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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.)

Note: (DT), which appears throughout the Journal, signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

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No. 1

Wednesday 12 May 1999

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Oaths and Affirmations: The following members took the oath of allegiance or made their solemn affirmation before the Clerk—

Oath

Donald Campbell Dewar
David William McLetchie
Alexander Elliot Anderson Salmond
James Robert Wallace
William Mackie Aitken
Wendy Alexander
Jacqueline Marie Baillie
Colin MacIver Campbell
Margaret Patricia Curran
Catherine Craigie
Patricia Josephine Ferguson
James Alexander Douglas-Hamilton
David Davidson
Alexander Charles Onslow Fergusson
Karen Macdonald Gillon
Helen Stirling Eadie
Philip Roy Gallie
Annabel MacNicoll Goldie
Fergus Stewart Ewing
James Ross Finnie
Donald Cameron Easterbrook Gorrie
Rhoda Grant
Iain Cumming Gray
Duncan Graeme Hamilton
Keith Harding
Samuel Laird Galbraith
John Home Robertson
Janis Hughes
William Gordon Jackson
Fiona Jane Hyslop
Sylvia Jackson
Richard John Simpson
Adam Hamilton Ingram
Alexander Johnstone
Marilyn Margaret Livingstone
Margaret Nelson Jamieson
Roderick Lewis Macdonald
Ian Archibald Jenkins

Affirmation

Winifred Margaret Ewing
Dennis Canavan
Robin Harper
Tommy Sheridan
Brian James Adam
Sarah Boyack
Thomas Scott Barrie
Rhona Margaret Brankin
Christine Grahame
Robert Edward Brown
Roseanna Cunningham
Malcolm George Richardson Chisholm
Robert Hardie Bruce Crawford
Susan Catherine Deacon
Linda Fabiani
Kenneth James Gibson
Margaret Anne Ewing
Patricia Godman
Hugh Henry
Catherine Mary Jamieson
Richard Neilson Lochhead
George Lyon
Kathleen MacLean
Johann MacDougall Lamont
Michael Joseph McMahon
Tricia Marwick
Elaine Margaret Thomson
Kenneth Wright MacAskill
Elaine Kildare Murray
Fiona Grace McLeod
John McAllion
Jack Wilson McConnell
Henry Baird McLeish
Alasdair Neil Morgan
Kenneth Donald Macintosh
Ian McWilliam Welsh
Shona Robison
Nora Radcliffe

Paul Nicholas Johnston
Dorothy-Grace Douglas Elder

Desmond McNulty
Andrew Paton Welsh

Oath

Irene Margaret McGugan
Maureen Mary Macmillan
Paul Martin
Lyndsay June McIntosh
Duncan McNeil
Margo MacDonald
Angus John Mackay
Pauline Mary McNeill
Francis McAveety
Thomas McCabe
Michael Stephen Matheson
John Farquhar Munro
James Angus Roderick Neil McGrigor
Alexander Neil
Mary Elizabeth Scanlon
Irene Oldfather
Bristow Cook Muldoon
George Newlands Reid
Margaret Mary Mulligan
David Gordon Mundell
Alasdair Angus Morrison
Euan Macfarlane Robson
Lloyd John Quinan
Andrew Palmer Kerr
Brian Monteith
Peter James Peacock
Keith William Twort Raffan
Tavish Hamilton Scott
Elaine Agnes Smith
Michael John Rumbles
Margaret Joy Smith
Michael William Russell
Robert Ben Lobban Wallace
Gil Martin Paterson
Sir David Martin Scott Steel
Jamie Hume Stone
Sandra White
John Ramsay Swinney
Karen Whitefield
Andrew John Wilson
John Henderson Young
Neil Murray Tosh
Allan Wilson
Nicol Ross Stephen

Affirmation

Catherine Campbell Peattie
Nicola Sturgeon
Iain William Smith
Catherine Morrison Ullrich
Michael Goodall Watson

2. Election of Presiding Officer: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as Presiding Officer—

Mr George Reid
Sir David Steel

The result of the first round of voting was—

Mr George Reid	44
Sir David Steel	82
Abstentions	3

Sir David Steel was duly elected as Presiding Officer.

The meeting was adjourned from 3.00 pm to 3.40 pm.

3. Election of Deputy Presiding Officers: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as Deputy Presiding Officer—

Patricia Ferguson
Mr George Reid
John Young

The result of the first round of voting in the election for the first Deputy Presiding Officer was—

Patricia Ferguson	54
Mr George Reid	54
John Young	17
Abstentions	1
Spoilt papers	2

Accordingly, John Young was eliminated at that round and a second round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Patricia Ferguson	66
Mr George Reid	59
Abstentions	2

Patricia Ferguson was duly elected as a Deputy Presiding Officer.

The candidates in the election for the second Deputy Presiding Officer were—

Mr George Reid
John Young

The result of the first round of voting in that election was—

Mr George Reid	72
John Young	34

Abstentions

22

Mr George Reid was duly elected as a Deputy Presiding Officer.

The meeting closed at 4.44 pm.

No. 2 Thursday 13 May 1999

The meeting opened at 2.31 pm.

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

Dennis Canavan
Donald Dewar
David McLetchie
Mr Alex Salmond

The result of the first round of voting was—

Dennis Canavan	3
Donald Dewar	71
David McLetchie	17
Mr Alex Salmond	35

Donald Dewar was duly selected as nominee for appointment as First Minister.

The meeting closed at 3.17 pm.

No. 3 Tuesday 18 May 1999

The meeting opened at 2.29 pm.

1. Law Officers: The First Minister moved S1M-3—That the Parliament agrees that it be recommended to Her Majesty that the Right Honourable the Lord Hardie QC be appointed as the Lord Advocate and that Colin Boyd QC be appointed as Solicitor General for Scotland.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

2. Prayers: Alex Fergusson moved S1M-1—That the Parliament agrees in principle for prayers to be held on a non-denominational basis at the start of each Plenary session of the Parliament and remits to the Parliamentary Bureau to make arrangements therefor and to come forward to the Parliament with recommendations speedily.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 69, Against 37, Abstentions 15).

The meeting closed at 3.36 pm.

No. 4 Wednesday 19 May 1999

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. Scottish Ministers: The First Minister moved S1M-4—That the Parliament agrees that—

James Wallace;
Sam Galbraith;
Henry McLeish;
Jack McConnell;
Susan Deacon;
Mr Tom McCabe;
Ross Finnie;
Wendy Alexander; and
Sarah Boyack,
be appointed as Scottish Ministers.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton moved amendment S1M-4.1 to motion S1M-4—

Leave out “James Wallace;” and “Ross Finnie;”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 51, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

Mike Russell moved amendment S1M-4.3 to motion S1M-4—

Leave out “Henry McLeish;”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 33, Against 70, Abstentions 18).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 70, Against 38, Abstentions 11).

2. Junior Scottish Ministers: The First Minister moved S1M-5—That the Parliament agrees that—

Angus Mackay;
Peter Peacock;
Rhona Brankin;
Nicol Stephen;
Alasdair Morrison;
Iain Gray;
Iain Smith;
John Home Robertson;
Frank McAveety; and
Jackie Baillie,
be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

Phil Gallie moved amendment S1M-5.1 to motion S1M-5—

Leave out “Nicol Stephen;” and “Iain Smith;”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 48, Against 69, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 70, Against 41, Abstentions 7).

3. Election of Members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body—

Robert Brown
Des McNulty
Mr Andrew Welsh
John Young.

The candidates in the first election were—

Robert Brown
Des McNulty
Mr Andrew Welsh
John Young

The result of the first election was—

Robert Brown	108
Des McNulty	9
Mr Andrew Welsh	1
John Young	0
Abstentions	0

Robert Brown was duly elected as a member of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The candidates in the second election were—

Des McNulty
Mr Andrew Welsh
John Young

The result of the second election was—

Des McNulty	115
Mr Andrew Welsh	0
John Young	0
Abstentions	0

Des McNulty was duly elected as a member of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The candidates in the third election were—

Mr Andrew Welsh
John Young

The result of the third election was—

Mr Andrew Welsh	115
John Young	0
Abstentions	0

Mr Andrew Welsh was duly elected as a member of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

The candidate in the fourth election was John Young. The result of the fourth election was—

For	115
Against	0
Abstentions	0

John Young was duly elected as a member of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

4. Sitting Days: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-6—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk should be open on each of the following days: Monday 24 to Thursday 27 May, Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 June, Monday 7 to Friday 11 June and Monday 14 to Friday 18 June 1999.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 4.20 pm.

