently before the UK Parliament; recognises the practical value of consistency across the United Kingdom for information disclosure for criminal investigation, and for powers of seizure as they relate to certain United Kingdom bodies and local authority officials, and agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve this end in this Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament; further notes that the Bill allows certain warrants issued in England and Wales to be executed in Scotland, recognises the importance of mutual execution of warrants for law enforcement, and agrees that the relevant provision to achieve this end in this Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 0, Abstentions 32).

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

5. 2001: UN Year of Volunteering: The Parliament debated S1M-1478 in the name of Cathie Peattie—That the Parliament notes that 2001 is the United Nations International Year of Volunteering; further notes that the year can facilitate the sharing of ideas, good practice and information about volunteering, community empowerment and the development of active citizenship within democratic systems; encourages all MSPs to take part in volunteering activity throughout the year through organisations such as the Falkirk Volunteer Network, and invites the Scottish Executive to mark the year appropriately.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Renewable Energy: Robin Harper moved S1M-1634—That the Parliament recognises that (a) Scotland’s renewable energy resources have been recorded as being the best in Europe; (b) there is significant potential for creating employment, both through generating renewable energy and from the manufacture of renewable energy generating plant; (c) community based renewable energy projects would benefit rural development in particular; (d) renewable energy can replace fossil fuels and nuclear energy, therefore contributing to a reduction in climate change impacts from greenhouse gas emissions and a reduction in the accumulation of highly radioactive nuclear waste, and (e) there are certain barriers to the development of Scotland’s renewable energy potential and these barriers must be rapidly surmounted if Scotland is to capitalise on the potential for job creation and environmental protection and therefore calls on the Scottish Executive to (i) set an aspirational target for supply of electricity from renewable sources of at least 22% in line with the recently announced European Union target; (ii) set a further aspirational target for renewable heat generating technologies and fuels such as biomass and solar thermal energy; (iii) establish a Scottish Wave Energy Test Site; (iv) ensure that, under the forthcoming Renewables Obligation Scotland (ROS) scheme, the generation of energy from the incineration of municipal waste does not qualify for support; (v) ensure under ROS that small scale hydroelectricity generation and refurbishment does qualify for support; (vi) ensure under ROS that there is a market for wave energy; (vii) ensure under ROS that Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs) may be issued in multiples of as low as one kilowatt hour in order to facilitate the granting of ROCs for domestic scale renewables and auto-generation and that ROCs are fully tradable across the border with England, and (viii) urgently establish a new cross-cutting team within the Scottish Executive drawing on the resources of the Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning and the Minister for Environment, Sport and Culture whose first goal will be to set up a Renewable Energy Working Group headed by a new Commissioner for Renewable Energy and whose remit will be to pursue actively the development of renewable energy in Scotland.

The Deputy Minister for Sport and Culture moved amendment S1M-1634.1 to motion S1M-1634—

Leave out from “that (a)” to end and insert—

“the vital importance of renewable energy as a means of tackling climate change and promoting sustainable development; acknowledges the potential benefit for the Scottish economy from promoting and encouraging renewable energy projects; endorses the commitment shown by the Scottish Executive to the promotion of renewable energy contained in the document Working Together for Scotland, and supports the Executive’s proposals for future policy on renewables as outlined in the current consultation paper on renewable energy policy.”

Fiona McLeod moved amendment S1M-1634.2 to motion S1M-1634—

Leave out from “urgently” to end and insert—

“commission an environmental audit as a forerunner to producing a national environment plan which will encompass a renewable energy capacity audit.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1634.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 34, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-1634.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 34, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the vital importance of renewable energy as a means of tackling climate change and promoting sustainable development; acknowledges the potential benefit for the Scottish economy from promoting and encouraging renewable energy projects; endorses the commitment shown by the Scottish Executive to the promotion of renewable energy contained in the document Working Together for Scotland, and supports the Executive’s proposals for future policy on renewables as outlined in the current consultation paper on renewable energy policy.

2. National Health Service: Tommy Sheridan moved S1M-1624—That the Parliament notes the increasing concern expressed by parents and many in the medical profession across Scotland regarding the triple MMR vaccination for measles, mumps and rubella and agrees, in the interest of addressing this serious public concern and in order to maximise choice for worried parents in relation to these important vaccinations, to allow immediately single vaccinations across the National Health Service in Scotland for at least a five year period, during which a detailed study of autistic spectrum disorder should take place and its incidence throughout Scotland should be closely monitored.

The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care moved amendment S1M-1624.1 to motion S1M-1624—

Leave out from “the increasing” to end and insert—

“that the MMR vaccine commands the support of all the major health organisations in the UK, that it is recommended by the World Health Organisation, that it is used in over 30 European countries, as well as in the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and that the two UK independent expert committees, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation and the Committee on Safety of Medicines, remain unequivocal that, on the scientific evidence available, there is no causal link between MMR vaccine and autism; further notes that there is in progress a major study funded by the Medical Research Council into the causes of autism, and agrees that, in the best interests of all Scottish children, there is a need to present to concerned parents the facts about MMR and single antigen vaccines in an objective, accurate and responsible way.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the MMR vaccine commands the support of all the major health organisations in the UK, that it

is recommended by the World Health Organisation, that it is used in over 30 European countries, as well as in the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and that the two UK independent expert committees, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation and the Committee on Safety of Medicines, remain unequivocal that, on the scientific evidence available, there is no causal link between MMR vaccine and autism; further notes that there is in progress a major study funded by the Medical Research Council into the causes of autism, and agrees that, in the best interests of all Scottish children, there is a need to present to concerned parents the facts about MMR and single antigen vaccines in an objective, accurate and responsible way.

3. Local Authority Housing Capital Debt: Tommy Sheridan moved S1M-1626— That the Parliament notes the introduction of capital receipt set aside rules by the previous Tory government in April 1996, diverting significant resources from council expenditure across Scotland; further notes the universal opposition of Labour MPs, councillors and CoSLA to these set aside rules when they were introduced; also notes that since financial year 1997-98 a total of £641 million has been diverted from investment in council housing stock and from 1999-2000 to 2000-01 a total of £315,536,000 has been lost from council housing budgets; finally notes that the sum lost from council housing budgets since 1999 could have delivered 126,214 households with whole-house central heating and insulation and/or double-glazed window units, and therefore agrees to rescind the capital receipt set aside rules with immediate effect, thus releasing in excess of £150 million in the current year and a similar amount in financial year 2001-02.

The Deputy Minister for Social Justice moved amendment S1M-1626.2 to motion S1M-1626—

Leave out from first “notes” to end and insert—

“recognises the need to provide innovative solutions to tackling the high levels of local authority housing debt; notes that the use of capital receipts contributes to the management of that debt burden; welcomes the Executive’s community ownership initiative as a means of lifting the debt burden from tenants, securing a step change in investment and putting tenants at the heart of rebuilding communities, and also welcomes the Executive’s commitment to provide all council and housing association tenants, and all pensioners in both public and private housing, with warm and dry homes through the installation of central heating and insulation by 2006.”

Linda Fabiani moved amendment S1M-1626.1 to motion S1M-1626—

Leave out from “also” to end and insert—

“notes that the imposition of the capital receipt set aside rules is only one example of the attack on public investment in housing that began under the Conservatives and has been continued by the present UK Government and Scottish Executive; regrets that the Labour Government and this Labour/Liberal administration have continued this Conservative policy, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to rescind the capital receipt set aside rules with immediate effect and so inject much needed funding into Scotland’s public sector housing.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1626.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 35, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-1626.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 34, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the need to provide innovative solutions to tackling the high levels of local authority housing debt; notes that the use of capital receipts contributes to the management of that debt burden; welcomes the Executive’s community ownership initiative as a means of lifting the debt burden from tenants, securing a step change in investment and putting tenants at the heart of rebuilding communities, and also welcomes the Executive’s commitment to provide all council and housing association tenants, and all pensioners in both public and private housing, with warm and dry homes through the installation of central heating and insulation by 2006.

4. Abolition of Council Tax: Tommy Sheridan moved S1M-1627—That the Parliament believes that the council tax is a fundamentally unfair and regressive tax; believes in social justice and the redistribution of wealth from the rich to the poor; therefore agrees to abolish the council tax and replace it with the Scottish Service Tax which is based on an individual’s income and is inherently fairer, more efficient and redistributive; notes that the Scottish Service Tax would raise more revenue than the council tax and that it would remove the burden of paying for local government jobs and services from the shoulders of low paid workers and pensioners and place it firmly on the shoulders of the well paid and the wealthy, and believes that the introduction of the Scottish Service Tax should be complemented by the return of the right for local authorities to raise and retain their business rates and a thorough investigation of land value and speculation taxes to supplement local authority revenue.

The Deputy Minister for Finance and Local Government moved amendment S1M-1627.2 to motion S1M-1627—

Leave out from first “believes” to end and insert—

“welcomes the substantial reforms that the Executive has brought to the operation of local government finance by the delivery of three-year budget figures for grant, by the removal of expenditure guidelines and by increasing the funding of councils; further welcomes the indications from the Executive that it will pursue further reforms in the future, and notes that the Local Government Committee of the Parliament is to conduct an investigation into the financing of local government.”

Fergus Ewing moved amendment S1M-1627.1 to motion S1M-1627—

Leave out from first “believes” to end and insert—

“endorses the unanimous decision of the Local Government Committee to carry out an independent inquiry into local government finance, and believes the outcome of that inquiry should be awaited before any fundamental changes are made to the current system.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1627.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 48, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S1M-1627.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 21, Abstentions 29).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the substantial reforms that the Executive has brought to the operation of local government finance by the delivery of three-year budget figures for grant, by the removal of expenditure guidelines and by increasing the funding of councils; further welcomes the indications from the Executive that it will pursue further reforms in the future, and notes that the Local Government Committee of the Parliament is to conduct an investigation into the financing of local government.

5. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1635—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

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2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Ministerial Statement
<i>followed by</i>	Health and Community Care Committee Debate on its Report on the Delivery of Community Care in Scotland
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1569 Fiona Hyslop: Debt Advice and Debt Awareness Day

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9.30 am	Scottish National Party Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.10 pm	First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm	Executive Debate on Children's Issues
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Motion on the Culture and Recreation Bill – UK Legislation
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1614 Trish Godman: Hospices

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

6. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

7. Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1628—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill be passed.

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

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 as noted above.

9. Non-payment of Redundancy Packages to Ailsa Troon: The Parliament debated S1M-1489 in the name of John Scott—That the Parliament condemns the action of the Cathelco Group, owners of Ailsa Troon shipyard, which has failed to pay 16 shipyard workers redundancy payments totalling some £300,000 due to them under the terms of their contracts; further notes that these workers had demonstrated their loyalty to the yard by remaining to complete an order after the other workers had been laid off by Cathelco, and urges the suspension of the award of any further government contracts to Cathelco companies until such a time as Cathelco honours its commitment to all its staff.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Councillor Reverend Elizabeth J Wardlaw, Minister of Hermitage United Free Church, Leith, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs made a statement on a teaching profession for the 21st century.
3. **Inquiry into the Delivery of Community Care in Scotland:** Margaret Smith, on behalf of the Health and Community Care Committee, moved S1M-1639—That the Parliament notes, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to act upon, the recommendations contained within the 16th Report 2000 by the Health and Community Care Committee, *Inquiry into the Delivery of Community Care in Scotland* (SP Paper 219).

The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care moved amendment S1M-1639.1 to motion S1M-1639—

Leave out from “and calls upon” to end and insert—

“and welcomes the recommendations contained within the 16th Report 2000 by the Health and Community Care Committee, *Inquiry into the Delivery of Community Care in Scotland* (SP Paper 219) and further notes the announcement made by the Executive on 25 January 2001 and the establishment of the Care Development Group regarding the care for older people.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 17, Abstentions 31).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes and welcomes the recommendations contained within the 16th Report 2000 by the Health and Community Care Committee, *Inquiry into the Delivery of Community Care in Scotland* (SP Paper 219) and further notes the announcement made by the Executive on 25 January 2001 and the establishment of the Care Development Group regarding the care for older people.

4. **Business Motion:** Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1659—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the Business Motion agreed on 8 February 2001—

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(a) delete—

“9.30 am

Scottish National Party Debate on Education”

and insert—

“9.30 am Debate on Motion of No Confidence

followed by Scottish National Party Debate on Education”

and (b) after—

“3.30 pm Executive Debate on Children’s Services”

delete—

“followed by Executive Motion on the Culture and Recreation – UK Legislation”

The motion was agreed to.

5. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1660—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead Committee—

the Justice 2 Committee to consider the European Communities (Matrimonial Jurisdiction and Judgments) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/36) and the draft Civil Defence (Scotland) Order 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. Debt Advice and Debt Awareness Day: The Parliament debated S1M-1569 in the name of Fiona Hyslop—That the Parliament notes with concern the alarmingly high levels of consumer debt in Lothian; notes that this is indicative of the situation across all of Scotland; recognises the invaluable work of Scotland’s Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB) in dealing with over 34,000 new cases of consumer debt in Scotland last year; gives backing to the CAB Services Debt Awareness Day on 14 February 2001 warning of the scale and danger of consumer debt; condemns the irresponsible marketing techniques that entice people to borrow beyond their means, especially those on low incomes, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to invest in independent advice agencies which are at the front-line in tackling debt and poverty issues in Scotland.

8. Motion without Notice: Dr Winnie Ewing 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.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Motion of No Confidence: Bruce Crawford moved S1M-1621—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Minister for Transport on account of her handling of the trunk road management and maintenance tendering process.

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-1621.1 to motion S1M-1621—

Leave out from “has no confidence” to end and insert—

“supports the principle of competitive tendering in relation to public works contracts such as the contract for trunk roads management and maintenance, in view of the paramount importance of securing best value for the taxpayer at both local and national level; notes the concerns raised in relation to the award of the trunk roads contracts and the intention of the Transport and the Environment Committee to investigate relevant aspects of the process; endorses the Minister for Transport’s invitation to the Auditor General for Scotland to review the tendering process and the evaluation in this case, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to clarify how the client and monitoring functions will be exercised under the new contracts and to review and report further to the Parliament on the implications of disaggregation of trunk and local services for local authorities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 102, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 70, Abstentions 16).

2. Future of Scottish Education: Michael Russell moved S1M-1656—That the Parliament welcomes the acceptance of the McCrone settlement by Scottish teachers and looks forward to a new era of co-operation and consultation between government, teachers, parents and education authorities which could result in much beneficial development of our educational system; rejects the moves towards selection and privatisation of education outlined by the Prime Minister in recent speeches; expects the Scottish Executive to make no attempt to imitate such policies which are not only directly contrary to the Scottish educational ethos but would re-create resentment and division in our schools; calls upon the Scottish Executive to emphasise its desire to improve Scotland’s distinctive education system by following the example of the Northern Ireland Executive in abandoning league tables, and further encourages the Scottish Executive to re-examine critically target setting for schools and the burden of externally imposed assessment on Scotland’s young people.

The Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs moved amendment S1M-1656.1 to motion S1M-1656—

Leave out from “which could result in” to end and insert—

“; believes that world class education is essential to give every child the best possible start in life and is critical to the future prosperity of Scotland; welcomes the clear vision that puts the

interests of the child at the centre of the improvement of Scottish education embodied in the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000; and recognises the clear priority which the Executive has given to raising standards and promoting ambition for all."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

Mr Brian Monteith moved amendment S1M-1656.2 to motion S1M-1656—

Leave out from "looks" to end and insert—

"the acknowledgement by the Prime Minister that a "one size fits all" comprehensive system of education is failing Britain's children; believes that choice through diversity and competition, together with the involvement of parents and the professional commitment of headteachers and teachers are the crucial factors in raising educational standards for all children; recognises that specialisation in subjects, selection and streaming are a necessary requirement for such diversity, and reaffirms that league tables provide a valuable source of information to parents to assess their local schools."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 102, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 16, Abstentions 33).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the acceptance of the McCrone settlement by Scottish teachers and looks forward to a new era of co-operation and consultation between government, teachers, parents and education authorities; believes that world class education is essential to give every child the best possible start in life and is critical to the future prosperity of Scotland; welcomes the clear vision that puts the interests of the child at the centre of the improvement of Scottish education embodied in the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000 and recognises the clear priority which the Executive has given to raising standards and promoting ambition for all.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1664—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 28 February 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Executive Debate on Sustainable Development

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1251 Mr Kenneth Gibson: Discrimination Against Teaching Centres of Artistic Excellence

Thursday 1 March 2001

9.30 am Executive Debate on Primary Care

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Executive Motion on the Culture and Recreation Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1263 George Lyon:
Caledonian MacBrayne

Wednesday 7 March 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 March 2001

9.30 am Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (b) that the Justice 1 Committee reports to the Justice 2 Committee by 9 March 2001 on the draft Civil Defence (Scotland) Regulations 2001 and the European Communities (Matrimonial Jurisdiction and Judgments) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/36)

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 27, Against 1, Abstentions 1).

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Children's Services: The Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs moved S1M-1663—That the Parliament agrees that every child should get the best possible start in life and support through difficult periods as they grow older; welcomes a consideration of a remit and role for a Children's Commissioner; approves the measures being taken to support parents and improve the life chances of children and young people through early intervention, and endorses the action being taken to strengthen partnership working between local councils, the health service and the voluntary sector.

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

6. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1665—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

the draft Code of Representations for the Welfare of Livestock: Sheep (SE/2001/58);

the draft Budget (Scotland) Act 2000 (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2001;

the draft Number of Inner House Judges (Variation) Order 2001; and

the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1666—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2001 be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Hospices: The Parliament debated S1M-1614 in the name of Trish Godman—That the Parliament praises the contribution of hospices across Scotland in providing loving care and support to both patients and their families; acknowledges the contribution of staff, volunteers and local fundraisers to the hospice service; believes that the health boards should meet 50% of the running costs of hospices set out in Management Executive Letter NHS MEL (1994) 104, and urges the Scottish Executive to address the funding shortfall for Scotland's only children's hospice, Rachel House in Kinross.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Archie McPhail, Minister of Campbell Street Associated Presbyterian Church, Oban, led Time for Reflection.

2. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1697—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of Lead Committee—

the Justice 1 Committee to consider the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2001;
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2001; and
the Justice 2 Committee to consider the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Scotland) Regulations 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Rural Development made a statement on the foot and mouth disease outbreak.

4. Sustainable Development: The Minister for Environment, Sport and Culture moved S1M-1694—That the Parliament affirms its commitment to sustainable development; recognises the importance of sustainable development to achieving social justice for all peoples, and commends the Scottish Executive for continuing to place the issue central to its policies and programmes, as evidenced in its Programme for Government: Working together for Scotland.

Bruce Crawford moved amendment S1M-1694.2 to motion S1M-1694—

Insert at end—

"however, also recognises that a great deal of work still requires to be undertaken regarding sustainable development in the fields of social inclusion, rural affairs, fishing, education, health, transport and economic development as well as in relation to the wider environmental aspects, and believes in particular that meaningful sustainability monitoring indicators should be produced by the end of May 2001."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 76, Abstentions 0).

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-1694.3 to motion S1M-1694—

Leave out from “, and commends” to end and insert—

“and to passing on a decent inheritance to future generations of Scots; notes the progress reported to date in Working together for Scotland, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to consult urgently to produce a transparent and effective implementation strategy for sustainability.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Robin Harper moved amendment S1M-1694.1 to motion S1M-1694—

Leave out from “and commends” to end and insert—

“recognises that conserving and protecting environmental resources is the key to ensuring that the welfare of future generations is not compromised by present day activities and, in order to ensure that sustainable development is placed at the centre of all Scottish Executive policies and programmes, calls upon the Executive (a) to adopt urgently comprehensive indicators of sustainable development and to measure progress against these indicators annually, (b) to set specific targets for a 10% reduction in road traffic by 2010, for 22% of electricity sold to be from wind, hydro and wave renewable energy sources by 2010, for conversion of 20% of agricultural land to organic production by 2010 and for recycling of 30% of municipal waste by 2010, (c) to adopt the recommendations of the Transport and the Environment Committee on telecommunication mast developments, (d) to set up an independent inquiry into sea cage fish farming within two months, (e) to exclude waste-to-energy incineration schemes under the Renewables Obligation (Scotland), (f) to institute bi-monthly meetings of the Ministerial Group on Sustainable Scotland, with publication of its minutes and (g) to carry out an annual environmental audit of its Programme for Government.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 3, Against 73, Abstentions 26).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 41, Abstentions 2).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 4 as noted above.

6. Discrimination Against Centres of Artistic Excellence: The Parliament debated S1M-1251 in the name of Mr Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes the decision of the Department for Education and Employment to introduce Dance and Drama Awards for students to study at institutions in England and Wales; is aware that Scottish students compete on equal terms for places at such institutions with their counterparts from other parts of the United Kingdom and the European Union (EU); is concerned that tuition fees are only paid if students study in England and Wales and regrets that no parallel funding scheme exists for students who wish to study in Scotland; believes that this discrimination against Scottish institutions can only harm them and in the case of Ballet West may force it out of business or to relocate from Taynuilt to outwith Scotland, to the detriment of the local economy and employment; notes that Ballet West attracts students from across the United Kingdom, the EU and as far afield as Guatemala, Japan and Malaysia and outperforms competitor schools from south of the border in ballet competitions and quality of training; is puzzled by the Minister for Children and Education’s view that “there is no evidence of significant demand for Dance and Drama training for young people aged 16 and over in Scotland” when 613 applications were received by Ballet West for 23 places; regrets that 34 students withdrew or rejected offers from Ballet West due to lack of funding, compared with only two students doing so at English institutions; notes that the Excellence Fund supports and encourages talented secondary school dancers in Scotland but that the only progression into tertiary

training encouraged by the Scottish Executive is in England; is concerned that Scotland will become denuded of teaching centres of artistic excellence and be drained of artistic talent as a result of this discrimination; believes the current position of the Scottish Executive on this issue contradicts its own cultural strategy that has as its key themes “widening opportunities, promoting education, developing and celebrating excellence” and believes that the Scottish Executive should act in order that students from across the UK can choose where to study dance, drama or stage management based on the quality of course offered rather than on whether or not tuition fees will be paid.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Primary Care: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1699—That the Parliament applauds the vital contribution which community-based health professionals make to the health and health care of the people of Scotland and affirms the commitment in the Executive’s health plan *Our National Health: a plan for action, a plan for change* to developing these services.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-1699.1 to motion S1M-1699—

Leave out from “and affirms” to end and insert—

“, notes the recent survey conducted by the Scottish General Practitioners Committee which found that primary care in Scotland is facing a crisis, with low morale and increasing levels of stress amongst general practitioners, and concludes that the Scottish Executive has a great deal still to do to develop primary care services in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 78, Abstentions 1).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-1699.2 to motion S1M-1699—

Leave out from “affirms” to end and insert—

“, further calls upon the Scottish Executive to address urgently the serious problem of low morale among GPs, the associated issues of workload, bureaucracy and lack of resources, and to look to greater recognition of and partnership with community-based health professionals in order to ensure greater utilisation of local services and to put the patient at the heart of the NHS.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 61, Abstentions 2).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 17, Abstentions 34).

2. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1709—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 March 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1564 Marilyn Livingstone:
Strategy to Tackle Sexual Abuse

Thursday 8 March 2001

9.30 am Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Debate on the International Development Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill
followed by Executive Motion on the Culture and Recreation Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1452 Alex Fergusson:
Less Favoured Areas

Wednesday 14 March 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Housing (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Housing (Scotland) Bill
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 March 2001

9.30 am Executive Debate on Freedom of Information
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-1670 Mr George Reid:
National Tartan Day

and (b) that the Justice 2 Committee reports to the Justice 1 Committee by 12 March 2001 on the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 and the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2001; and that the Justice 1 Committee reports to the Justice 2 Committee by 13 March 2001 on the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Scotland) Regulations 2001.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

4. Fuel Poverty: The Minister for Social Justice moved S1M-1700—That the Parliament commends the Scottish Executive for its commitment to tackling fuel poverty, as set out in the UK Fuel Poverty Strategy which will form part of the Housing (Scotland) Bill, through the central heating programme, which will provide all council and housing association tenants and all pensioners, irrespective of their tenure, with warm and dry homes by 2006, through the Warm Deal, New Housing Partnerships and investment in social rented housing and through its proposals for a new Index of Housing Quality and its plans to extend the scope of the improvement and repairs grant system to include energy efficiency measures.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S1M-1700.2 to motion S1M-1700—

Leave out from “commends” to ends and insert—

“recognises the consistent calls from a number of parties for fuel poverty to be tackled as an early priority by the Executive, particularly in a country which has so much fuel wealth but also so much fuel poverty, is disappointed that the Housing (Scotland) Bill as currently drafted contains no targets for the eradication of fuel poverty or other measures previously indicated in earlier consultation documents, is further disappointed in the lack of detail, funding and timetabling of the Central Heating Initiative particularly for pensioners in areas where councils are considering wholesale stock transfer of council homes; recognises that Scotland should have its own Fuel Poverty Strategy, and calls on the Executive to address all these issues as a matter of urgency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 78, Abstentions 1).

Mr Keith Harding moved amendment S1M-1700.3 to motion S1M-1700—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“notes the Scottish Executive’s commitment to tackling fuel poverty and that a major part of the action being taken is the continuation and expansion of the Housing Energy Efficiency Scheme

introduced by the last Conservative Government in 1991; urges the Scottish Executive to expedite further transfers of Council housing stock to community ownership to facilitate the necessary investment to ensure the eradication of the poor housing conditions that contribute to fuel poverty, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to assist the Social Justice Committee in consideration of the detailed implementation of the Central Heating Programme in order to ensure that the Executive targets the available resources at those most in need.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 18, Abstentions 31).

5. Culture and Recreation Bill – UK Legislation: This item was not taken.

6. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1696—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

Special Grant Report No.1 - Special Grant for Scotland Asylum Seeker Assistance: Report by the Scottish Ministers (SE/2001/60);
Special Grant Report No.2 - Special Grant for Scotland Kosovan Evacuees: Report by the Scottish Ministers (SE/2001/61); and
the draft Highlands and Islands Enterprise Area of Operation (Scotland) Order 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 4, and 6 as noted above.

8. Caledonian MacBrayne: The Parliament debated S1M-1263 in the name of George Lyon—That the Parliament recognises the high proportion of Caledonian MacBrayne employees who are drawn from the communities that the company serves; acknowledges the importance of these jobs to the economic well-being of these remote and island communities; notes with concern the fears that employees of Caledonian MacBrayne have regarding the potential consequences of the competitive tendering process required by the European Commission, and urges the Scottish Executive to do everything within its power to ensure that job security for staff at Caledonian MacBrayne is maintained throughout and after the conclusion of that process.

9. Motion without Notice: Murray Tosh 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 5.53 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mrs Ann Allen, Convener of the Church of Scotland's Board of Social Responsibility, led Time for Reflection.

2. Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1523—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill.

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-1523.1 to motion S1M-1523—

Insert at end—

“but, in so doing, expresses its reservations about the level of charges and consequential supply of services.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 64, Abstentions 30).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1638—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill, agrees to the following expenditure out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund—

(a) expenditure of the Scottish Administration in consequence of the Act; and

(b) increases attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of that Fund under any other enactment.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

5. Strategy to Tackle Sexual Abuse: The Parliament debated S1M-1564 in the name of Marilyn Livingstone—That the Parliament recognises the complex, devastating and long-term effects of childhood sexual abuse; acknowledges the requirement for adequately funded services and clear care pathways for survivors, and invites the Scottish Executive to set out its plans to develop and implement a national strategy to address the social, health and legal implications of sexual abuse and its impact on our society as a whole.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Scotland's Fishing Industry: Mr Jamie McGrigor moved S1M-1725—That the Parliament supports the aims of the cod recovery plan; acknowledges the financial sacrifices made by the Scottish fishing fleet towards that end, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to utilise Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance funding to provide financial support to our fishermen during the twelve week closure period and to outline its plans for the protection of other stocks such as haddock and programme for vessel decommissioning at the earliest opportunity.