No. 5 Wednesday 2 June 1999

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned from 2.37 pm to 2.45 pm.

1. Statement: A statement on the death of Mr Kenny McIntyre was made by Mr George Reid.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-17—That the Parliament agrees the following business programme—

Wednesday 2 June 1999

S1M-30 Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the following draft Orders be considered by the Parliament—

the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedules 4 and 5) Order 1999;
the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Functions Exercisable in or as Regards Scotland) Order 1999;
the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 1999;
the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc) Order 1999; and
the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Border Rivers) Order 1999

followed by Debate on the following motions—

S1M-25 Henry McLeish: That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedules 4 and 5) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May, be approved;
S1M-26 Henry McLeish: That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Functions Exercisable in or as Regards Scotland) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May, be approved; and
S1M-27 Henry McLeish: That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May, be approved

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 3 June 1999

2.30 pm Debate on the following motions—

S1M-28 Henry McLeish: That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May, be approved; and
S1M-29 Henry McLeish: That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Border Rivers) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May, be approved

No later than 4.00 pm Debate on the following motion—

S1M-19 Ross Finnie: That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries Order (SI 1999/1126) in no way alters or restricts the freedom of the Scottish fleet to fish consistently with the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Union; from 1 July, the Parliament will be charged with the responsibility of regulating fishing in the newly created Scottish zone of British Fishery Limits and fishing by all Scottish vessels no matter

where they fish; consultation will be required with relevant bodies in the preparation of legislation relating to fishing in the Scottish zone

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 June 1999

2.30 pm Business Motion

No later than 3.00 pm Motion(s) on the establishment of Committees

followed by Motion on Members' Allowances

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 9 June 1999

10.30 am Business Motion

followed by Debate(s) on the Consultative Steering Group report and draft Information Strategy

followed by Motion on the Parliamentary Recess (to be taken without debate)

12.30 pm Decision Time

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 66, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

3. Consideration of SIs: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-30—That the Parliament agrees that the following draft Orders be considered by the Parliament—

the Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedules 4 and 5) Order 1999;
the Scotland Act 1998 (Functions Exercisable in or as Regards Scotland) Order 1999;
the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 1999;
the Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc) Order 1999; and
the Scotland Act 1998 (Border Rivers) Order 1999

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SI: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-25—That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedules 4 and 5) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May 1999, be approved.

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

5. Approval of SI: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-26—That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Functions Exercisable in or as Regards Scotland) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May 1999, be approved.

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

6. Approval of SI: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-27—That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May 1999, be approved.

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

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Approval of SI: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-28—That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May 1999, be approved.

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

2. Approval of SI: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-29—That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Border Rivers) Order 1999, which was laid before the Parliament on 26 May 1999, be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division (DT): For 122, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

3. Closure of Debate: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton moved, under Rule 8.14.2, that debate on S1M-29 be closed.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries Order: The Minister for Rural Affairs moved S1M-19—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries Order (SI 1999/1126) in no way alters or restricts the freedom of the Scottish fleet to fish consistently with the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Union; from 1 July, the Parliament will be charged with the responsibility of regulating fishing in the newly created Scottish zone of British Fishery Limits and fishing by all Scottish vessels no matter where they fish; consultation will be required with relevant bodies in the preparation of legislation relating to fishing in the Scottish zone.

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S1M-19.2 to motion S1M-19—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to amend the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries Order (SI 1999/1126) made under the Scotland Act 1998 so that the east coast boundary is redrawn to a line of latitude due east of the termination point of land border between England and Scotland to re-establish the custom and practice of former years.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 63, Abstentions 7).

Euan Robson moved amendment S1M-19.3 to motion S1M-19—

Insert at end—

“and the Scottish fishing organisations have considerable concerns about the said Order, and calls upon the relevant Minister to (a) meet representatives of the Scottish fishing industry to

discuss their concern and in particular their desire to re-establish the custom and practice of former years in regard to the east coast boundary and (b) convey such concerns to the Secretary of State for Scotland.”

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 that the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries Order (SI 1999/1126) in no way alters or restricts the freedom of the Scottish fleet to fish consistently with the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Union; from 1 July, the Parliament will be charged with the responsibility of regulating fishing in the newly created Scottish zone of British Fishery Limits and fishing by all Scottish vessels no matter where they fish; consultation will be required with relevant bodies in the preparation of legislation relating to fishing in the Scottish zone and the Scottish fishing organisations have considerable concerns about the said Order, and calls upon the relevant Minister to (a) meet representatives of the Scottish fishing industry to discuss their concern and in particular their desire to re-establish the custom and practice of former years in regard to the east coast boundary and (b) convey such concerns to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

No. 7 Tuesday 8 June 1999

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-35—That the Parliament agrees the following amendment to the business set out in the Business Motion agreed on Wednesday 2 June 1999—

“Tuesday 8 June 1999

Immediately after “Decision Time”, a debate on the subject of S1M-24 (Dr Sylvia Jackson) to be taken as Members’ Business and to be concluded without any question being put no later than 30 minutes after its commencement;

Wednesday 9 June 1999

At 10.30 am, a statement by the First Minister on legislation in the UK Parliament about devolved matters followed no later than 11.00 am by a debate on the Consultative Steering Group report and draft Information Strategy;”

the remaining business to remain as set out in the Business Motion of 2 June.

Michael Russell, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved amendment S1M-35.1 to motion S1M-35—

After “Tuesday 8 June 1999” insert—

“Motion S1M-41 in the name of Michael Russell to be debated together with S1M-40 also in the name of Michael Russell.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was then agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees the following amendment to the business set out in the business motion agreed on Wednesday 2 June—

“Tuesday 8 June 1999

Motion S1M-41 in the name of Michael Russell to be debated together with S1M-40 also in the name of Michael Russell.

Immediately after “Decision Time”, a debate on the subject of S1M-24 (Dr Sylvia Jackson) to be taken as Members’ Business and to be concluded without any question being put no later than 30 minutes after its commencement;

Wednesday 9 June 1999

At 10.30 am, a statement by the First Minister on legislation in the UK Parliament about devolved matters followed no later than 11.00 am by a debate on the Consultative Steering Group Report and draft Information Strategy;”

the remaining business to remain as set out in the business motion of 2 June.

2. Establishment of Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-37—That the Parliament establish the following Committees—

Name of Committee: European
Remit: Set out in Rule 6.8
Maximum number of members: 13

Name of Committee: Equal Opportunities
Remit: Set out in Rule 6.9
Maximum number of members: 13

Name of Committee: Finance
Remit: Set out in Rule 6.6
Maximum number of members: 11

Name of Committee: Audit
Remit: Set out in Rule 6.7
Maximum number of members: 11

Name of Committee: Procedures
Remit: Set out in Rule 6.4
Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: Standards
Remit: Set out in Rule 6.5
Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: Public Petitions
Remit: Set out in Rule 6.10
Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: Subordinate Legislation
Remit: Set out in Rule 6.11
Maximum number of members: 7

Name of Committee: Justice and Home Affairs
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: 11

Name of Committee: Education, Culture and Sport
Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to school and pre-school education, the arts, culture and sport and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Children and Education
Maximum number of members: 11

Name of Committee: Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector
Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to housing and the voluntary sector and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Communities other than local government
Maximum number of members: 11

Name of Committee: Enterprise and Lifelong Learning
Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to the Scottish economy, industry, tourism, training and further and higher education and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning
Maximum number of members: 11

Name of Committee: Health and Community Care
Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to health policy and the National Health Service in Scotland and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Health and Community Care
Maximum number of members: 11

Name of Committee: Transport and the Environment
Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to transport, the environment and natural heritage and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Transport and the Environment
Maximum number of members: 11

Name of Committee: Rural Affairs
Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to rural development, agriculture and fisheries and such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Rural Affairs
Maximum number of members: 11

Name of Committee: Local government
Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government
Maximum number of members: 11

That the Justice and Home Affairs; Education, Culture and Sport; Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector; Enterprise and Lifelong Learning; Health and Community Care; Transport and the Environment; Rural Affairs and Local Government Committees be established for the whole session of the Parliament.