The Deputy Minister for Rural Development moved amendment S1M-1725.2 to motion S1M-1725—

Leave out from “utilise” to end and insert—

“continue to develop a range of measures aimed at returning whitefish stocks to sustainable levels.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S1M-1725.1 to motion S1M-1725—

Leave out from “Financial Instrument” to “period” and insert—

“funding from the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance or other appropriate financial resources to provide financial support to our fishermen during the twelve week closure period in the form of an immediate compensated tie-up scheme and other suitable measures.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division (on a casting vote): For 56, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament supports the aims of the cod recovery plan; acknowledges the financial sacrifices made by the Scottish fishing fleet towards that end, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to utilise funding from the Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance or other appropriate financial resources to provide financial support to our fishermen during the twelve week closure period in the form of an immediate compensated tie-up scheme and other suitable measures and to outline its plans for the protection of other stocks such as haddock and programme for vessel decommissioning at the earliest opportunity.

2. Crisis in Rural Scotland: Alex Johnstone moved S1M-1726—That the Parliament expresses its profound concern about the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease, its sympathy for farmers and others in the meat supply chain facing the loss of their livelihoods, its concern about the general impact on the economy of

the areas affected and its appreciation of the work of those fighting to contain the spread of the disease; affirms its support for the measures taken to date to control the spread of the disease; welcomes the introduction of the licensed movement of livestock to abattoirs, and calls upon the Scottish Executive, acting in concert with Her Majesty's Government and the European Union, to ensure that all meat imports are subject to the same rigorous public health and animal welfare standards as our domestic produce.

The Minister for Rural Development moved amendment S1M-1726.2 to motion S1M-1726—

Insert at end—

“and approves the action being taken by the Food Standards Agency to control the quality of meat imports.”

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

Fergus Ewing moved amendment S1M-1726.1 to motion S1M-1726—

Insert at end—

”; further resolves that the urgent priority in this crisis is to contain and eradicate foot and mouth disease by means of a policy of slaughter of infected animals, disinfection and movement control; notes that the nature and extent of restrictions upon life in rural communities should be based upon advice from the Chief Veterinary Officer; recognises that the restrictions are creating real financial hardship for those working in tourism, haulage and many other related industries in rural Scotland, and calls upon the Scottish Executive and Her Majesty's Government, once the outbreak is brought under control, to consider as a matter of urgency the plight of all of those whose livelihood has been materially affected as a result of this crisis.”

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

The motion as amended was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 55, Abstentions 1).

3. Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1728—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stage 3 of the Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill be allocated as follows, so that debate on the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion on the expiry of the specified period (calculated from the time when Stage 3 begins)—

Motion to pass the Bill - no later than 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Decision Time: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1727—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of the standing orders that Decision Time on Wednesday 14 March 2001 shall begin at 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1719—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 14 March 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1464 Des McNulty:
Clydebank and the Blitz

Thursday 15 March 2001

9.30 am Executive Debate on Freedom of Information

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Credit Unions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1670 Mr George Reid:
National Tartan Day

Wednesday 21 March 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Convention Rights (Compliance)
(Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1650 Kay Ullrich: School
Swimming Lessons

Thursday 22 March 2001

9.30 am Social Justice Committee Debate on Drug Misuse and Deprived Communities

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

7. International Development Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1713—That the Parliament endorses the principles included in the International Development Bill that Scottish Ministers' consent be required before Scottish statutory bodies undertake international development activity, that Scottish Ministers can add or delete Scottish bodies from the list of those which can undertake such activity and that Scottish police officers who undertake international development activity abroad continue to enjoy the same conditions of service as in the UK, and agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve these ends in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

8. Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: Adam Ingram moved S1M-1721—That the Parliament agrees that the Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

9. Culture and Recreation Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Environment, Sport and Culture moved S1M-1645—That the Parliament endorses the principle of gaining efficiency and effectiveness in relation to public bodies by means of structural change to the Film Council and to Resource: The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries, as set out in the Culture and Recreation Bill; also endorses the provision of a simplified procedure for the making of parks regulations for application in Scotland, and agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve these ends in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1720—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2001; and,
the draft Civil Defence (Scotland) Regulations 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Motion without Notice: Tavish Scott, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.3.3, Decision Time be taken at 4.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

12. Suspension of meeting: The meeting was suspended from 4.15 pm until 4.29 pm.

13. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

14. Less Favoured Areas: The Parliament debated S1M-1452 in the name of Alex Fergusson—That the Parliament notes the concerns of farmers and crofters from all parts of Scotland regarding the Area Based Payments Scheme which will replace the Hill Livestock Compensatory Allowance Scheme; further notes that at least 65% of all recipients will be disadvantaged by this change to such a degree that many currently viable businesses will be rendered unviable, and believes that the Minister for Rural Development must review the situation as soon as is practical in order to redress the situation which will arise in 2003 when the transitional arrangements have their greatest financial impact.

The meeting closed at 5.25 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Jothini Seenithamby, Methodist Minister from Sri Lanka and Masters student at New College, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Housing (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Minister for Social Justice moved S1M-1524—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Housing (Scotland) Bill.

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

3. Housing (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1484—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Housing (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) the expenditure out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund of the expenses of the Scottish Ministers in consequence of the Act; and

(b) any charge imposed on, and any payment required to be made by, any person by or under the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that motion S1M-1758 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 82, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1758—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the Business Motion agreed on 8 March 2001—

Thursday 15 March 2001

After “Executive Debate on Freedom of Information”, delete—

“*followed by* Business Motion”

and insert—

“11.30 am Executive Debate on Fisheries

12.30 pm First Minister’s Motion to appoint a junior Scottish Minister”

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 21 March 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Stage 1 Debate on the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution in respect of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1420 Irene McGugan: Scottish Berry Project

Thursday 22 March 2001

9.30 am Social Justice Committee Debate on Drug Misuse and Deprived Communities

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Rural Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1684 Iain Smith: Recycling in Fife

Wednesday 28 March 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Scottish National Party Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 March 2001

9.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No 2) Bill

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm	Question Time
3.10 pm	First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1340 Mr Keith Harding: Homelessness in Fife

and (c) that the Justice 1 Committee reports to the Justice 2 Committee by 26 March 2001 on the Police Grant (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/74) and on the Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/83) and by 27 March 2001 on the Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Portree) Rules 2001 (SSI 2001/64);

the Justice 2 Committee reports to the Justice 1 Committee by 26 March 2001 on the Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/82) and by 3 April 2001 on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, Ranks and Positions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/87);

the Rural Development Committee reports to the Health and Community Care Committee by 2 April 2001 on the Restriction on Pithing (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/73) and by 3 April 2001 on the Specified Risk Material Amendment (No.2) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/86); and

the Health and Community Care Committee reports to the Justice 1 Committee by 2 April 2001 on the Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/75), on the Adults with Incapacity (Certificates from Medical Practitioners) (Accounts and Funds) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/76), on the Adults with Incapacity (Supervision of Welfare Attorneys by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/77), on the Adults with Incapacity (Countersignatories of Applications for Authority to Intromit) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/78), on the Adults with Incapacity (Evidence in Relation to Dispensing with Intimation or Notification) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/79) and on the Adults with Incapacity (Certificates in Relation to Powers of Attorney) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/80).

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton moved amendment S1M-1758.1 to motion S1M-1758—

Under "Thursday 15 March 2001", delete "11.30 am" and insert "11.00 am".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 30, Abstentions 1).

6. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1749—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of Lead Committees—

the Justice 2 Committee to consider the Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Portree) Rules 2001 (SSI 2001/64);
the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Restriction on Pithing (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/73);
the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Specified Risk Material Amendment (No.2) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/86);
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/75);
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the Adults with Incapacity (Certificates from Medical Practitioners) (Accounts and Funds) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/76);
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the Adults with Incapacity (Supervision of Welfare Attorneys by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/77);
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the Adults with Incapacity (Countersignatories of Applications for Authority to Intromit) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/78);
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the Adults with Incapacity (Evidence in Relation to Dispensing with Intimation or Notification) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/79);
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the Adults with Incapacity (Certificates in Relation to Powers of Attorney) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/80);
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/82);
the Justice 1 Committee to consider the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, Ranks and Positions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/87);
the Justice 2 Committee to consider the Police Grant (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/74); and
the Justice 2 Committee to consider the Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/83).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Clydebank and the Blitz: The Parliament debated S1M-1464 in the name of Des McNulty—That the Parliament recognises the sacrifices made by the people of Clydebank in the Blitz of 1941, the 60th anniversary of which will be commemorated this year, and the trail of death and devastation that was left in the town and commends the resilience of its people and that of people in other parts of Scotland affected by the bombing.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Freedom of Information: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1750—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by the Executive of a draft Freedom of Information Bill for consultation, in particular: (a) the fully independent Scottish Information Commissioner, to be appointed by the Parliament, with a duty to promote and enforce the legislation and with powers to order the disclosure of information; (b) the demanding harm test of “substantial prejudice”; (c) the requirement to consider the public interest in disclosing exempt information, and (d) the requirement on public authorities to make clear in a publication scheme the information to be made available as a matter of routine.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-1750.1 to motion S1M-1750—

Insert at end—

“but nevertheless regrets: (i) the proposed high and potentially prohibitive cost of applications; (ii) the extent and nature of the exemptions, in particular the exemptions afforded to the Crown Office, and (iii) that independent decisions by the Information Commissioner may be vetoed by the First Minister, and further expresses its concern that the passing of a Freedom of Information Bill in the terms proposed by the Executive would make little difference to the culture of secrecy which continues to pervade the governance of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

David McLetchie moved amendment S1M-1750.2 to motion S1M-1750—

Insert at end—

“but, however, notes with concern the inconsistency of the Scottish Executive in relation to the disclosure of information and calls on it to demonstrate its commitment to open government by henceforth publishing the minutes of its Cabinet meetings.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 69, Abstentions 35).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

2. Fisheries: The Deputy Minister for Rural Development moved S1M-1760—That the Parliament welcomes the record £27 million package for the fishing industry announced by the Deputy Minister for Rural Development on 8 March 2001; notes that the joint objective of the Executive and the industry is the conservation of fish stocks and a sustainable long-term future for the fishing industry; further notes that best scientific advice is that these objectives are most effectively achieved through a targeted decommissioning scheme and immediate technical conservation measures; welcomes further research into these practical measures intended to reduce the number of discards and protect stocks of fish, and welcomes the fact that the

Executive, taking into account the view expressed by the Parliament on 8 March 2001, is engaged in continuing discussion with the fishing industry to explore a degree of re-balancing of the £27 million package of measures to address the short term needs of the industry by extending that research programme.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-1760.3 to motion S1M-1760—

Leave out from first “notes” to end and insert—

“and calls upon the Executive to implement the will of the Parliament as expressed on 8 March 2001 in resolution S1M-1725.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 67, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 36, Abstentions 20).

3. Junior Scottish Minister: The First Minister moved S1M-1746—That the Parliament agrees that Euan Robson be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Rural Development made a statement on providing an update on the current foot-and-mouth disease outbreak.

5. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

6. Credit Unions: The Minister for Social Justice moved S1M-1751—That the Parliament recognises that credit unions are a valuable provider of low cost financial services and an important way of tackling financial exclusion; welcomes the Action Plan for the credit union movement in Scotland, and supports its implementation and the objective of building a vibrant self-sustaining credit union movement in Scotland, accessible to all, with credit unions as broad based, community owned financial institutions operating in a sound commercial manner but based on the principles of mutuality and economic justice.

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

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 6 as noted above.

8. National Tartan Day: The Parliament debated S1M-1670 in the name of Mr George Reid—That the Parliament notes the importance of National Tartan Day, held annually in the United States on 6 April, which celebrates the contribution of Scots and Scots-Americans to the creation and prosperity of America and welcomes the opportunities National Tartan Day offers as a vehicle for strengthening economic, social and cultural links between our two countries.

9. Motion without Notice: Mr George Reid 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 6.17 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Gelongma Lhamo, Buddhist nun of the Karma Kagyu order, from Samye Ling, led Time for Reflection.

2. Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1526—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 0, Abstentions 13).

3. Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1536—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any increase attributable to that Act in expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund by or under any other Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

5. Scottish Berry Project: The Parliament debated S1M-1420 in the name of Irene McGugan—That the Parliament notes that the rate of coronary heart disease in Scotland is now the highest in western Europe, that Scotland has a long-established soft fruit industry that is suffering economic distress, that advances in medicine have conclusively demonstrated a link between increased consumption of fruit and vegetables and a reduction in risk from coronary heart disease, but that Scottish consumption falls far below even the World Health Organisation recommended minimum of 400g per day; further notes that a holistic approach to these factors which crosses traditional government departmental structures has enabled Finland in the last 25 years to reduce its rate of coronary heart disease by 50% and that a plan for such a cross-sectoral approach has been put forward as a “Berry Scotland Project”, and recommends that the Scottish Executive takes forwards a cross-sectoral project that reflects the aims of the original “Berry Scotland Project” in order to raise consumption of soft fruit, especially the home produced product, which the Finnish experience has demonstrated could significantly benefit both the rural economy and public health.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Drug Misuse and Deprived Communities: Karen Whitefield, on behalf of the Social Justice Committee, moved S1M-1766—That the Parliament notes the content and recommendations of the 6th Report 2000 of the Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee, *Inquiry into Drug Misuse and Deprived Communities*.

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

2. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be taken at 5.15 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1777—That the Parliament agrees:

(a) as a revision to the Business Motion agreed on 14 March 2001:

after “First Minister’s Question Time”, insert—

“3.30 pm First Minister’s Motion to appoint a junior Scottish Minister”

and replace—

“3.30 pm Executive Debate on Rural Scotland”

with—

“followed by Executive Debate on Rural Scotland”

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 28 March 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Scottish National Party Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1368 Pauline McNeill: Drug Assisted Sexual Assault

Thursday 29 March 2001

9.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Justice

followed by Executive Motion on the Armed Forces Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1340 Mr Keith Harding: Homelessness in Fife

Wednesday 4 April 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 April 2001

9.30 am Executive Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (c) that the Social Justice Committee's consideration of Stage 2 of the Housing (Scotland) Bill commences during the week beginning 2 April 2001 and is completed by the week beginning 14 May 2001 and that its consideration of Stage 2 of the Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Bill commences on 21 March 2001 and is completed by the week beginning 26 March 2001; and that the Health and Community Care

Committee's consideration of Stage 2 of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill commences on 28 March 2001 and is completed by 16 May 2001.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Junior Scottish Minister: The First Minister moved S1M-1775—That the Parliament agrees that Lewis Macdonald be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 84, Against 32, Abstentions 1).

6. Rural Scotland: The Minister for Rural Development moved S1M-1771—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive's commitment to rural areas, especially during and after the foot-and-mouth crisis; endorses the Executive's commitment to the eradication of the disease as essential for the long-term future of the rural economy, including tourism; endorses the provision of clear guidance on public access; welcomes the steps being taken to provide hardship relief, and supports the Executive's commitment to assist Scotland's vital rural communities and industries.

Fergus Ewing moved amendment S1M-1771.2 to motion S1M-1771—

Leave out from "the Scottish Executive's" to end and insert—

"the united approach taken by the Executive and opposition parties in recognising the need to eradicate the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease; believes that the rural economy is facing unprecedented difficulties; urges the Executive to launch a public information campaign in relation to the disease with clearer and more precise guidelines governing access to the countryside, and believes that the extent of the financial difficulties now being suffered is so grave that a comprehensive package of measures must be introduced to assist all aspects of economic life in our rural communities."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 87, Abstentions 1).

Alex Johnstone moved S1M-1771.1 to motion S1M-1771—

Leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert—

"endorses the Executive's commitment to the eradication of the foot-and-mouth disease as essential for the long term future of the rural economy, including tourism; calls upon the Executive to take further steps to speed up the process of dealing with the disease on the ground, including the further use of the army; expresses the need for clear guidance on public access; urges the consideration of such further steps as are necessary to provide hardship relief to assist Scotland's vital rural communities and industries, and calls upon the Executive, acting in concert with Her Majesty's Government and the European Union, to ensure that all meat imports are subject to the same rigorous public health and animal welfare standards as our domestic produce."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 69, Abstentions 30).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 20, Abstentions 31).

7. Approval of SSIs: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1769—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2001;

the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2001;

the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2001;

the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2001; and

the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Scotland) Regulations 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Recycling in Fife: The Parliament debated S1M-1684 in the name of Iain Smith—That the Parliament notes with disappointment that, according to the Accounts Commission Performance Indicators for 1999-2000 for the percentage of domestic waste recycled, Fife Council has fallen from 4th in 1996-97, when it inherited the award-winning record of the former North East Fife District Council, to bottom of the league in 1999-2000 at 1.6% and urges Fife Council to develop a strategy to increase recycling and meet its obligations under the European Landfill Directive.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Katie Gallagher, Sixth Year Student at Holy Rood Roman Catholic High School, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Tourism and the Economy: Mr Kenny MacAskill moved S1M-1797—That the Parliament notes the grave impact which the foot-and-mouth crisis is having on the tourism industry; believes that conflicting information about the disease both at home and abroad, further jeopardises Scottish tourism; believes that more must be done to secure the future of the tourism industry and therefore calls upon the Scottish Executive to implement the following recovery plan—

(i) immediate action to enable and ensure efficient crisis management, including a public information campaign through the press and broadcast media to make people aware of what can and cannot be done in the crisis;

(ii) interim support measures to prevent bankruptcy throughout the duration of the crisis including a rates relief package for the months of April, May and June; interest free loans for affected industries and an exemption to be sought by the Scottish Executive from Her Majesty's Treasury for VAT and National Insurance contributions over a similar period for crisis-affected industries; and

(iii) a recovery strategy to ensure the success of the summer tourist season, beginning immediately and including an emergency Scottish advertising campaign in all key markets.

The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved amendment S1M-1797.2 to motion S1M-1797—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“recognises the impact of the Foot and Mouth outbreak on the tourism industry; welcomes the Executive's measures to minimise the effect on tourism through public information; endorses the support to businesses in the form of hardship relief, and supports the commitment to appropriate and effective marketing by visitScotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-1797.1 to motion S1M-1797—

Leave out from “on the tourism industry” to end and insert—

“in Scotland on the tourism industry and businesses within the affected areas; believes that conflicting information about the disease, both at home and abroad, further jeopardises Scottish tourism; further believes that more must be done to secure the future of the tourism industry, and therefore calls upon the Scottish Executive to implement the following recovery plan for tourism and businesses within the affected areas: (i) immediate action to enable and ensure

efficient crisis management, including a public information campaign through the press and broadcast media to make people aware of what can and cannot be done during the crisis, (ii) a moratorium on liability for business rates and council tax, (iii) a moratorium to be sought by the Scottish Executive from HM Treasury on liability for payment of national taxes, (iv) the establishment of a designated crisis area within the local authority area of Dumfries and Galloway to which the foregoing moratoria would apply, (v) the establishment of a hardship loan scheme to address the problem of cash flow facing many essentially sound businesses in the designated crisis area and (vi) a robust recovery strategy to be implemented by the Scottish Executive and relative agencies to market Scotland as a world class tourist destination.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 1, Abstentions 48).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the impact of the Foot and Mouth outbreak on the tourism industry; welcomes the Executive’s measures to minimise the effect on tourism through public information; endorses the support to businesses in the form of hardship relief, and supports the commitment to appropriate and effective marketing by visitscotland.

3. Financial Powers of the Parliament: Andrew Wilson moved S1M-1794—That the Parliament notes that the current devolution settlement gives the Scottish Parliament fewer financial powers than any other Parliament in the world; further notes, that while devolution is a recognition of the need and desirability for policy divergences within the United Kingdom, the financial settlement underpinning it is designed explicitly to produce convergence in public expenditure; recognises that two thirds of Scots already support the devolution of full financial powers to the Scottish Parliament and calls for the Scottish Executive to respond to this growing consensus and bring forward proposals to deliver full financial powers to the Parliament.

The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved amendment S1M-1794.1 to motion S1M-1794—

Leave out from first “notes” to end and insert—

“supports the financial framework for devolution as set out by the Scottish Constitutional Convention and supported by the Scottish Labour Party and the Scottish Liberal Democrats; notes that the Barnett formula has provided a stable fiscal framework for government expenditure in Scotland; and welcomes the current record level of public expenditure in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the financial framework for devolution as set out by the Scottish Constitutional Convention and

supported by the Scottish Labour Party and the Scottish Liberal Democrats; notes that the Barnett formula has provided a stable fiscal framework for government expenditure in Scotland; and welcomes the current record level of public expenditure in Scotland.

4. Designation of Lead Committee: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1800—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead Committee—

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling Analysis) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/104).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 4 as noted above.

6. Drug Assisted Sexual Assault: The Parliament debated S1M-1368 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament notes the findings of the Home Office/Police Research Awards study on Drug Assisted Sexual Assault undertaken by DCI Peter Sturman of the Metropolitan Police; believes that drug assisted rape and sexual assault is a serious cause for concern, and notes that DCI Sturman's research progresses the debate on this matter and should be fully considered by the Parliament.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill – Business Motion: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1810—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stage 3 of the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill be allocated as follows, so that debate on each part of the proceedings, if not previously brought to a conclusion, shall be brought to a conclusion on the expiry of the specified period (calculated from the time when Stage 3 begins)—

Group 1 to Group 3 – no later than 1 hour 30 minutes

Group 4 – no later than 2 hours 30 minutes

Motion to pass the Bill – no later than 3 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

4 (For 43, Against 61, Abstentions 0)

5 (For 45, Against 59, Abstentions 0)

8 (For 46, Against 60, Abstentions 0)

9 (For 46, Against 61, Abstentions 0)

11 (For 31, Against 77, Abstentions 0)

12 (For 46, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

1 (For 46, Against 62, Abstentions 1)

2 (For 32, Against 74, Abstentions 0)

Other amendments were not moved.

3. Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-1780—That the Parliament agrees that the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 16, Abstentions 33).

4. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1804—That the Parliament agrees:

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 4 April 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Executive Debate on Looked After Children and Adoption Services
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1683 Richard Lochhead:
Removal of Reliefs for Water and Sewerage Charges for Charitable
Organisations

Thursday 5 April 2001

9.30 am Executive Debate on Structural Funds
followed by Ministerial Statement
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Ministerial Statement
followed by Ministerial Statement
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-1511 Karen Whitefield:
Airdrie to Bathgate Rail Link

Wednesday 25 April 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Executive Business
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 April 2001

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (b) that the Rural Development Committee reports to the Health and Community Care Committee by 24 April 2001 on the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/104).

The motion was agreed to.

5. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

6. Justice: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1807— That the Parliament notes the record levels of funding provided by the Scottish Executive to enable police numbers to reach an all-time high and all the other steps being taken in line with the Programme for Government to deliver further reductions in reported crime and a Scotland in which people are safer and feel safer.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-1807.1 to motion S1M-1807—

Leave out from “the record” to end and insert—

“, in considering the reduction in the overall numbers of police officers in Scotland since Labour came to power in the UK, (a) the overall increase in both the levels of crime and the fear of crime in that same period, (b) the serious public concerns about the levels of youth offending and (c) the low morale in both the Scottish Prison Service and in the Procurator Fiscals' Service; further notes that the commitment to be tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime has been a singular failure, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward a coherent programme which will both tackle the major problems currently being experienced across the Scottish criminal justice system and deliver a safer Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Phil Gallie moved amendment S1M-1807.2 to motion S1M-1807—

Leave out from “the record” to end and insert—

“that the Executive has presided over a period of police under-manning, a loss of morale within the prison service, chaos in our courts, a rise in crime, particularly in crimes of violence, and the recycling of criminals through prisoner early release.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 68, Abstentions 31).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 16, Abstentions 33).

7. Armed Forces Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Justice moved S1M-1795—That the Parliament agrees the principles contained in the provisions of the Armed Forces Bill as they relate to the Ministry of Defence Police in Scotland and that the Scottish Ministers should consent to the measures on jurisdiction being commenced in Scotland, and agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve these ends in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

8. Membership of Committees: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1811—That the Parliament agrees that the following Members be appointed to Committees—

Tavish Scott to replace George Lyon on the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee and to replace Euan Robson on the Justice 2 Committee;
Jamie Stone to replace Euan Robson on the Justice 1 Committee;
George Lyon to replace Jamie Stone on the Rural Development Committee;
John Farquhar Munro to replace George Lyon on the Public Petitions Committee;
Mary Mulligan to replace Karen Whitefield on the Justice 2 Committee; and
Elaine Smith to replace Mary Mulligan on the Rural Development Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of Special Grant Report: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1801—That the Parliament agrees that the following Special Grant Report be approved—

Special Grant Report No.3: Special Grant Report on Grant in Aid of Expenditure on Rail Services in the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Area (SE/2001/74).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Homelessness in Fife: The Parliament debated S1M-1340 in the name of Mr Keith Harding—That the Parliament notes that homelessness in Fife has risen 38% over the past three years, affecting 3,388 households and that the figures for Scotland show an increase of 12% over the same period; further notes that this has occurred at a time when Fife Council has failed to collect millions of pounds of rent arrears and lost income from unlet properties, and recognises that these resources could have been used to bring unlet homes back into use or for better computer systems to match people to homes as part of a programme to help alleviate homelessness in the Kingdom.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Andrew Hill, Minister of St Mark's Unitarian Church, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Looked After Children and Adoption Services: The Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs, moved S1M-1818—That the Parliament endorses the principles contained in the Adoption and Children Bill concerning restrictions on bringing children into the UK for the purpose of adoption and on advertising children for adoption; agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve these principles in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament; recognises the importance of the place of adoption services within the spectrum of care for children and young people looked after by local authorities; agrees that a review of adoption policy and practice is desirable; supports the drive towards more integrated services for the benefits they bring to all children and young people within the care system, and agrees that the Executive should seek to promote the interests of such children with quality educational and other opportunities.

Irene McGugan moved amendment S1M-1818.1 to motion S1M-1818—

Insert at end—

“and calls upon the Scottish Executive to undertake a comprehensive review of adoption and fostering legislation for Scotland, with a view to bringing forward a clear legal framework.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament endorses the principles contained in the Adoption and Children Bill concerning restrictions on bringing children into the UK for the purpose of adoption and on advertising children for adoption; agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve these principles in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament; recognises the importance of the place of adoption services within the spectrum of care for children and young people looked after by local authorities; agrees that a review of adoption policy and practice is desirable; supports the drive towards more integrated services for the benefits they bring to all children and young people within the care system, and agrees that the Executive should seek to promote the interests of such children with quality educational and other opportunities and calls upon the Scottish Executive to undertake a comprehensive review of adoption and fostering legislation for Scotland, with a view to bringing forward a clear legal framework.

3. Suspension of meeting: The meeting was suspended from 4.12 pm until 4.23 pm.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

5. Removal of Reliefs for Water and Sewerage Charges for Charitable Organisations: The Parliament debated S1M-1683 in the name of Richard Lochhead—That the Parliament expresses concern over the decision to phase out reliefs for water and sewerage charges for charitable bodies starting from 1 April 2001; recognises that if implemented this decision will mean an estimated additional bill of £27 million for Scotland’s voluntary sector in 2001-02 and more than double that for the following year; notes that the additional costs that will result will threaten the ability of many voluntary organisations engaged in helping the more vulnerable members of our society and tackling social exclusion; questions the level of consultation that has taken place with the sector over these proposals, and believes that this decision should be revisited as a matter of priority.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

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

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Structural Funds: The Minister for Finance and Local Government moved S1M-1825—That the Parliament welcomes the progress made to develop Structural Funds Programmes in Scotland which will have a lasting effect and supports the steps being taken by the Scottish Executive to develop a broader strategy in relation to European funding issues in preparation for the enlargement of the European Union.