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

3. Members' Allowances Scheme: Michael Russell moved S1M-40—That the Parliament, in accordance with section 81(2) of the Scotland Act 1998, make provision for the payment of allowances to members of the Parliament and that the following provisions should have effect—

There shall be a Members' Allowances Scheme ("the Scheme") which shall make provision to be implemented by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body ("the SPCB") for the payment of allowances to members of the Parliament.

The following Parts A, B and C together with the Annexes attached shall be the Scheme [see *Appendix A1 for full text of Scheme*]

Karen Whitefield moved amendment S1M-40.1 to motion S1M-40—

In Part A (General Rules), leave out Rule 9 (Equality) and insert—

“Rule 9 – Equal Opportunities

Through payment of appropriate allowances, the Scheme shall allow all members equal opportunity to carry out their Parliamentary duties, taking account of the constituencies or regions from which they were returned.”

In Part B (Allowances), paragraph 1 (Staff Allowance), sub-paragraph (1), leave out from first “member” to “£36,000” and insert—

“constituency member shall be eligible for an allowance of £36,000 and a regional member shall be eligible for an allowance of 60% of that amount”.

In Part B (Allowances), paragraph 2 (Local Office Costs Allowances), sub-paragraph (1), leave out from “member” to “£10,000” and insert—

“constituency member shall be eligible for an allowance of £10,000 and a regional member shall be eligible for an allowance of 60% of that amount”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division): For 52, Against 71, Abstentions 3).

Mrs Margaret Smith moved amendment S1M-40.2 to motion S1M-40—

In Part A, Rule 9 (Equality), insert at end—

“subject to paragraph 2 of Part B”.

In Part B, paragraph 2 (Local Office Costs Allowance), sub-paragraph (1), leave out “sub-paragraph (2)” and insert—

“sub-paragraphs (2), (2A), (2B) and (2C)”.

In Part B, paragraph 2 (Local Office Costs Allowance), after “sub-paragraph (2),” insert—

“(2A) Where in a particular region more than one regional member is returned from a registered political party’s regional list, the amount of local office costs allowance for which each such regional member is eligible shall not be £10,000 but shall instead be computed as follows—

(a) there shall be added together the amount of the office costs allowance referred to in paragraph (1) in respect of one such regional member and 30% of that sum in respect of each of the other such regional members;

(b) the resulting total sum shall be divided by the number of such regional members; and

(c) that amount shall be the local office costs allowance for which each such regional member shall be eligible.

(2B) Subject to sub-paragraph (2C), where sub-paragraph (2A) applies the office costs allowance shall be used to enable the regional members concerned—

(a) to run only one office in the particular region; and

(b) to meet constituents either on a one to one basis or as a group;

and accordingly some or all of the regional members concerned may pool all or part of their allowances under this paragraph in order to run such an office provided that the members concerned give written notice to the SPCB.

(2C) Where sub-paragraph (2A) applies in relation to a region mentioned in section C of Annex C (eligibility for exceptional needs allowance: the largest regions), the SPCB—

(a) may determine after inquiry that the regional members concerned may run one additional office because that is necessary for the regional members concerned to carry out their Parliamentary duties effectively; and

(b) in those circumstances may increase the local office costs allowance to which each of the regional members concerned is entitled by such a sum as the SPCB may determine but the total of such increases shall not exceed 100% of the office costs allowance referred to in sub-paragraph (1)".

In Annex A (Allowances Code), section B (Offices), paragraph (1), leave out "should" and insert—

"will normally have."

In Annex A (Allowances Code), section B (Offices), paragraph (5), leave out "and other".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division): For 71, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament, in accordance with section 81(2) of the Scotland Act 1998, make provision for the payment of allowances to members of the Parliament and that the following provisions should have effect—

There shall be a Members' Allowances Scheme ("the Scheme") which shall make provision to be implemented by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body ("the SPCB") for the payment of allowances to members of the Parliament.

The following Parts A, B and C together with the Annexes attached shall be the Scheme [see *Appendix A2 for full text of Scheme*]

Michael Russell moved S1M-41—That the Parliament direct the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body ("the SPCB") as follows—

1. Provision of Information Technology and Office Equipment

(1) The SPCB shall provide information technology and other office equipment for the Parliament.

(2) Where such information technology and other office equipment is provided for the use of a member for the purpose of carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties—

(a) the member may select the equipment concerned but only from a list of items specified by the SPCB;

(b) the cost of such equipment shall be no more than £5,000 in the first year following a general election and no more than £1,500 in each of the following years in that session;

(c) the member shall be responsible for the maintenance, protection and security of such equipment and the SPCB may, if it has reasonable grounds to believe that any such equipment is being misused, require the return of the equipment.

2. Provision of Office Supplies

(1) The SPCB shall provide office supplies and postage stamps or postage paid envelopes for the Parliament.

(2) Where such office supplies are provided for the use of a member for the purpose of carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties the member may select the supplies concerned but only from a list of items specified by the SPCB.

3. Publication

The SPCB shall publish for each financial year in respect of each member details of the total sums expended under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this direction.

4. Parliamentary Duties

For the purposes of this direction, “Parliamentary duties” shall have the same meaning as in rule 8 of Part A of the Members’ Allowances Scheme.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

5. National Park: The Parliament debated S1M-24 in the name of Dr Sylvia Jackson—That the Parliament—

(a) recognises the importance of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, the first National Park in Scotland, as an area to be maintained as one of outstanding natural beauty and for potential in terms of social and economic development; and

(b) encourages the Scottish Executive to consider bringing forward the necessary legislation in relation to the setting up of the first National Park for Scotland at an early opportunity.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

No. 8 Wednesday 9 June 1999

The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister made a statement on legislation in the UK Parliament about devolved matters.

2. Consultative Steering Group: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-39—That the Parliament records its appreciation of the work of the Consultative Steering Group (CSG) on the Scottish Parliament; acknowledges the contribution which the group's reports have made to the development of the procedures of the Parliament, and agrees that its operations should embody the spirit of the CSG key principles.

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

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-44—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 16 June 1999

2.30 pm Statement by the First Minister and debate on the Executive's legislative proposals

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of motion S1M-42 in the name of David Mundell

Thursday 17 June 1999

9.30 am Continuation of debate on proposed legislative programme

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

*followed by, no
later than 3.15 pm* Debate on S1M-2 (Mr Jim Wallace) on Tuition Fees

followed by Motion proposing Establishment of Committees (to be taken without debate)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 23 June 1999

2.30 pm Statement by the Deputy First Minister

*followed by, no
later than 3.00 pm* Executive Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 June 1999

9.30 am Non-Executive Business (on a motion from the SNP)

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

*followed by, no
later than 3.15 pm* Debate on Financial Issues

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Sitting Days: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf on the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-34—That the Parliament agrees that—

(1) the Office of the Clerk be open on each of the following days: Monday 21 to Friday 25 June and Monday 28 June to Friday 2 July; and

(2) the summer recess begin on Friday 2 July 1999 after the business of that day has been concluded and end on Monday 30 August 1999, with the next meeting of the Parliament being held on or after Tuesday 31 August 1999.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 12.28 pm.

No. 9 Wednesday 16 June 1999

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-50—That the Parliament agrees the following amendment to the Business Motion agreed on 9 June 1999—

Wednesday 16 June 1999

9.30 am Business Motion

followed by Statement by the First Minister and debate on the Executive's legislative proposals

2.30 pm Continuation of debate on proposed legislative programme

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of motion S1M-42 in the name of David Mundell

Thursday 17 June 1999

10.30 am Debate on Holyrood Project

12.20 pm Business Motion

The remaining business is as set out in the Business Motion of 9 June 1999.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister made a statement on the Scottish Executive's legislative proposals.