Mr Kenneth Gibson moved amendment S1M-1825.1 to motion S1M-1825—

Leave out from “the steps” to end and insert—

“steps being taken by the Scottish Executive to develop a broader strategy in relation to European funding issues in preparation for enlargement of the European Union, but notes the failure of the Scottish Office to secure the retention of Objective One status for any area of Scotland by re-drawing the regional map as was successfully done for their own regions by the Welsh Office, Ireland, Sweden and Finland, thus depriving the Executive of vital resources needed to develop its Structural Funds Programmes and reducing the scope, impact and likely success of the outcomes sought by both it and the Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72, Against 0, Abstentions 25).

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Environment and Rural Development made a statement on the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak.

3. Business Motion: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1823—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 25 April 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Executive Debate on Scotland’s Skills for Tomorrow

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 26 April 2001

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Rural Transport

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Suspension of meeting: The meeting was suspended from 3.10 pm until 3.23 pm.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs made a statement on progress towards the 2001 examination diet.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning and Gaelic made a statement on tourism support measures.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 1 as noted above.

9. Airdrie to Bathgate Rail Line: The Parliament debated S1M-1511 in the name of Karen Whitefield—That the Parliament recognises the continuing need for the rail line between Airdrie and Bathgate to be re-opened; agrees that such a project would provide a service to around 200,000 people and as a result would improve labour market access to businesses in the M8 corridor, and welcomes the joint work being undertaken by North Lanarkshire and West Lothian Councils to highlight the benefits and value for money that the re-opening of the rail line would offer.

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mr Haq Ghani, President of the UK Islamic Mission, Scotland Zone, led Time for Reflection.

2. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1864—That the Parliament agrees to the following designations of Lead Committees—

the Justice 2 Committee to be the lead committee in the consideration of the International Criminal Court (Scotland) Bill and the Bill also to be considered by the Justice 1 Committee;

the Local Government Committee to be the lead committee in the consideration of the Scottish Local Authorities (Tendering) Bill;

the Justice 1 Committee to consider the draft Part-Time Sheriffs (Removal Tribunal) Regulations 2001;

the Justice 1 Committee to consider the draft Justices of the Peace (Tribunal) (Scotland) Regulations 2001; and

the Justice 2 Committee to consider Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2001, (SSI 2001/136).

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1863—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

(a) the following revisions to the Business Motion agreed on 5 April 2001

Wednesday 25 April 2001

after “Parliamentary Bureau Motions”, insert—

“*followed by* Ministerial Statement on Motorola”

Thursday 26 April 2001

after “Scottish National Party Debate on the Fuel Crisis”, insert—

“*followed by* Ministerial Statement on Update on Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak”

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 2 May 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Crime

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1390 Mr Brian Monteith:
Scotch Whisky Opt-out from EU Directive

Thursday 3 May 2001

9.30 am Procedures Committee Debate on Proposed Changes to Bill Procedure
followed by Transport and the Environment Committee Debate on its Report on
Genetically Modified Organisms
followed by Rural Development Committee Debate on its Report on the Changing
Employment Patterns in Rural Scotland
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Debate on Action on Child Health
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1463 Mrs Margaret
Ewing: McDermott UK Pension Plan – Former Ardersier Employees

Wednesday 9 May 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Executive Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 May 2001

9.30 am Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm Executive Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm

Decision Time

followed by

Members' Business

and (c) that the Justice 2 Committee reports to the Justice 1 Committee by 7 May 2001 on the draft Part-Time Sheriffs (Removal Tribunal) Regulations 2001 and the draft Justices of the Peace (Tribunal) (Scotland) Regulations 2001; and that the Justice 1 Committee reports to the Justice 2 Committee by 11 May 2001 on the Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2001, (SSI 2001/136).

The motion was agreed to.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning made a statement on Motorola.

5. Scotland's Skills for Tomorrow: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-1857—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Executive's commitment to investment in skills as the key to Scotland's business success.

Mr Kenny MacAskill moved amendment S1M-1857.1 to motion S1M-1875—

Leave out from "endorses" to end and insert—

"notes that, under changing global economic circumstances, a sustainable future for Scotland is dependent on a high skills, high value knowledge economy; recognises that significant skills shortages have been allowed to develop in key sectors in the Scottish economy; regrets that, to date, government has neither quantified nor predicted these shortages, far less been able to take action to fill the skills shortfall, and therefore calls upon the Executive to take immediate action to identify and quantify Scotland's current skills shortages and likely future shortages, tailor investment in skills to meet current and future demands and shortfalls and work closely with industry to assure a demand-led integrated approach to training, further and higher education."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 83, Abstentions 2).

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-1857.2 to motion S1M-1875—

Leave out from "endorses" to end and insert—

"recognises that investment in skills is the key to Scotland's future business success and calls upon the Scottish Executive to ensure that the skills being provided are relevant to the needs of Scottish business and that the delivery of skills provision is monitored to ensure maximum effectiveness in skills enhancement."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 65, Abstentions 32).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 18, Abstentions 32).

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

7. Lord Abernethy Ruling on Rape: The Parliament debated S1M-1789 in the name of Johann Lamont—That the Parliament notes with grave concern the recent ruling by Lord Abernethy that sex without a woman’s consent is not rape unless the attacker uses force or the threat of force; believes that women have the right to be protected in law from those who seek to have sex with them without their consent; believes there are serious ramifications in such a ruling for the willingness of rape victims to report the crime and on the attitudes of men who abuse or seek to abuse women; considers that this ruling raises significant issues about the current training for judges dealing with such cases, and given the Scottish Executive’s commitment to the zero tolerance of violence to women and its commitment to the support of the victims of crime, urges the Minister for Justice and the Minister for Social Justice, in conjunction with the Executive’s equality Units, the appropriate committees of the Parliament and in consultation in particular with women’s organisations and victim support groups, to review the legislation on sexual assault and rape, to ensure that the law offers real protection and support to anyone who suffers sexual assault or rape.

8. Motion without Notice: Johann Lamont moved with notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended to 6.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Hepatitis C: Nicola Sturgeon moved S1M-1865—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to review its decision to refuse compensation or financial assistance to patients who contracted hepatitis C through NHS treatment with contaminated blood products.

The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care moved amendment S1M-1865.1 to motion S1M-1865—

Leave out from “calls” to end and insert—

“notes the Report produced by the Scottish Executive in October 2000 on Hepatitis C and Heat Treatment of Blood Products for Haemophiliacs in the mid 1980s; further notes the continuing deliberations of the Health and Community Care Committee on this issue and the recent ruling of the English High Court in the case of a number of NHS patients who have been infected with hepatitis C through blood transfusions, and encourages the Executive to examine constructively the implications of this ruling.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Report produced by the Scottish Executive in October 2000 on Hepatitis C and Heat Treatment of Blood Products for Haemophiliacs in the mid 1980s; further notes the continuing deliberations of the Health and Community Care Committee on this issue and the recent ruling of the English High Court in the case of a number of NHS patients who have been infected with hepatitis C through blood transfusions, and encourages the Executive to examine constructively the implications of this ruling.

2. Fuel Crisis: Mr Kenny MacAskill moved S1M-1866—That the Parliament notes the serious problem caused to industries and individuals in Scotland through high fuel costs; further notes the additional burden that the foot-and-mouth disease crisis has placed on industries and areas vulnerable to high fuel prices; recognises that notwithstanding the changes in the Budget announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, fuel costs in Scotland remain the highest in the developed world and are set to rise further towards £4.00 a gallon; therefore calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reduce immediately fuel taxation by 10 pence per gallon and thereafter to move to a fairer system of taxation and ensure a harmonisation of fuel prices with our European competitors, and calls upon the Scottish Executive and Her Majesty’s Government to take action to end the disparity of fuel prices in rural Scotland.

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-1866.1 to motion S1M-1866—

Leave out from “calls on” to end and insert—

“calls upon the Scottish Executive to make representations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reduce fuel tax by at least three pence per litre (13.6 pence per gallon) and to investigate a derogation of Vehicle Excise Duty for island registered private cars and the extension of such a derogation to designated remote communities in Scotland, identified on a postcode basis.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 64, Abstentions 30).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 77, Abstentions 1).

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Rural Development made a statement on the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Rural Transport: The Minister for Transport and Planning moved S1M-1868— That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive’s commitment to improving transport in rural Scotland, notes the progress that has been made by investing in lifeline air and ferry services, rail and bus services, community transport, petrol stations and roads that serve remote and rural communities, and recognises the vital role that these record levels of investment play in improving people’s lives in rural Scotland.

Bruce Crawford moved amendment S1M-1868.1 to motion S1M-1868—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“recognises the crucial role an integrated and modern transport infrastructure can play in improving economic performance and quality of life in rural areas; expresses deep concern that increases in expenditure on Scotland’s transport infrastructure will rise at only half the level planned for England; calls upon the Scottish Executive to improve the strategic overview and infrastructure/funding delivery mechanisms, and regrets the complacency demonstrated by the Executive in failing to deliver the solutions needed to meet the very real problems being faced in rural Scotland as a result of inadequate transport provision.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 77, Abstentions 1).

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-1868.2 to motion S1M-1868—

Insert at end—

"also recognises the significance of car transport in rural areas, and urges the Scottish Executive to pursue the options outlined in the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee’s 4th Report 2001, Report on the Inquiry into Fuel Prices in Remoter Rural Areas, to acknowledge the reduction in expenditure on trunk roads construction since the mid-1990s and to ensure that greater resources are made available in coming years for spending on route action plan schemes in rural areas and local authority roads.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 92, Abstentions 2).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 45, Abstentions 1).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 5 as noted above.

7. Health Visitor and Community Nurse Car Travel: The Parliament debated S1M-1736 in the name of Robert Brown—That the Parliament notes the problems faced by health visitors and community nurses when using their cars on NHS business and believes that there should be national arrangements on this matter and that there should be provision of free car parking badges to such key workers together with an urgent review of their car leasing and mileage arrangements.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** President Stephen Kerr of the Edinburgh Scotland Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Crime:** The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-1890— That the Parliament welcomes the reduction in recorded crime and notes the further steps being taken by the Executive to combat crime.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-1890.1 to motion S1M-1890—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“asserts that since 1997 the UK Government and the Scottish Executive have failed the Scottish criminal justice system and the Scottish people in (a) presiding over an increase in both the levels of crime and the fear of crime, (b) providing insufficient numbers of police officers at the front line, (c) failing to alleviate the serious public concern over the levels of youth offending and (d) overseeing a collapse in morale in the Scottish prison system and calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward a coherent programme which will both tackle the major problems currently being experienced across the Scottish criminal justice system and deliver a safer Scotland for everyone.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

Phil Gallie moved amendment S1M-1890.2 to motion S1M-1890—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“regrets the rise in crime that followed the change of UK government in 1997, welcomes the reversal of this trend recently recorded and notes the further steps, albeit inadequate, taken by the Scottish Executive to combat crime.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 65, Abstentions 31).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 18, Abstentions 32).

- 3. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.
- 4. Scotch Whisky Opt-out from EU Directive:** The Parliament debated S1M-1390 in the name of Mr Brian Monteith—That the Parliament notes with concern the possible impact of the EU’s Water Framework Directive on the removal of water from rivers and water courses and its potentially damaging effect on the Scotch whisky industry; recognises that the industry is important to Scotland’s economy and the many rural areas where distilleries are located; welcomes the efforts made by representatives of all parties to convince the EU to consider opt-outs for Scottish

distilleries, and believes that the Scottish Executive should apply immediately the exemptions from the Directive in order to protect the jobs and livelihoods of those working in the industry.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Changes to Standing Orders: Mr Murray Tosh, on behalf of the Procedures Committee, moved S1M-1884—That the Parliament (a) approves the recommendations of the Procedures Committee's 1st Report, 2001, *Changes to Chapters 9 and 9A of the Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament* (SP Paper 316) and agrees to amend the Parliament's Standing Orders in accordance with Annexe A and Annexe B (Appendix B) to the Report and (b) agrees that these amendments to the Standing Orders come into force on 4 May 2001 and that the amendments set out in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Annexe B (Appendix B) to the Report shall apply only in relation to Bills introduced on or after that date.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 3, Abstentions 3).

2. Genetically Modified Organisms: Mr Andy Kerr, on behalf of the Transport and the Environment Committee, moved S1M-1875—That the Parliament notes the 1st Report, 2001 of the Transport and the Environment Committee, *Report on petition PE51 from Friends of the Earth Scotland on genetically modified organisms* (SP Paper 253).

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

3. Changing Employment Patterns in Rural Scotland: Alex Johnstone, on behalf of the Rural Development Committee, moved S1M-1892—That the Parliament notes the 1st Report, 2001 of the Rural Development Committee, *The Impact of Changing Employment Patterns in Rural Scotland* (SP Paper 254); recognises the problems faced by Scotland's rural communities as highlighted by the research findings in the report; further recognises that work is already underway to address some of these concerns, and urges the Scottish Executive to continue to address the Committee's concerns.

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

4. Business Motion: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1893—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 9 May 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Impact of European Union on Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1829 Mr Kenny MacAskill: 70th Anniversary of Scottish Youth Hostels

Thursday 10 May 2001

9.30 am Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Urban Regeneration

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1742 Dr Elaine Murray: Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Dumfries and Galloway

Wednesday 16 May 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 May 2001

9.30 am Education, Culture and Sport Committee Debate on its Report on Special Educational Needs

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Stage 1 Debate on Scottish Local Authorities (Tendering) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (b) that Stage 1 of the Scottish Local Authorities (Tendering) Bill be completed by 17 May 2001 and Stage 1 of the International Criminal Court (Scotland) Bill be completed by 14 June 2001.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister, the Lord Advocate and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

6. Action on Child Health: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-1896—That the Parliament recognises that action on child health is essential for the future health of the nation and for addressing health inequalities and supports the clear priority given by the Scottish Executive to improving children’s health as set out in *Our National Health: A plan for action, a plan for change* and across the Executive’s wider agenda for social justice.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-1896.1 to motion S1M-1896—

Insert at end—

“and calls on the Executive, in addition to ongoing initiatives to improve child health, to provide a free daily portion of fruit to every primary school pupil in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 82, Abstentions 1).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-1896.3 to motion S1M-1896—

Leave out from “supports” to end and insert—

“calls upon the Scottish Executive to set out clear targets and timetabled objectives to ensure that child health is given priority status across its departments.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 67, Abstentions 2).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

7. Membership of Committees: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1894—That the Parliament agrees that—

David Mundell be appointed to the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee following the resignation of Nick Johnston; and
Nora Radcliffe be appointed to the Justice 1 Committee following the resignation of Jamie Stone; and
Jamie Stone be appointed to the Equal Opportunities Committee following the resignation of Margaret Smith.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. McDermott UK Pension Plan – Former Ardersier Employees: The Parliament debated S1M-1463 in the name of Mrs Margaret Ewing—That the Parliament notes that more than 1,500 former employees of the Ardersier fabrication yard were compulsory contributors to the McDermott UK pension plan which was first introduced in 1975; further notes that subscriptions continued to be collected until five years ago when McDermott joined with Brown and Root at Nigg to form the Barmac joint venture; expresses concern that the Louisiana-based McDermott International are now planning to take 65% of the £31 million left in the pension plan as part of the process of winding up the pension plan, expresses its support for the campaign to reverse this action by McDermott International, and calls on them to distribute the surplus fairly amongst those workers who paid into the fund.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Shelley Marsh, Priest in charge, St John's Church, Johnstone and St Margaret's Church, Renfrew, Scottish Episcopal Churches, led Time for Reflection.