3. Job Losses in Dumfries and Galloway: The Parliament debated S1M-42 in the name of David Mundell—That the Parliament notes with regret the loss of 99 jobs in Dumfries with the closure of the Nestlé factory, in addition to over 2,000 jobs in Dumfries and Galloway in the past two years and the potential loss of 1,700 jobs in the agricultural sector in the next two years.

The meeting closed at 5.29 pm.

The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

1. Holyrood Project: The First Minister moved S1M-52—That the Parliament endorses the decision to provide its permanent home on the Holyrood site and authorises the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to take forward the project in accordance with the plans developed by the EMBT/RMJM Design Team and within the timescale and cost estimates described in the Presiding Officer's note to members of 9 June 1999.

Donald Gorrie moved amendment S1M-52.1 to motion S1M-52—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“(a) sets up a special committee consisting of the members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) and six other members chosen by the SPCB to work during the summer recess on the matters set out in (b) and (c) below;

(b) instructs the special committee to commission a study by an independent organisation recommended by RIBA of the existing plans, realistic possibilities, costs and arguments for and against the potential sites for the Parliament at Holyrood, Calton Hill/Regent Road and the Mound, to be presented to the special committee before the end of the summer recess;

(c) empowers the special committee, if it is convinced that the Holyrood scheme clearly offers the best option, to instruct work on the scheme to proceed with any modifications agreed by the committee, and, if it believes that another site is preferable or that there is no clear preferred site, or that the Holyrood site scheme should be pursued at high quality and increased costs over those set out in the Presiding Officer's note to members of 9 June 1999, to present all the relevant information to the Parliament for a decision as early as possible after the summer recess;

(d) instructs the Holyrood Project Team to continue with any work, such as archaeological or site preparation works, which will be of value whatever the future of the site, but not to let any construction related contracts proceed until the special committee or the Parliament authorises it to do so; and

(e) instructs the SPCB to negotiate an appropriate timetable with the Holyrood Project Team if the Holyrood site is chosen by the special committee.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 57, Abstentions 2).

2. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-55—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 23 June

- 2.30 pm Statement by the Deputy First Minister on Freedom of Information
- followed by, no later than 3.00 pm* Ministerial Statement on Consultation on the Education Bill
- followed by* Executive Debate on Devolved Legislation to be considered by the UK Parliament
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau business to include:
- Motion that the Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 1999 (SI 1999/1512) be considered by the Parliament (to be taken without debate)
- Motion on days when the office of the Clerk is open (to be taken without debate)
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by* Members' Business debate on the subject of motion S1M-47 in the name of Brian Adam
- To be concluded no later than 30 minutes after the commencement of the debate without any question being put.

Thursday 24 June

- 9.30 am Non-Executive Business (on a motion from the SNP)
- followed by* Business Motion
- 2.30 pm Question Time
- 3.00 pm Open Question Time
- followed by, no later than 3.15 pm* Ministerial Statement on Financial Issues
- followed by* Executive Debate on the Economy of Scotland
- 5.00 pm Decision Time

Friday 2 July

- 9.30 am Question Time
- 10.00 am Open Question Time
- followed by, no later than 10.15 am* Executive Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Tuition Fees: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-2—That the Parliament recognises the widespread opposition to tuition fees, the growing importance of lifelong learning to Scotland’s society and economy and the wide range of circumstances of those engaged in lifelong learning; and calls upon the Scottish Executive once established to appoint urgently a committee of inquiry on the issue of tuition fees and financial support for those participating, part-time or full-time, in further and higher education; the terms of reference, timescale and membership of that committee to be approved by and its report laid before the Parliament.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-2.4 to motion S1M-2—

Leave out from “once established” to end and insert—

“to bring forward to the Parliament proposals for the abolition of tuition fees and to appoint urgently a committee of inquiry on the issue of financial support for those participating, part-time or full-time, in further and higher education; the terms of reference, timescale and membership of that committee to be approved by and its report laid before the Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 52, Abstentions 2).

6. Membership of Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-53—That the Parliament approves the membership and party from which the convener should be appointed for its committees set out as follows—

European

Bruce Crawford, Dr Winnie Ewing, Hugh Henry, Dr Sylvia Jackson, Cathy Jamieson, Ms Margo MacDonald, Maureen Macmillan, David Mundell, Irene Oldfather, Tavish Scott, Ben Wallace and Allan Wilson to be members of the European Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Equal Opportunities

Malcolm Chisholm, Johann Lamont, Marilyn Livingston, Mr Jamie McGrigor, Irene McGugan, Kate MacLean, Mr Michael McMahon, Michael Matheson, John Farquhar Munro, Nora Radcliffe, Shona Robison and Elaine Smith to be members of the Equal Opportunities Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Finance

Mr David Davidson, Rhoda Grant, Mr Adam Ingram, George Lyon, Mr Kenneth Macintosh, Mr Keith Raffan, Dr Richard Simpson, Mr John Swinney, Elaine Thomson, Mike Watson and Andrew Wilson to be members of the Finance Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Audit

Brian Adam, Scott Barrie, Cathie Craigie, Miss Annabel Goldie, Margaret Jamieson, Nick Johnston, Lewis Macdonald, Paul Martin, Euan Robson, Mr Andrew Welsh and Andrew Wilson to be members of the Audit Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Scottish National Party.

Procedures

Donald Gorrie, Janis Hughes, Gordon Jackson, Mr Andy Kerr, Mr Gil Paterson, Michael Russell and Mr Murray Tosh to be members of the Procedures Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Conservative Party.

Standards

Patricia Ferguson, Karen Gillon, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Adam Ingram, Des McNulty, Tricia Marwick and Mr Mike Rumbles to be members of the Standards Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Liberal Democrat Party.

Public Petitions

Helen Eadie, Phil Gallie, Christine Grahame, Mr John McAllion, Pauline McNeill, Mrs Margaret Smith and Ms Sandra White to be members of the Public Petitions Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Subordinate Legislation

Fergus Ewing, Trish Godman, Ian Jenkins, Mr Kenny MacAskill, Bristow Muldoon, David Mundell and Ian Welsh to be members of the Subordinate Legislation Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Scottish National Party.

Justice and Home Affairs

Scott Barrie, Roseanna Cunningham, Phil Gallie, Christine Grahame, Gordon Jackson, Mrs Lyndsay McIntosh, Kate MacLean, Maureen Macmillan, Pauline McNeill, Tricia Marwick and Euan Robson to be members of the Justice and Home Affairs Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Scottish National Party.

Education, Culture and Sport

Karen Gillon, Ian Jenkins, Mr Kenneth Macintosh, Fiona McLeod, Mr Brian Monteith, Mrs Mary Mulligan, Cathy Peattie, Michael Russell, Mr Jamie Stone, Nicola Sturgeon and Ian Welsh to be members of the Education, Culture and Sport Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector

Bill Aitken, Robert Brown, Cathie Craigie, Ms Margaret Curran, Fiona Hyslop, Mr John McAllion, Alex Neil, Mr Lloyd Quinan, Mr Keith Raffan, Mike Watson and Karen Whitefield to be members of the Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Enterprise and Lifelong Learning

Fergus Ewing, Miss Annabel Goldie, Nick Johnston, Marilyn Livingston, George Lyon, Ms Margo MacDonald, Mr Duncan McNeil, Dr Elaine Murray, Mr John Swinney, Elaine Thomson and Allan Wilson to be members of the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Scottish National Party.

Health and Community Care

Malcolm Chisholm, Dorothy-Grace Elder, Mr Duncan Hamilton, Hugh Henry, Margaret Jamieson, Irene Oldfather, Mary Scanlon, Dr Richard Simpson, Mrs Margaret Smith, Kay Ullrich and Ben Wallace to be members of the Health and Community Care Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Liberal Democrat Party.