2. Impact of European Union on Scotland: The Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs moved S1M-1912—That the Parliament welcomes the events being organised to celebrate Europe Day and the emphasis given in those celebrations to working with the future partners in Central and Eastern Europe; acknowledges the crucial importance of the European Union to investment and jobs in Scotland, as a driving force for rising environmental standards and as a source of support for economic development; welcomes enlargement and the benefits of peace, stability and enhanced prosperity it will bring; recognises, in supporting enlargement, the need for preparatory reforms of the EU institutions and calls for a debate on governance, and welcomes the Executive's joint paper with CoSLA and the forthcoming inquiry by the European Committee as two important contributions to that debate.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-1912.1 to motion S1M-1912—

Leave out from "and welcomes" to end and insert—

"but regrets the lack of imagination and ambition shown by the Scottish Executive and Convention of Scottish Local Authorities in their joint paper on the subject; deplores the Executive's attendance record at EU Council meetings and poor representation at working groups, and recognises that, after the Treaty of Nice, Scotland would have significantly greater influence in the EU as an independent nation than as part of the UK."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 76, Abstentions 0).

David Mundell moved amendment S1M-1912.2 to motion S1M-1912—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

"whilst welcoming this enlargement, opposes a single currency, which will undermine our national sovereignty and lead us closer to a federal integrated Europe, and calls on the Scottish Executive to urge Her Majesty's Government to support the development of an enlarged European Union which is based on flexibility, fairness and understanding of a member state's right to determine its own direction on social, economic and foreign policy."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 0, Abstentions 36).

3. Designation of Lead Committee: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1920—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead Committee—

the Justice 2 Committee to consider the draft Sex Offenders (Notice Requirements) (Foreign Travel) (Scotland) Regulations 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

5. 70th Anniversary of Scottish Youth Hostels Association: The Parliament debated S1M-1829 in the name of Mr Kenny MacAskill—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Youth Hostels Association (SYHA) on its 70th anniversary; notes the contribution made by the Association to attracting visitors both to Scotland from abroad and to the Scottish countryside from within; notes also the opportunity provided by the Association to visit many of the more remote but beautiful parts of our land; welcomes the development by the Association of educational tours which facilitate and enhance the opportunity for youngsters in Scotland to partake in the benefits and pleasures of the countryside; recognises the current difficulties being experienced by the SYHA as a result of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, and urges organisations and individuals in Scotland to show their support in this time of difficulty.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Tourism: Mr David Davidson moved S1M-1914—That the Parliament notes the failure of the Scottish Executive to complete the restructuring of the Scottish Tourist Board/visitscotland which has undermined efforts to regenerate Scottish tourism following two years of decline; calls upon the Scottish Executive to implement a survival and recovery plan for Scottish businesses affected by the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak which includes a hardship fund to provide interest-free loans to supplement the limited measures announced to date, and further calls upon the Scottish Executive to expedite the opening up of the countryside via the risk assessment procedure.

The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved amendment S1M-1914.2 to motion S1M-1914—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“welcomes the actions being taken by the Executive to assist the tourism industry to recover from the effects of foot-and-mouth disease and supports its commitment to work with the relevant agencies including visitscotland and the industry to prepare and implement an appropriate and effective strategy to ensure the future growth of the industry.”

Mr Kenny MacAskill moved amendment S1M-1914.1 to motion S1M-1914—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“believes that policies being pursued by successive Westminster Governments, in particular a high pound, high fuel costs and high VAT, have been damaging to the tourist industry; further believes that the aims of visitscotland/the Scottish Tourist Board should be sharply refocused so that it is a marketing rather than a regulatory body; notes the relief package as proposed by the Scottish Tourism Forum and calls for its full implementation, and believes that direct transport links between Scotland and Europe and Scotland and America are essential.”

After debate, amendment S1M-1914.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 45, Abstentions 2). As a result, amendment S1M-1914.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 18, Abstentions 27).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the actions being taken by the Executive to assist the tourism industry to recover from the effects of foot-and-mouth disease and supports its commitment to work with the relevant agencies including visitscotland and the industry to prepare and implement an appropriate and effective strategy to ensure the future growth of the industry.

2. Holyrood: David McLetchie moved S1M-1918—That the Parliament notes its resolution of 5 April 2000 which approved expenditure of up to £195 million on the Holyrood Project and now calls on the Scottish Executive to advise the Scottish

Parliamentary Corporate Body that this figure is a cash limit within which the building is to be completed and that no further sums of public money will be allocated towards the project.

Michael Russell moved amendment S1M-1918.2 to motion S1M-1918—

Leave out from “and now” to end and insert—

“; expresses considerable concern that this figure is likely to be exceeded and therefore calls upon the Corporate Body to ensure that any revised costs above that figure, as well as any changes to quality standards and completion dates that affect that figure, are laid before the Parliament for debate and approval; further calls upon the Conservatives to cease their boycott of the Holyrood Progress Group so that all the principal parties in the Parliament supervise this Parliamentary project together; asks the Scottish Executive to nominate a Minister to the Group, and expresses the wish that the Progress Group should become a sub-committee of the Corporate Body and that, following such a change, the Progress Group itself should report regularly and directly to formal meetings of the Parliament, rather than to informal meetings of members as at present, thus strengthening direct Parliamentary accountability for the project.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 76, Abstentions 3).

Mr John Home Robertson moved amendment S1M-1918.1 to motion S1M-1918—

Leave out from “and now” to end and insert—

“and notes the good progress of the construction of the Holyrood Parliament Building; welcomes the fact that most of the tender packages have come in at prices in line with the cost estimates but recognises the effect of an above-average inflation rate in the construction industry in the Edinburgh area; further notes the identification of possible savings by the Holyrood Progress Group, which has led to unanimous decisions by both the Progress Group and the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to authorise savings of £2.5 million, but endorses their firm commitment not to compromise the quality of Scotland’s new Parliament Building; acknowledges the rigorous work of the Project Team and the Holyrood Progress Group to achieve good value for money, and directs them to continue to work towards the completion of the construction of the building in December 2002 as an international recognised home for our new democracy which will be a source of pride for people throughout Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 19, Abstentions 30).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 19, Abstentions 30).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes its resolution of 5 April 2000 which approved expenditure of up to £195 million on the Holyrood Project and notes the good progress of the construction of the Holyrood Parliament Building; welcomes the fact that most of the tender packages have come in at prices in line with the cost estimates but recognises the effect of an above-average inflation rate in the construction industry in the Edinburgh area; further notes the identification of possible savings by the Holyrood Progress Group, which has led to unanimous decisions by both the Progress Group and the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to authorise savings of £2.5 million, but endorses their firm commitment not to

compromise the quality of Scotland's new Parliament Building; acknowledges the rigorous work of the Project Team and the Holyrood Progress Group to achieve good value for money, and directs them to continue to work towards the completion of the construction of the building in December 2002 as an international recognised home for our new democracy which will be a source of pride for people throughout Scotland.

3. Business Motion: Euan Robson, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-1919—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 16 May 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Architecture and the Built Environment

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1897 Tavish Scott: Rural and Islands GPs

Thursday 17 May 2001

9.30 am Education, Culture and Sport Committee Debate on its Report on Special Educational Needs

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Stage 1 Debate on Scottish Local Authorities (Tendering) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business - debate on the subject of S1M-1859 Elaine Smith: National Breastfeeding Awareness Week

Wednesday 23 May 2001

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Committee Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 May 2001

9.30 am Scottish National Party Business

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (b) that the Justice 1 Committee reports to the Justice 2 Committee by 14 May 2001 on the draft Sex Offenders (Notice Requirements) (Foreign Travel) (Scotland) Regulations 2001.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

5. Urban Regeneration: The Minister for Social Justice moved S1M-1922—That the Parliament endorses the Executive's approach to urban regeneration and the steps it has taken to enable the people in some of our most disadvantaged communities to become involved in regenerating their areas and welcomes the Executive's intention to engage in discussions to formulate the Neighbourhood Renewal statement for Scotland.

Mr Kenneth Gibson moved amendment S1M-1922.3 to motion S1M-1922—

Leave out from "endorses" to end and insert—

"notes the activities being undertaken by the Executive with regard to urban regeneration; congratulates the key agencies, organisations and citizens involved in regenerating urban Scotland; recognises that despite these efforts, levels of poverty, sickness and unemployment remain stubbornly high across much of urban Scotland, and undertakes to carry out a comprehensive review of regeneration policy in our towns and cities with specific regard to infrastructure and employment, examining the successes and failures of the past and including an analysis of thriving models of urban renewal across the United Kingdom and beyond."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Bill Aitken moved amendment S1M-1922.2 to motion S1M-1922—

Leave out from "endorses" to end and insert—

“notes the Scottish Executive’s approach to urban regeneration but considers this to be inadequate to achieve the desired result of regenerating both inner city areas and peripheral estates.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 2, Abstentions 45).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 5 as noted above.

7. Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Dumfries and Galloway: The Parliament debated S1M-1742 in the name of Dr Elaine Murray—That the Parliament recognises the severe problems being faced in parts of Dumfries and Galloway as a result of the current outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease; notes that the effects are not confined to the farming industry but also affect slaughterhouses, hauliers, food producers, tourism and retailing businesses; notes with concern that workers have already been laid off by several firms and that many more workers may imminently be laid off, and urges the Scottish Executive to work in partnership with other agencies to seek ways of ameliorating the situation as a matter of urgency.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

1.
Code of Conduct for Members and Relationships Between MSPs (referred to in S1M-1087, item 6 on Thursday 6 July 2000)—

a) in Section 9.2, after “Equal Opportunities”, insert:

‘ Relationships Between MSPs

9.2.3 The Scottish Parliament consists of both constituency and regional list MSPs. All MSPs have equal formal and legal status. Guidance on the relationships between MSPs is attached as Annexe 5’ ;

b) renumber all following paragraphs accordingly, and

c) as Annexe 5 to the Code, insert the following:

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MSPs: GUIDANCE FROM THE PRESIDING OFFICER

1. This note offers guidance to Members on handling constituency interests. It aims to build on the close and constructive relationships developing between Members in Parliament. It has been agreed after work by an all-party group which reported to the Presiding Officer and in consultation with the business managers of the main parties. Further guidance will be issued in due course on the working relationships between MSPs and MPs.

2. Some of the guidance is presented as if being addressed to constituents or agencies. It is intended therefore to make available to the wider Scottish public in appropriate forms.

3. Members must ensure that their staff in the Parliament and locally, and others working on their behalf with constituents and agencies, are aware of, and conform to, this guidance.

Key principles

4. The guidance is founded on five key principles:

I one constituency MSP and seven list MSPs who are elected in the wider region. All eight MSPs have a duty to be accessible to the people of the areas for which they have been elected to serve and to represent their interests conscientiously.

II the wishes of constituents and/or the interests of a constituency or locality are of paramount importance.

III All MSPs have equal formal and legal status.

IV MSPs should not misrepresent the basis on which they are elected or the area they serve.

V No MSP should deal with a matter relating to a constituent, constituency case or constituency issue outwith his or her constituency or region (as the case may be), unless by prior agreement.

5. What follows is guidance on how those principles should be applied in practice.

Dealing with individual constituents' cases

6. The basic principle is that the wishes of the constituent are paramount. In particular, a constituent has the right to approach his or her constituency MSP, or any of the seven regional MSPs elected in his or her region. They also have the right to expect an MSP to take on a case though the MSP must be able to judge how best to do so. It is expected, however, that, in practice, the usual point of contact for a constituent raising a specific personal or local matter will be his or her constituency MSP. In the event that a regional ('list') MSP does raise a constituency case (for example with a Minister or local authority) he or she must notify the relevant constituency MSP at the outset unless the consent of the constituent is withheld. A suggested pro-forma for this purpose is attached at Appendix A.

7. Ministers or agencies such as local authorities and health boards, who are in correspondence with MSPs on such constituency issues, should not notify other MSPs representing the area. That would breach the confidential nature of the relationship between constituent and MSP. The only exception is where constituency cases raise more general issues of relevance to the whole constituency or area. In those circumstances, a Minister or agency may judge it appropriate to notify other MSPs with an interest of the general issue. They should not, however, refer to, or identify, individual constituents in doing so. Staff working on behalf of Ministers or agencies should be made aware of and apply these guidelines.

Dealing with Ministers

8. Any Member is entitled to raise with the relevant Minister in the Scottish Executive a matter on behalf of a constituent in the area for which they were elected. The Minister would be expected only to reply to the MSP raising the matter. It is for that MSP to notify others, taking into account, of course, the views of the constituent as in paragraph 6 above. The guidance on relationships between MPs and MSPs will contain further guidance on dealing with Ministers, especially those of the UK Government.

9. Ministers planning to visit constituencies should, as a matter of course, only notify the constituency MSP. At their discretion, they may also notify regional Members representing the area.

Dealing with constituency/regional issues

10. Any MSP is entitled to take an interest in or take up a matter affecting the constituency or region for which they were elected. MSPs are likely to have a greater

impact where they work collectively for a common cause, as their constituents would expect them to. That may not be possible in some instances because of perfectly legitimate political differences but MSPs may wish to contact one another, as a matter of courtesy, where they are involved or planning to become involved in a major local issue.

Dealing with local agencies and dealing with national agencies operating locally

11. Any MSP elected to represent an area has the right to be expected to be consulted as appropriate by local or national agencies operating in that area. It is recognised that this might involve such agencies (NDPBs, local authorities, health boards etc) in dealing with potentially large numbers of MSPs, in particular, where agency boundaries cross regional boundaries. The expectation therefore is that the constituency Member or Members will be involved as a matter of course and that agencies will make appropriate arrangements to maintain contact and consult with regional list MSPs which have relevant regional representation perhaps through a representative regional list MSP nominated by each party. Agencies are free to inform or consult these nominated members either jointly with constituency members, or separately. This does not affect the right of any Member representing a constituency or area to raise a matter on behalf of a constituent.

School visits

12. Where schools visit the Parliament, constituency Members should be invited to attend as a matter of course. The Education Centre in the Parliament should notify regional Members who will be expected to agree on a maximum of one regional Member from each party within the region to attend such visits.

Telephone enquiries

13. Members of the public calling the Parliament's public enquiry unit for a particular Member or the Member for a particular constituency will be put through only to the Member concerned. If the Member is unavailable the person calling will be given the option of leaving a message. Members of the public will not be put through to regional Members where constituency Members are unavailable unless they ask to speak to a named regional Member.

Describing Members

14. Regional Members and constituency Members must describe themselves accurately so as not to confuse those with whom they deal.

Constituency Members should always describe themselves as:

“[Name], Member of the Scottish Parliament for [x] constituency.”

Regional Members should always describe themselves as:

“[Name], Member of the Scottish Parliament for [y] region.”

15. Regional Members must not describe themselves as a “local” Member for (or having a particular interest in) only part of the region for which they were elected. Constituency Members should not describe themselves as the sole MSP for a particular area or constituency. Guidance for Members on regional and constituency office signage can be found in section 5 of the document ‘standards and Procedures for Use of the Scottish Parliament Logo and Stationery’ . This document is located on SPEIR at the following address: <http://intranet/speir/isystems/msp-bdgl.htm#5>. Further guidance may be issued by the Presiding Officer as appropriate in the context of a period prior to an election.

16. Members are obviously aware that, once elected, they represent all the people living in their constituency or region. For that reason members are strongly discouraged from identifying party affiliation on stationery and other items provided out of public funds including Parliament headed letter paper, surgery advertisements and business cards.

Regional Members operating in their regions

17. It follows from the first and second principles and from what is said above that regional Members have responsibility to all those in the region for which they were elected. It is important therefore that they recognise this in the way in which they operate within the region. This is an issue of fundamental importance in the relationship between constituency and regional Members. The following is of critical relevance in dealing with any complaints regarding these matters. Regional Members are expected to work in more than 2 constituencies within their region. Evidence that they were doing so would include holding surgeries in more than 2 constituencies (though regional Members do have the option of holding surgeries in their Party’s regional office only) and dealing with local authorities and other agencies and constituents in more than 2 constituencies within their region. Regional Members would also, of course, be expected to deal (as appropriate) with any matter raised by any constituent within their region.

MSPs’ staff

18. Members should ensure that staff working on their behalf are aware of and apply these guidelines.

Enforcement

19. Any complaint against a Member (including one about their staff or others working for them) in respect of this guidance should in the first instance be made to the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer will, as appropriate, contact the Member or Members involved and, if necessary, their respective Party Business Managers. Where the matter cannot be resolved informally in this way, where the matter is of sufficient seriousness to warrant a more formal investigation, or where any MSP directly involved remains dissatisfied the Presiding Officer will raise the matter with the Convener of the Standards Committee. The Standards Committee would then consider the matter as it judges appropriate in accordance with its procedures and its remit to consider and report on the conduct of members in carrying out their

Parliamentary duties. It is fundamental to the success of this document that the Standards Committee will as a matter of course, treat all breaches of these principles with the utmost seriousness. Members should note that raising matters in any way other than that described above (in particular via the media) may well prejudice their case.

APPENDIX A

Member for [X] Constituency
 Scottish Parliament
 EDINBURGH
 EH99 1SP
 (or Constituency address as appropriate)

MATTER RAISED BY [NAME OF CONSTITUENT]

I am writing to notify you that [name of constituent] has raised a matter concerning [brief general description of issue] with me. I am taking this forward as appropriate.

[Name of Regional Member]

2. Witnesses Expenses and Allowances (referred to in S1M-1086, item 8 on Thursday 6 July 2000)—

- (a) allowances and expenses in respect of the matters set out in column (1) below be paid or payable, as the case may be, in accordance with Rule 2.6.2 or 12.4.3 of the Standing Orders, as the case may be, to a person who attends proceedings of the Parliament for the purpose of giving evidence or who produces documents in his or her custody or under his or her control;
- (b) said allowances and expenses be at the rates set out in column (2) opposite the respective entries in column (1);
- (c) the rates set out in column (2) be uprated in accordance with column (3);
- (d) the SPCB be directed to issue guidance and provide claim forms in connection with the payment of such allowances and expenses; and
- (e) that the qualifying date for such expenses and allowances be 1 July 1999.

Column (1) Allowances and expenses	Column (2) Rate of payment	Column (3) Uprating provision
Travelling expenses, using public transport	Public transport, actual fare Private car: 36p per mile	Annually on 1 April based on the Retail Price Index

Column (1) Allowances and expenses	Column (2) Rate of payment	Column (3) Uprating provision
including taxi and plane (for plane with prior approval); or by private car, motor cycle or pedal cycle.	Motor cycle: 23p per mile Pedal cycle: 12p per mile.	
Subsistence costs that is the costs of meals and other subsistence required and of overnight accommodation.	Actual costs up to a maximum of - overnight:- £80; daytime - under 5 hours: nil 5 – 10 hours: £4.25 10 hours or over: £9.30	As above
Loss of earnings	Actual sum lost up to a maximum of £160 per half day including travelling time, but not where the witness is giving evidence in the course of his or her employment	As above
Travelling expenses, subsistence costs and loss of earnings, of any person, who is acting as a carer, whom the person attending the proceedings of the Parliament to give evidence requires to accompany him or her	Travelling expenses and subsistence: as above. Loss of earnings: actual sum lost up to a maximum of £160 per half day including travelling time.	As above
Childcare costs, specially incurred	£2.50 per hour.	As above
Photocopying documents which are required or invited to be produced and any other reasonable costs associated with the production of such documents.	Actual photocopying costs up to a maximum of 10p per sheet. Postage at cost.	As above

3. Resolution on Witnesses Expenses and Allowances (referred to in S1M-1086, item 8 on Thursday 6 July 2000)—

(a) allowances and expenses in respect of the matters set out in column (1) below be paid or payable, as the case may be, in accordance with Rule 2.6.2 or 12.4.3 of the Standing Orders, as the case may be, to a person who attends proceedings of

the Parliament for the purpose of giving evidence or who produces documents in his or her custody or under his or her control;

(b) said allowances and expenses be at the rates set out in column (2) opposite the respective entries in column (1);

(c) the rates set out in column (2) be uprated in accordance with column (3);

(d) the SPCB be directed to issue guidance and provide claim forms in connection with the payment of such allowances and expenses; and

(e) that the qualifying date for such expenses and allowances be 1 July 1999.

Column (1) Allowances and expenses	Column (2) Rate of payment	Column (3) Uprating provision
Travelling expenses, using public transport including taxi and plane (for plane with prior approval); or by private car, motor cycle or pedal cycle.	Public transport, actual fare Private car: 36p per mile Motor cycle: 23p per mile Pedal cycle: 12p per mile.	Annually on 1 April based on the Retail Price Index
Subsistence costs that is the costs of meals and other subsistence required and of overnight accommodation.	Actual costs up to a maximum of - overnight:- £80; daytime - under 5 hours: nil 5 – 10 hours: £4.25 10 hours or over: £9.30	As above
Loss of earnings	Actual sum lost up to a maximum of £160 per half day including travelling time, but not where the witness is giving evidence in the course of his or her employment	As above
Travelling expenses, subsistence costs and loss of earnings, of any person, who is acting as a carer, whom the person attending the proceedings of the Parliament to give evidence requires to accompany him or her	Travelling expenses and subsistence: as above. Loss of earnings: actual sum lost up to a maximum of £160 per half day including travelling time.	As above
Childcare costs, specially incurred	Up to £5 per hour.	As above
Photocopying documents which are	Actual photocopying costs up to a maximum of 10p per	As above

Column (1) Allowances and expenses	Column (2) Rate of payment	Column (3) Uprating provision
required or invited to be produced and any other reasonable costs associated with the production of such documents.	sheet. Postage at cost.	

BILLS INTRODUCED

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

25 May 2000

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to regulate surveillance and the use of covert human intelligence sources. (SP Bill 16) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jim Wallace

Supported by: Angus MacKay

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 16-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 16-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to change the law about bail; to abolish temporary sheriffs and create a new kind of sheriff; to change the law about justices of the peace; and to abolish district court prosecutions brought on behalf of or by local authorities. (SP Bill 17) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jim Wallace

Supported by: Angus MacKay

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 17-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 17-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

5 June 2000

Transport (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about transport; to make provision as respects certain bridges; to amend section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970; to amend sections 26, 28 and 63 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 18) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Sarah Boyack

Supported by: Mr Jim Wallace, Mr Jack McConnell, Ms Wendy Alexander

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 18-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 18-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

3 July 2000

Mortgage Rights (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for the suspension in certain circumstances of enforcement rights of a creditor in a standard security over property used for residential purposes and the continuation of proceedings relating to those rights; to make provision for notifying

tenants and other occupiers of enforcement action by a creditor in a standard security; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 19) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Cathie Craigie

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 19-EN) were printed to accompany the Bill.

28 September 2000

Salmon Conservation (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make further provision about the conservation of salmon and sea trout. (SP Bill 20) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Ross Finnie
Supported by: Mr John Home Robertson

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 20-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 20-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

5 October 2000

Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for certain individuals to make payments in respect of the provision of certain courses of higher education undertaken by them; to make further provision as respects financial support for students; and to make provision exempting students from liability for council tax. (SP Bill 21) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Henry McLeish
Supported by: Nicol Stephen

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 21-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 21-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

The Bill was withdrawn on 7 December 2000.

7 December 2000

Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) (No.2) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the payment by certain persons of the graduate endowment; to make provision in relation to the use of income arising from the graduate endowment for the purposes of the financial support of students; to make further provision as respects financial support for students; and to make provision exempting students from liability for council tax. (SP Bill 22) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Ms Wendy Alexander
Supported by: Mr Alasdair Morrison, Nicol Stephen

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 22-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 22-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

18 December 2000

Housing (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about housing, including provision about homelessness and the allocation of housing accommodation by social landlords, the tenants of social landlords, the regulation of social landlords, Scottish Homes, the strategic housing functions of local authorities and grants for improvement and repairs; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 23) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Jackie Baillie

Supported by: Henry McLeish, Mr Jim Wallace, Ms Wendy Alexander, Ms Margaret Curran

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 23-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 23-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

20 December 2000

Regulation of Care (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care and the Scottish Social Services Council; to make provision for the registration and regulation of care services and for the registration, regulation and training of social service workers; to enable local authorities to make grants in respect of activities relating to child care and family support and to make direct payments to children in respect of certain care services; to enable the Scottish Ministers to delegate a power to make certain grants and loans for social work; to enable local authorities to provide and maintain residential accommodation in which nursing is provided; to amend the definition of "place of safety" in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995; to make further provision as respects the appointment for children of curators ad litem, reporting officers and safeguarders; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 24) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Susan Deacon

Supported by: Ms Wendy Alexander, Malcolm Chisholm, Nicol Stephen

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 24-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 24-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

10 January 2001

Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend certain enactments relating to the sentencing and release of life prisoners, the constitution of the Parole Board, legal advice and assistance and legal aid, homosexual offences and the appointment and removal of the procurator fiscal of the Lyon Court which are or may be incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights; and to enable further changes in the law where it is or may be incompatible with the Convention. (SP Bill 25) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jim Wallace

Supported by: Iain Gray

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 25-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 25-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

19 January 2001

Budget (Scotland) (No.2) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2001/02, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund, for the maximum amount of relevant expenditure for the purposes of section 94(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c.65) and the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies; to make provision, for financial year 2002/03, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 26) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: Angus MacKay

Supported by: Henry McLeish, Mr Jim Wallace, Mr Tom McCabe

Accompanying documents (SP Bill 26-AD) were printed to accompany the Bill.