Transport and the Environment

Helen Eadie, Linda Fabiani, Janis Hughes, Cathy Jamieson, Mr Andy Kerr, Mr Kenny MacAskill, Des McNulty, Nora Radcliffe, Tavish Scott and Mr Murray Tosh to be members of the Transport and the Environment Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Rural Affairs

Alex Fergusson, Rhoda Grant, Alex Johnstone, Richard Lochhead, Lewis Macdonald, Irene McGugan, Alasdair Morgan, John Farquhar Munro, Dr Elaine Murray, Cathy Peattie and Mr Mike Rumbles to be members of the Rural Affairs Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Conservative Party.

Local Government

Colin Campbell, Mr Kenneth Gibson, Trish Godman, Donald Gorrie, Mr Keith Harding, Dr Sylvia Jackson, Johann Lamont, Mr Michael McMahon, Bristow Muldoon, Mr Gil Paterson and Mr Jamie Stone to be members of the Local Government Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Tommy Sheridan moved amendment S1M-53.1 to motion S1M-53—

Under the heading “European”, after “Ms Margo MacDonald,” insert “Mr Kenneth Macintosh,”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 3, Against 121, Abstentions 0).

Tommy Sheridan moved amendment S1M-53.2 to motion S1M-53—

Under the heading “Education, Culture and Sport”, leave out “Mr Kenneth Macintosh,” and insert “Dennis Canavan,”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 3, Against 121, Abstentions 0).

Dennis Canavan moved amendment S1M-53.3 to motion S1M-53—

Under the heading “Equal Opportunities”, after “Nora Radcliffe,” insert “Mr Keith Raffan,”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 3, Against 121, Abstentions 0).

Dennis Canavan moved amendment S1M-53.4 to motion S1M-53—

Under the heading “Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector”, leave out “Mr Keith Raffan,” and insert “Tommy Sheridan,”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 4, Against 120, Abstentions 0).

Robin Harper moved amendment S1M-53.5 to motion S1M-53—

Under the heading “Transport and the Environment”, after “Linda Fabiani,” insert “Robin Harper,”.

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 119, Against 2, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament approves the membership and party from which the convener should be appointed for its committees set out as follows—

European

Bruce Crawford, Dr Winnie Ewing, Hugh Henry, Dr Sylvia Jackson, Cathy Jamieson, Ms Margo MacDonald, Maureen Macmillan, David Mundell, Irene Oldfather, Tavish Scott, Ben Wallace and Allan Wilson to be members of the European Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Equal Opportunities

Malcolm Chisholm, Johann Lamont, Marilyn Livingston, Mr Jamie McGrigor, Irene McGugan, Kate MacLean, Mr Michael McMahon, Michael Matheson, John Farquhar Munro, Nora Radcliffe, Shona Robison and Elaine Smith to be members of the Equal Opportunities Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Finance

Mr David Davidson, Rhoda Grant, Mr Adam Ingram, George Lyon, Mr Kenneth Macintosh, Mr Keith Raffan, Dr Richard Simpson, Mr John Swinney, Elaine Thomson, Mike Watson and Andrew Wilson to be members of the Finance Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Audit

Brian Adam, Scott Barrie, Cathie Craigie, Miss Annabel Goldie, Margaret Jamieson, Nick Johnston, Lewis Macdonald, Paul Martin, Euan Robson, Mr Andrew Welsh and Andrew Wilson to be members of the Audit Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Scottish National Party.

Procedures

Donald Gorrie, Janis Hughes, Gordon Jackson, Mr Andy Kerr, Mr Gil Paterson, Michael Russell and Mr Murray Tosh to be members of the Procedures Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Conservative Party.

Standards

Patricia Ferguson, Karen Gillon, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Adam Ingram, Des McNulty, Tricia Marwick and Mr Mike Rumbles to be members of the Standards Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Liberal Democrat Party.

Public Petitions

Helen Eadie, Phil Gallie, Christine Grahame, Mr John McAllion, Pauline McNeill, Mrs Margaret Smith and Ms Sandra White to be members of the Public Petitions Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Subordinate Legislation

Fergus Ewing, Trish Godman, Ian Jenkins, Mr Kenny MacAskill, Bristow Muldoon, David Mundell and Ian Welsh to be members of the Subordinate Legislation Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Scottish National Party.

Justice and Home Affairs

Scott Barrie, Roseanna Cunningham, Phil Gallie, Christine Grahame, Gordon Jackson, Mrs Lyndsay McIntosh, Kate MacLean, Maureen Macmillan, Pauline McNeill, Tricia Marwick and Euan Robson to be members of the Justice and Home Affairs Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Scottish National Party.

Education, Culture and Sport

Karen Gillon, Ian Jenkins, Mr Kenneth Macintosh, Fiona McLeod, Mr Brian Monteith, Mrs Mary Mulligan, Cathy Peattie, Michael Russell, Mr Jamie Stone, Nicola Sturgeon and Ian Welsh to be members of the Education, Culture and Sport Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector

Bill Aitken, Robert Brown, Cathie Craigie, Ms Margaret Curran, Fiona Hyslop, Mr John McAllion, Alex Neil, Mr Lloyd Quinan, Mr Keith Raffan, Mike Watson and Karen Whitefield to be members of the Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Enterprise and Lifelong Learning

Fergus Ewing, Miss Annabel Goldie, Nick Johnston, Marilyn Livingston, George Lyon, Ms Margo MacDonald, Mr Duncan McNeil, Dr Elaine Murray, Mr John Swinney, Elaine Thomson and Allan Wilson to be members of the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Scottish National Party.

Health and Community Care

Malcolm Chisholm, Dorothy-Grace Elder, Mr Duncan Hamilton, Hugh Henry, Margaret Jamieson, Irene Oldfather, Mary Scanlon, Dr Richard Simpson, Mrs Margaret Smith, Kay Ullrich and Ben Wallace to be members of the Health and Community Care Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Liberal Democrat Party.

Transport and the Environment

Helen Eadie, Linda Fabiani, Robin Harper, Janis Hughes, Cathy Jamieson, Mr Andy Kerr, Mr Kenny MacAskill, Des McNulty, Nora Radcliffe, Tavish Scott and Mr Murray Tosh to be members of the Transport and the Environment Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

Rural Affairs

Alex Fergusson, Rhoda Grant, Alex Johnstone, Richard Lochhead, Lewis Macdonald, Irene McGugan, Alasdair Morgan, John Farquhar Munro, Dr Elaine Murray, Cathy Peattie and Mr Mike Rumbles to be members of the Rural Affairs Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Conservative Party.

Local Government

Colin Campbell, Mr Kenneth Gibson, Trish Godman, Donald Gorrie, Mr Keith Harding, Dr Sylvia Jackson, Johann Lamont, Mr Michael McMahon, Bristow Muldoon, Mr Gil Paterson and Mr Jamie Stone to be members of the Local Government Committee, the convener to be appointed from the Labour Party.

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

The meeting closed at 5.21 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.31 pm.

1. **Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice made a statement on freedom of information.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Children and Education made a statement on consultation on the Education Bill.
3. **Food Standards Bill – UK Legislation:** The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-60—That the Parliament endorses the principle of a UK Food Standards Agency as set out in the Food Standards Bill and agrees that the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 30, Abstentions 1).

4. **Financial Services and Markets Bill, the Electronic Communications Bill and the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill – UK Legislation:** The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-61—That the Parliament agrees that the Financial Services and Markets Bill, the Electronic Communications Bill and the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 0, Abstentions 31).

5. **Business Motion:** Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-62—That the Parliament considers the Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 1999 (SI 1999/1512).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Sitting Days:** Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-63—That the Parliament agrees that—

(a) the Office of the Clerk should be open on each of the following days: 5 July to 9 July; 12 July to 16 July; 19 July to 23 July; 26 July to 30 July; 2 August to 6 August; 9 August to 13 August; 16 August to 20 August; 23 August to 27 August; 30 August to 3 September; 6 September to 10 September; 13 September to 12.30 pm on 17 September; 21 September to 24 September; 27 September to 1 October; 4 October to 8 October; 11 October to 15 October; 18 October to 22 October; 25 October to 29 October; 1 November to 5 November; 8 November to 12 November; 15 November to 19 November; 22 November to 26 November; 29 November; 1 December to 3 December; 6 December to 10 December; 13 December to 17 December; 20 December to 24 December; 29 December and 30 December 1999; 5 January to 7 January 2000;

(b) the autumn recess should begin on 11 October and end on 24 October and the Christmas recess should begin on 20 December 1999 and end on 9 January 2000; and

(c) there will be no meeting of the Parliament or of any Committee on 30 November 1999.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Aberdeen Peripheral Route: The Parliament debated S1M-47 in the name of Brian Adam—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Ministers to investigate all available means to expedite the building of a peripheral route around Aberdeen.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Privatisation of Public Services: Nicola Sturgeon moved S1M-67—That the Parliament condemns the privatisation of health, education, transport and other public services through the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and Public-Private Partnership (PPP) schemes; notes the mounting body of evidence that PFI and PPP, introduced by the Conservative Government and continued by the Labour Government, are an inefficient and expensive method of funding vital public services which also undermine the pay and conditions of public service staff; calls upon the Scottish Ministers to disclose the annual expenditure commitments associated with each public project involving private finance, and the rate of return that private partners receive for the capital that they commit; urges the Scottish Ministers to examine alternatives to such private financing, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to bring forward proposals to introduce Scottish Public Service Trusts.

The Minister for Finance moved amendment S1M-67.1 to motion S1M-67—

Leave out from “condemns” to end and insert—

“supports the provision of high quality health, education, transport and other public services; agrees that public/private partnerships will continue to be one of the ways used to increase innovation and investment in public services where this approach represents best value; calls on the Executive to continue to work to improve the operation of public/private partnerships and seek opportunities for new types of partnership and flexible contracts which will allow assets, when appropriate, to revert to public ownership, and recognises its use in delivering high quality public services while protecting the interests of the community as indicated in the *Partnership for Scotland*.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) For 84, Against 36, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) For 84, Against 36, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the provision of high quality health, education, transport and other public services; agrees that public/private partnerships will continue to be one of the ways used to increase innovation and investment in public services where this approach represents best value; calls on the Scottish Executive to continue to work to improve the operation of public/private partnerships and seek opportunities for new types of partnership and flexible contracts which will allow assets, when appropriate, to revert to public ownership, and recognises its use in delivering high quality public services while protecting the interests of the community as indicated in the *Partnership for Scotland*.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-71—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Friday 2 July

9.30 am	Question Time
10.00 am	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 10.15</i>	Statement by the Minister for Communities and debate on the McIntosh Committee report
<i>followed by</i>	Motion to establish an Independent Committee of Inquiry on Student Finance
<i>followed by</i>	Motion on Appointments to Committees (to be taken without debate)
<i>followed by</i>	Motion on the Register of Members' Interests (to be taken without debate)
12.30 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business debate on the subject of motion S1M-58 in the name of Mr David Davidson on the fish processing industry

To be concluded no later than 30 minutes after the commencement of the debate without any question being put

Wednesday 1 September

2.30 pm	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Thursday 2 September

9.30 am	Executive Business
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 3.15</i>	Executive Business
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Finance made a statement on financial issues.

5. Economy of Scotland: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-68—That the Parliament notes that unemployment in Scotland is falling and is low by historical and international standards and that employment is increasing, and looks forward to the Scottish Executive building on Scotland's economic success by investing in jobs and skills, promoting a stable and competitive environment for enterprise and encouraging the growth of new businesses.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-68.1 to motion S1M-68—

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

“remains a grave and ongoing economic and social problem which is not addressed by a partial representation of statistics; and calls on the Scottish Executive to develop an economic strategy that has long term sustainable growth in the economy and jobs as its focus and addresses the need to—

(a) recognise small businesses as the engine of growth in the economy and the labour market and tackles the need to improve entrepreneurship and business start-up, survival and expansion with particular emphasis on reducing business rates;

(b) develop cohesive economic development structures through greater synergy between agencies involved in economic development, inward investment, exporting and tourism and to gain maximum benefit from Scotland's external representation;

(c) produce compelling evidence that the New Deal is delivering long-term structural change in the labour market that will be sustained when the New Deal programme has concluded; and

(d) generate competitive advantage for companies in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) For 49, Against 71, Abstentions 1).

Mr David Davidson moved amendment S1M-68.2 to motion S1M-68—

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

“is increasing in parts of Scotland, and calls upon the Scottish Executive not to increase the tax and regulatory burden on business in the interest of expanding employment.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) For 14, Against 73, Abstentions 34).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) For 70, Against 13, Abstentions 2).

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

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. **Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Communities made a statement on the McIntosh Commission Report.
3. **Student Finance: Committee of Inquiry:** The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-82—That the Parliament recognises the growing importance to Scotland's society and the economy of lifelong learning, the wide range of circumstances of those engaged in lifelong learning and the widespread concern about how students finance their studies; calls upon the Scottish Executive to appoint urgently an independent committee of inquiry with the following terms of reference and membership to report before the end of 1999, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to lay a copy of the committee's report before the Parliament—

Terms of Reference:

To conduct a comprehensive review of tuition fees and financial support for students normally resident in Scotland participating, part-time or full-time, in further and higher education courses anywhere in the UK;

to have regard to the desirability of promoting access to further and higher education, particularly for those groups currently under-represented, while taking account of the need to maintain and to develop quality and standards, and the position of Scottish further and higher education in the wider UK system;

to make recommendations for any changes to the current system, and provide costed options where these may require additional resources; and

to present a report of its finding to the Executive by the end of 1999.

Membership:

Andrew Cubie (Chair), Morag Alexander, Rowena Arshad, George Bennett, David Bleiman, Eleanor Currie, David Dimmock, Marian Healy, Archie Hunter, Dugald Mackie, Ian Ovens, Heather Sheerin, Professor Maria Slowey, David Welsh.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

4. **Membership of Committees:** Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-83—That the Parliament approves the addition of Tommy Sheridan to the membership of the Equal Opportunities Committee and the addition of Dennis Canavan to the membership of the European Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Register of Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament: Mr Mike Rumbles, on behalf of the Standards Committee, moved S1M-73—That the Parliament agrees that on or after 2 July 1999 the *Register of Interests of Members of the Parliament* be printed in a loose-leaf folder to be kept at the Office of the Clerk of the Parliament and published on the Parliament's website.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. Fish Processing Industry: The Parliament debated S1M-58 in the name of Mr David Davidson—That the Parliament agrees that the current expensive implementation proposals for the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC), in so far as they apply to the Scottish fish processing industry in North East Scotland, will effectively close many of the companies engaged in the industry, which provide thousands of skilled jobs; and also agrees that implementation of these proposals should be delayed to allow for proper consideration of the technical review currently being undertaken to produce cost effective solutions for the industry, enabling the industry to continue as a major employer in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 1.16 pm.

No. 14 Wednesday 1 September 1999

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-113—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 1 September 1999

2.30 pm	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Ministerial Statement and Questions on Continental Tyres
<i>followed by</i>	Debate on an Executive motion on Public Health
<i>followed by</i>	Motion to Designate lead committees for Scottish Statutory Instruments (to be taken without debate)
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-90 Mr Duncan Hamilton: The Regeneration of Cowal

Thursday 2 September 1999

9.30 am	Debate on a motion to treat the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill as an Emergency Bill, followed by a decision
<i>followed by, no later than 11.00 am</i>	Parliamentary Bureau motion on timetabling of the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill (to be taken without debate), followed by a decision
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 1 debate on the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill, followed by a decision no later than 1½ hours after the start of the debate
<i>followed by</i>	Motion on Procedures for Stages 2 and 3 of the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill (to be taken without debate), followed by a decision
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 3.15 pm</i>	Debate on Executive motion on National Cultural Strategy
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-94 Maureen Macmillan: Domestic Violence

Wednesday 8 September 1999

2.30 pm Motion on a Financial Resolution required in relation to the provisions of the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill (to be taken without debate), followed by a decision

followed by Motion on the timetabling of debates in Stages 2 and 3 of the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill (to be taken without debate), followed by a decision

followed by Debates on Stages 2 and 3 of the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill (including decisions)

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 9 September 1999

9.30 am Debate on an Executive motion on Programme for Government

12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by, no later than 3.15 pm Conclusion of debate on an Executive motion on Programme for Government

4.30 pm Debate on a motion on Time for Reflection

followed by Motion on Membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (to be taken without debate)

followed by Motions to Approve SSIs (to be taken without debate)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (b) the following dates by which other committees should make any recommendations on instruments or draft instruments to the lead committee—

the European Committee to report to the Transport and the Environment Committee on the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/1) by 1 October 1999; and
the European Committee to report to the Rural Affairs Committee on the Plant Health (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/22) by 1 October 1999.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning made a statement on Continental Tyres.