4 April 2001

International Criminal Court (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for offences under the law of Scotland corresponding to offences within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court; to enable assistance to be provided to that court in relation to investigations and prosecutions; to make provision in relation to the enforcement of sentences and orders of that court; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 27) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jim Wallace

Supported by: Colin Boyd, Iain Gray

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 27-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 27-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

5 April 2001

Scottish Local Authorities (Tendering) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to remove the time limit on the period during which the provisions about competition in the Local Government Act 1988 may be modified in relation to local authorities. (SP Bill 28) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Angus MacKay

Supported by: Peter Peacock

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 28-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 28-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

1. Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid in draft before the Parliament on the dates shown for approval by resolution—

22 May 2000

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2000 (Amendment) Order 2000
laid under the Budget (Scotland) Act 2000

25 May 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 4) Order 2000
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

1 June 2000

The Electricity Lands and Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000—
The Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
laid under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

15 June 2000

The Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2000
laid under the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

21 September 2000

The draft Train Operating Companies (Rateable Values) (Scotland) (No.2) Order 2000
laid under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

23 October 2000

The Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Regulations 2000
laid under the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968

24 October 2000

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2000 (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2000
laid under the Budget (Scotland) Act 2000

(Note: The draft Welfare of Animals (Scotland) Regulations 2000, which was laid before the Parliament on 23 October 2000, was withdrawn)

2 November 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No.2) Order 2000—
The Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No.2) Order 2000—
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

3 November 2000

The Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Regulations 2000
laid under the Agricultural (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968

6 November 2000

The Education (National Priorities) (Scotland) Order 2000
laid under the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Act 2000

8 November 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

9 November 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

(Note: The Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000, which was laid on 8 November 2000, was withdrawn)

13 November 2000

The Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001
laid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

17 November 2000

The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000
laid under the Environment Act 1985

8 January 2001

The Number of Inner House Judges (Variation) Order 2001
laid under the Court of Session Act 1988

The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2001—
The Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2001—
laid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

25 January 2001

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2000 (Amendment) (No.2) Order 2001
laid under section 6(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2000

1 February 2001

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2001
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

6 February 2001

The Highlands and Islands Enterprise Area of Operation (Scotland) Order 2001
laid under the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

8 February 2001

The Civil Defence (Scotland) Regulations 2001
laid under the Civil Defence Act 1948

14 February 2001

The Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2001
laid under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

The Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2001—
The Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2001—
laid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Limited Liability Partnerships (Scotland) Regulations 2001
laid under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000

1 March 2001

The Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2001
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

5 April 2001

The Part-Time Sheriffs (Removal Tribunal) Regulations 2001
laid under the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971

The Justices of the Peace (Tribunal) (Scotland) Regulations 2001
laid under the District Courts (Scotland) Act 1975

26 April 2001

The Sex Offenders (Notice Requirements) (Foreign Travel) (Scotland) Regulations
2001
laid under the Sex Offenders Act 1997

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown for
approval by resolution—

16 June 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning)
(Orkney) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/192)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

4 July 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning)
(Orkney) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/222)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

2 August 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning)
(Orkney) (No.3) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/266)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

3 August 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/267)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

21 August 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SE/2000/291)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

25 August 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.4) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/295)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

1 September 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.3) (Scotland) Order (SSI 2000/303)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

29 September 2000

The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Notification of Authorisations etc.) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/340)

laid under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

12 October 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.4) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/359)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

16 October 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/360)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

20 October 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No. 2) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/370)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

15 November 2000

The Mink Keeping (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/400)

laid under the Destructive Imported Animals Act 1932

21 November 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.5) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/409)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

30 November 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.6) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/428)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

25 January 2001

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2001
laid under the Local Government Finance Act 1992

2. Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and were subject to annulment—

18 May 2000

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2000 (SSI 2000/145)
laid under the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

19 May 2000

The Children (Protection at Work) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/149)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

31 May 2000

The Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/158)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/159)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

2 June 2000

The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/166)
laid under the Local Government Finance Act 1992

6 June 2000

The Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/167)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The National Health Service (Clinical Negligence and Other Risks Indemnity Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/168)
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

7 June 2000

The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/170)

laid under section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

8 June 2000

The Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/169)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

9 June 2000

The Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/171)

laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

13 June 2000

The Loch Moidart, North Channel, Scallop Several Fishery (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/173)

laid under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

14 June 2000

The Contaminated Land (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/178)

laid under the Environmental Protection Act 1990

15 June 2000

The Planning (Control of Major-Accident Hazards) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2000/179)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972 and the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997

The Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/181)—

The Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/182)—

laid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The Community Care (Direct Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/183)

laid under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

The Bovines and Bovine Products (Trade) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/184)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling Payments) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/185)

laid under the Environment Protection Act 1990

The Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987 (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/189)

laid under the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987

The National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/190)—

The National Health Service (Choice of Medical Practitioner) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/191)—

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

16 June 2000

The Discontinuance of Prisons (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/186)—

The Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2000 (SSI 2000/187)—

laid under the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/188)—

The National Health Service (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/202)—

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Police Pensions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/193)

laid under the Police Pensions Act 1976

The Census (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/194)

laid under the Census Act 1920 and 5(2) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946

The Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/195)—

The St. Mary's Music School (Aided Places) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/196)—

The Education (Student Loans) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/200)—

laid under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Undersized Lobsters (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/197)—

The Undersized Spider Crabs (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/198)—

laid under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/199)

laid under the Superannuation Act 1976

The Seed Potatoes (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/201)

laid under the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

21 June 2000

The Local Government (Exemption from Competition) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000 (SSI 2000/206)

laid under the Local Government Act 1988

The Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/207)

laid under the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970

The Local Government Act 1988 (Competition) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/208)

laid under the Local Government Act 1988

27 June 2000

The Processed Cereal-based Foods and Baby Foods for Infants and Young Children Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/214)

laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Suckler Cow Premium Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/215)—

The Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export)(Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/216)—

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

29 June 2000

The Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/217)

laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

6 July 2000

The Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/226)

laid under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

7 July 2000

The Tetrachloroethylene in Olive Oil (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/229)

laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

24 July 2000

The Education (Student Loans) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/240)

laid under the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990

27 July 2000

The Beet Seeds (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/246)—

The Fodder Plant Seeds (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/247)—

The Cereal Seeds (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/248)—

The Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/249)—

The Vegetable Seeds (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/250)—

laid under the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

1 August 2000

The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/261)

laid under the Local Government Finance Act 1992

18 August 2000

The Protection of Wrecks (Designation) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/287)
laid under the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973

The Meat (Disease Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/288)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990 and the European Communities Act 1972
21 August 2000

The Farm Woodland Premium Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000
(SSI 2000/290)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

22 August 2000

The Education and Training (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/292)
laid under the Education and Training (Scotland) Act 2000

30 August 2000

The Export of Pigs, Porcine Material and Bovine Animals (Scotland) Regulations
2000 (SSI 2000/300)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Human Rights Act 1998 (Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Rules 2000 (SSI 2000/301)
laid under the Human Rights Act 1998

7 September 2000

The General Medical Council (Legal Assessors) Amendment (Scotland) Rules 2000
(SSI 2000/308)
laid under the Medical Act 1983

8 September 2000

The Food Irradiation Provisions (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/309)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

14 September 2000

The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations
2000 (SSI 2000/320)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

25 September 2000

The Diseases of Fish (Control) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI
2000/330)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

29 September 2000

The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, Ranks and
Positions) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/343)
laid under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

The Specified Risk Material Order Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI
2000/344)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Specified Risk Material Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/345)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Education and Training (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/342)
laid under the Education and Training (Scotland) Act 2000

3 October 2000

The Agricultural Subsidies (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/347)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

6 October 2000

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/352)
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

18 October 2000

The Brucellosis (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/364)—
The Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/365)—
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/366)
laid under the Superannuation Act 1972

23 October 2000

The Gaming Clubs (Hours) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/371)
laid under the Gaming Act 1968

8 November 2000

The Dairy Produce Quotas Amendment (No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/391)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

9 November 2000

The Divorce etc. (Pensions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/392)
laid under the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985

The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) (No.2) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/393)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/394)—
The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/395)—

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/396)—
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

13 November 2000

The Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/399)
laid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

17 November 2000

The Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/403)
laid under the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970

20 November 2000

The Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls (No.2) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/405)
laid under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

21 November 2000

The Education (Provision of Information as to Schools) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/406)—
The Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/407)—
laid under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

27 November 2000

The Sheep and Goats Identification (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/418)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

28 November 2000

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 2000 (SSI 2000/419)—
Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) 2000 (SSI 2000/420)—
laid under the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

29 November 2000

The Local Statutory Provisions (Postponement from Repeal) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/425)
laid under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

30 November 2000

The Common Agricultural Policy Support Schemes (Modulation) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/429)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/430)
laid under the Environment Protection Act 1990

The Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/431)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Control of Pollution (Registers and Consents for Discharges) (Secretary of State Functions) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/432)
laid under the Control of Pollution Act 1974

7 December 2000

The Divorce etc. (Pensions) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/438)
laid under the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985

20 December 2000

The Teachers' Superannuation (Additional Voluntary Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/444)
laid under the Superannuation Act 1972

The Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/447)
laid under the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977

21 December 2000

The Agricultural Business Development Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/448)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

22 December 2000

The Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No.2) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/449)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

3 January 2001

The Feeding Stuffs (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/453)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972 and the Agriculture Act 1970

8 January 2001

The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (No.2) Order 2000 (SI 2000/3250)
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

9 January 2001

The Cattle (Identification of Older Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/1)—
The Specified Risk Material Order Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/4)—
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Specified Risk Material Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/3)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

11 January 2001

The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/6)
laid under the National Assistance Act 1948

25 January 2001

The Smoke Control Areas (Exempt Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/16)
laid under the Clean Air Act 1993

29 January 2001

The General Teaching Council (Scotland) Election Scheme 2001 Approval Order 2001 (SSI 2001/18)
laid under the Teaching Council (Scotland) Act 1965

31 January 2001

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Pension Sharing on Divorce) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/23)
laid under the Superannuation Act 1972

6 February 2001

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Central Borders) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/25)—

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Stewartry) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/26)—

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Argyll Islands) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/27)—

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Machair of the Uists and Benbecula, Barra and Vatersay) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/28)—

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Shetland Islands) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/29)—

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Breadalbane) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/30)—

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Western Southern Uplands) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/31)—

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Central Southern Uplands) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/32)—

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Cairngorms Straths) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/33)—

The Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Loch Lomond) Designation Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/34)—

laid under of the Agriculture Act 1986

7 February 2001

The European Communities (Matrimonial Jurisdiction and Judgments) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/36)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

14 February 2001

The Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/37)
laid under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

15 February 2001

The Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/38)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

16 February 2001

The Designation of UHI Millennium Institute (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/39)
laid under the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

The Highlands and Islands Agricultural Processing and Marketing Grants Etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/40)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

21 February 2001

The Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/44)
laid under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

26 February 2001

The Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/50)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

5 March 2001

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/57)
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Export Restrictions (Foot and Mouth Disease) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/61)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

6 March 2001

The Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Portree) Rules 2001 (SSI 2001/64)
laid under the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

7 March 2001

The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/62)
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

8 March 2001

The Restriction on Pithing (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/73)—
The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/84)—
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Police Grant (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/74)
laid under the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

The Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/75)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Certificates from Medical Practitioners) (Accounts and Funds) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/76)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Supervision of Welfare Attorneys by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/77)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Countersignatories of Applications for Authority to Intromit) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/78)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Evidence in Relation to Dispensing with Intimation or Notification) (Accounts and Funds) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/79)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Certificates in Relation to Powers of Attorney) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/80)—

laid under the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

The Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/82)
laid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/83)
laid under the Gaming Act 1968

9 March 2001

The Specified Risk Material Amendment (No.2) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/86)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/71)
laid under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/70)—

The National Health Service (Personal Medical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/72)—

The National Health Service (Choice of Medical Practitioner) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/85)—

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/88)—

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, Ranks and Positions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/87)

laid under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

12 March 2001

The Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) (Charges) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/89)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972 and the Food Safety Act 1990

13 March 2001

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/95)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

14 March 2001

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/99)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

15 March 2001

The National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/100)
laid under the National Assistance Act 1948

16 March 2001

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/67)—
The National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/69)—
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Miscellaneous Food Additives (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/103)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/104)
laid under the Agriculture Act 1970

The National Health Service (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (No.2) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/105)
laid under the National Assistance Act 1948

20 March 2001

The Domestic Water and Sewerage Charges (Reduction) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/114)
laid under the Local Government etc.(Scotland) Act 1994

21 March 2001

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/112)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

22 March 2001

The Valuation for Rating (Plant and Machinery) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/115)
laid under the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act 1854

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Quota and Third Country Fishing Measures) (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/117)
laid under the Fisheries Act 1981

23 March 2001

The National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/119)
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

29 March 2001

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/127)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

3 April 2001

The NHS 24 (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/137)
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

5 April 2001

The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (No.3) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/138)
laid under the National Assistance Act 1948

The Fisheries and Aquaculture Structures (Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/140)—

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/141)—
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

6 April 2001

The Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/145)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

11 April 2001

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2001 (SSI 2001/136)
laid under the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

18 April 2001

The Teachers' Superannuation (Pension Sharing on Divorce) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/152)
laid under the Superannuation Act 1972

23 April 2001

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) Amendment (No.4) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/158)—
The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Marking of Meat and Meat Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/160)—
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Plant Protection Products Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/161)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972 and the Finance Act 1973

24 April 2001

The Milk and Milk Products (Pupils in Educational Establishments) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/162)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

26 April 2001

The Town and Country Planning (Limit of Annual Value) (Scotland) Order 2001 (SSI 2001/164)

laid under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

30 April 2001

The Gelatine (Intra-Community Trade) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI/2001/169)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

9 May 2001

The European Communities (Service of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/172)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Sex Offenders (Notification Requirements) (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (SSI 2001/173)

laid under the Sex Offenders Act 1997 as amended by the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000

The Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/174)

laid under the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

10 May 2001

The Water (Prevention of Pollution) (Code of Practice) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2001 (SSI 2001/175)

laid under the Control of Pollution Act 1974

3. Not subject to any Parliamentary procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and were not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

12 May 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Partial Revocation (No.9) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/137)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

18 May 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Partial Revocation (No.10) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/146)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

31 May 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (North Coast) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/156)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/157)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

6 July 2000

The Sea Fish (Specified Sea Areas) (Regulation of Nets and Other Fishing Gear) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/227)
laid under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

7 July 2000

The Undersized Edible Crabs (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/228)
laid under the Sea Fish Conservation Act 1967

13 September 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 2) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/313)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

14 September 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.3) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/318)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

29 September 2000

The Investigatory Powers Tribunal Rules 2000 (SI 2000/2665)
laid under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

4 October 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Partial Revocation (No.2) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/346)
laid under section 1(10) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

20 October 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 3) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/369)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

23 October 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 3) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/372)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

25 October 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 2) (Scotland) Partial Revocation (No.3) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/378)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

3 November 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/381)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.3) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/382)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.4) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/383)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

8 November 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 4) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/389)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

20 November 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/402)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Partial Revocation (No.4) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/402)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

23 November 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/413)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.4) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/414)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

4 December 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/434)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Partial Revocation (No.5) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/435)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/436)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

12 December 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Partial Revocation (No.2) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/440)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/441)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

21 December 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.5) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/446)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

18 January 2001

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8 June 2000

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12 June 2000

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14 June 2000

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26 June 2000

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28 June 2000

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5th July 2000

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