3. Public Health: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-105—That the Parliament agrees the key priority of promoting better health as outlined in the *Partnership Agreement*; endorses the principles of the White Paper, *Towards a Healthier Scotland*, as the foundation for action to improve the health of the people of Scotland, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to work in partnership with relevant organisations to implement measures to achieve this aim.

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-105.1 to motion S1M-105—

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

“that a partnership between individuals and health providers based on shared responsibilities is a better route to improving health in Scotland than the Scottish Executive’s plans, based on “improved life circumstances” and action in relation to “health topics”, which are failing the people of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

4. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-112—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of lead committees—

the Rural Affairs Committee to consider the Plant Health (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/22); and
the Transport and Environment Committee to consider the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/1).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. The Regeneration of Cowal: The Parliament debated S1M-90 in the name of Mr Duncan Hamilton—That the Parliament notes with concern the economic crisis facing Cowal as a result of the continued decline in jobs and job opportunities, recent local authority cut backs, the perilous state of repair of Dunoon Pier, and the uncertain future of the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry link, and welcomes the call by the Dunoon Observer for an inclusive, all party campaign to seek assistance for the area and to act as a focus for the regeneration of this important part of Argyll.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill – Emergency Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-109—That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

2. Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-110—That the Parliament agrees that (a) all Stages of the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill shall not be taken in one day, and (b) that the time available for the Stages and debates at each of the Stages should be as follows—

Stage 1 – debate on Thursday 2 September 1999 to last 1 hour 30 minutes;
Stages 2 and 3 – debates on Wednesday 8 September to last 3 hours 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 107, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

3. Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-115—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

4. Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill – Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Tom McCabe moved S1M-111—That the Parliament agrees that—

(a) Rules 9.7.8 and 9.7.9 of Standing Orders should be suspended for the purposes of the meeting of the Parliament at which Stages 2 and 3 of the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill are taken, and

(b) directs that any vote to be taken during Stage 2 of the Bill in the Committee of the Whole Parliament shall be conducted using the electronic voting system.

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. National Cultural Strategy: The Minister for Children and Education moved S1M-107—That the Parliament agrees that culture, in all its diversity, has a central

role in shaping a sense of community and civic pride in the new Scotland, and a contribution to make to its prosperity, health and cohesion; welcomes the Executive's proposals to develop a national cultural strategy for all of Scotland's people, and endorses the far-reaching consultation process on which Scottish Ministers have embarked.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 0, Abstentions 35).

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

8. Domestic Violence: The Parliament debated S1M-94 in the name of Maureen Macmillan—That the Parliament notes the Work Plan drawn up by the Scottish Partnership on domestic violence which has as part of its remit an examination of the experience of women in rural areas; calls for swift consideration to be given to improving the safety of women at risk, and supports the work carried out in this field by Women's Aid and other organisations in the Highlands and Islands.

9. Motion without Notice: Ms Margaret Curran moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended for up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-118—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to the following expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund—

- (a) expenditure by the Scottish Ministers in consequence of the Act; and
- (b) increases attributable to the Act in sums payable out of that Fund by or under any other Act.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-130—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stages 2 and 3 of the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (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 2 begins)—

- Stage 2 – Committee of the Whole Parliament
 - Section 1 up to and including line 40 on page 2 of the Bill – 1 hour 20 minutes
 - Sections 1 and 2 up to and including line 23 on page 3 of the Bill – 1 hour 40 minutes
 - Sections 2 and 3 up to and including line 4 on page 4 of the Bill – 1 hour 50 minutes
 - Section 3 – 2 hours 30 minutes
 - Proposed new section – ‘Meaning of medical treatment’ – 2 hours 40 minutes
 - Remaining Stage 2 proceedings – 2 hours 50 minutes
- Stage 3 – Meeting of the Parliament
 - All of Stage 3 – 3 hours 20 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 2.34 pm.

A second meeting opened at 5.30 pm.

3. Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-121—That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 17 Thursday 9 September 1999

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Programme for Government: The First Minister moved S1M-127—That the Parliament endorses the contents of *Making It Work Together: A Programme for Government*.

Mr Alex Salmond moved amendment S1M-127.1 to motion S1M-127—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“condemns the use of valuable Parliamentary time and public resources for yet another public relations re-launch of the floundering coalition, calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward a programme of substance rather than spin, and instructs the Scottish Executive to take steps to access and use all of Scotland’s resources to tackle poverty, lack of opportunity and unemployment, and to raise the ambitions of all of Scotland’s peoples.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 65, Abstentions 14).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

The meeting was adjourned from 10.43 am to 11.05 am.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-132—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following amendment to the programme of business agreed on 1 September—

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after “Motion to Approve SSIs (to be taken without debate)” insert—

“followed by Motion to approve the designation of the lead committee for the Public Finance and Accountability Bill (to be taken without debate)”

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 15 September 1999

2.30 pm Debate on an Executive Motion on the Food Standards Agency

followed by, no Motion on the Nomination and Appointment of the Auditor General for
earlier than 4.30 pm Scotland

followed by Motion on the designation of lead committees for SSIs (to be taken without
debate)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-86 Alasdair Morgan: Wigtown, Scotland's National Book Town

Thursday 16 September 1999

9.30 am Non-Executive Business: Debate on a Motion by the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party on the subject of Transport

followed by, no later than 12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by, no later than 3.15 pm Ministerial Statement on the Water Industry

followed by Debate on an Executive Motion on Homelessness

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-98 - Tavish Scott: Crisis in Salmon Farming

Wednesday 22 September 1999

2.30 pm Debate on an Executive Motion on Tourism

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 September 1999

9.30 am Debate on Executive Motion on a Manufacturing and Industrial Strategy for Scotland

followed by, no later than 12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by, no later than 3.15 pm Debate on an Executive Motion on the Voluntary Sector

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (c) the following dates by which other committees should make any recommendations on instruments or draft instruments to the lead committee—

the Rural Affairs Committee and the European Committee to report to the Transport and the Environment Committee on the Environmental Impact

Assessment (Forestry) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/43) by 29 September 1999;
the Rural Affairs Committee and the European Committee to report to the Health and Community Care Committee on the Food (Animals and Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/32) by 29 September 1999;
the Rural Affairs Committee and the European Committee to report to the Health and Community Care Committee on the Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (No.2) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/33) by 29 September 1999; and
the European Committee to report to the Health and Community Care Committee on the Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/34) by 29 September 1999.

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Time for Reflection: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-131—That the Parliament agrees that, further to the decision on motion S1M-1 on Prayers, the provision of a Time for Reflection should be as outlined below—

Time for Reflection will be held in the Chamber in a meeting of the Parliament normally as the first item of business each week;

Time for Reflection will be held in public and will be addressed both to Members and to the Scottish people;

Time for Reflection will last for a maximum of four minutes;

Time for Reflection will follow a pattern based on the balance of beliefs in Scotland;

invitations to address the Parliament in leading Time for Reflection will be issued by the Presiding Officer on advice from the Parliamentary Bureau; and

Time for Reflection will be recorded in the Official Report.

Phil Gallie moved amendment S1M-131.1 to motion S1M-131.1—

Leave out from “the balance” to “Bureau” and insert—

“the traditional Christian culture and faith of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 9, Against 99, Abstentions 3).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 7, Abstentions 13).

5. Membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association: Des McNulty, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S1M-96—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to apply for admission to membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, such membership to be effective immediately on approval of the application by the General Assembly of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association;

(b) to abide by the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association;

(c) the required membership fee be paid to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association; and

(d) that this motion be communicated to the Secretariat of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association immediately following agreement.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-134—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/26); and
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/27).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-139—That the Parliament agrees that the Audit Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Unemployment in Clackmannanshire and West Fife: The Parliament debated S1M-116 in the name of Nick Johnston—That the Parliament calls the Scottish Ministers' attention to the problems of social and economic deprivation caused by escalating unemployment in Clackmannanshire and West Fife.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Food Standards Agency: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-147—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Executive’s commitment to food safety and notes the action taken by the Scottish Executive to improve food standards and to build consumer confidence, including the setting up of the new Food Standards Agency.

Kay Ullrich moved amendment S1M-147.1 to motion S1M-147—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“agrees to prioritise food safety in Scotland; supports the establishment of a food standards agency in the north east at the earliest opportunity, and urges the Scottish Executive to invest more extensively in research facilities such as Foresterhill laboratory in Aberdeen to maintain Scotland’s reputation for international excellence in the investigation into food safety and food poisoning in order to increase consumer confidence and restore essential markets.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 64, Abstentions 16).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

2. Appointment of Auditor General for Scotland: Mr Andrew Welsh, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S1M-137—That the Parliament nominates Robert Black to Her Majesty The Queen for appointment as Auditor General for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-142—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of lead committees—

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/34); and
the Transport and Environment Committee to consider the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/43).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-150—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of lead committees—

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Food (Animals and Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/32); and

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Food Animal Feedstuffs from Belgium (Control) (No.2) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/33).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. Wigtown, Scotland's National Book Town: The Parliament debated S1M-86 in the name of Alasdair Morgan—That the Parliament notes the initial success of Wigtown, Scotland's National Book Town, in revitalising the Machars of Galloway since its launch as Book Town in May 1998 and offers its full support for the future growth and development of the Book Town.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. Motion without Notice: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton moved without notice that motion S1M-158 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Transport: Mr Murray Tosh moved S1M-151—That the Parliament welcomes the increased profile that has been given to transport issues and the Scottish Executive’s commitment to continue reducing vehicle emission levels; recognises the importance of Scotland’s transport links by road, rail, sea and air to our markets in the rest of the UK, the European Union and beyond; expresses concern that the Scottish Executive does not attach sufficient importance to the strategic road network and calls upon the Scottish Executive to—

(a) increase the current level of spending on construction and maintenance of the trunk road network as part of the strategic roads review;

(b) withdraw the proposals to levy new tolls and taxes on motorists and other road users;

(c) initiate urgent talks with Her Majesty’s Government with a view to increasing the share of the UK budget devoted to transport to allow strategic road and rail investment to proceed so that Scotland’s needs are reflected in policies pursued at a UK level; and

(d) urge Her Majesty’s Government to review the level of fuel taxes and vehicle excise duties.

The Minister for Transport and the Environment moved amendment S1M-151.2 to motion S1M-151—

Leave out from “expresses concern” to end and insert—

“commends the efforts the Scottish Executive is making to tackle the consequences of eighteen years of Conservative transport policies and reverse the resulting legacy of under-investment, rising congestion and environmental degradation, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to continue to work to deliver a sustainable, effective and integrated transport system through in particular the *Programme for Government* commitments on investing in public transport, promoting a national transport timetable and bringing forward a Transport Bill in early 2000 whilst reflecting the diverse transport needs of all Scotland’s people, in particular those living in rural area, and by so doing to take the decisions required to deliver, working with others, an integrated transport system fit for the 21st Century.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 42, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 16, Abstentions 25).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the increased profile that has been given to transport issues and the Scottish Executive's commitment to continue reducing vehicle emission levels; recognises the importance of Scotland's transport links by road, rail, sea and air to our markets in the rest of the UK, the European Union and beyond; commends the efforts the Scottish Executive is making to tackle the consequences of eighteen years of Conservative transport policies and reverse the resulting legacy of under-investment, rising congestion and environmental degradation, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to continue to work to deliver a sustainable, effective and integrated transport system through in particular the *Programme for Government* commitments on investing in public transport, promoting a national transport timetable and bringing forward a Transport Bill in early 2000 whilst reflecting the diverse transport needs of all Scotland's people, in particular those living in rural area, and by so doing to take the decisions required to deliver, working with others, an integrated transport system fit for the 21st Century.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-152—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 22 September 1999

2.30 pm Debate on an Executive Motion on Tourism

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of motion S1M-126 Paul Martin: Stobhill Hospital

Thursday 23 September 1999

9.30 am Debate on an Executive Motion on Crime Prevention

followed by, no later than 12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by, no later than 3.15 pm Debate on an Executive Motion on the Voluntary Sector

followed by Other Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 29 September 1999

2.30 pm Debate on an Executive Motion on a Manufacturing and Industrial Strategy for Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 September 1999

9.30 am Non-Executive Business: Debate on a Motion by the Scottish National Party

*followed by, no
later than 12.20 pm* Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

*followed by, no
later than 3.15 pm* Stage 1 Debate on the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill

followed by Motion on a Financial Resolution required in relation to the provisions of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill

followed by Other Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

4. Parity of Treatment by Continental Tyre Company: Lord James Douglas-Hamilton moved S1M-158—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to take up with the Continental Tyre Company the need to give their Scottish employees parity of treatment by offering them an equivalent package to that offered to and received by their former employees in Semprit in Ireland, in view of the impending visit on Friday to Newbridge of Dr Holzbach, senior executive member of the Continental Tyre Company.

The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved amendment S1M-158.1 to motion S1M-158—

Leave out from “calls” to end and insert—

“notes that any financial settlement for workers at the Continental Tyre Company is a matter for negotiation between their trade union representatives and the company; notes that the Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning has urged the company to reach a fair and equitable settlement; notes that negotiations are in progress; hopes that they will reach a quick and positive outcome which takes account of all the relevant circumstances and notes that the Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning will bring this motion to the attention of the company when he meets them on Friday 17 September 1999.”

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 that any financial settlement for workers at the Continental Tyre Company is a matter for negotiation between their trade union representatives and the company; notes that the Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning has urged the company to reach a fair and equitable settlement; notes that negotiations are in progress; hopes that they will reach a quick and positive outcome which takes account of all the relevant circumstances and notes that the Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning will bring this resolution to the attention of the company when he meets them on Friday 17 September 1999.

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

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

7. Homelessness: The Minister for Communities moved S1M-154—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Executive is fully committed to tackling the scourge of homelessness in Scotland by virtue of its pledge in the *Programme for Government* that it will ensure that no-one has to sleep rough by 2003, by providing new accommodation and better support services, and by the establishment of a Task Force to (a) review the causes and nature of homelessness in Scotland, (b) examine current practice in dealing with cases of homelessness and (c) make recommendations on how homelessness in Scotland can be best prevented and, where it does occur, tackled effectively.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S1M-154.2 to motion S1M-154—

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

“tackling homelessness is one of the major challenges facing it, that it supports the Rough Sleepers Initiative and welcomes the Scottish Executive’s continuing support for it, and that it recognises that rough sleeping is only one aspect of homelessness and that any initiative designed to tackle it can only deal with the reality of rough sleeping not the causes behind it; calls upon the Scottish Executive to make the newly established Homelessness Taskforce a priority and to bring forward early measures to deal with the causes of homelessness, new regulations to help homeless people and new legislative proposals to bring homelessness legislation up to date; believes that Scottish Executive time is required for early legislation to deal with homelessness and housing in general and calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward the proposed publishing date of a draft housing bill to the end of 1999.”

After debate the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

9. Crisis in Salmon Farming: The Parliament debated S1M-98 in the name of Tavish Scott—That the Parliament recognises the financial pressures the salmon farming industry in Shetland is facing, and notes that the industry creates

employment for 900 people in this peripheral area of Scotland and contributes £60 million per annum to the Shetland economy.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Children and Education made a statement on teachers' pay.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on beef on the bone.
3. **Tourism:** The Deputy Minister for the Highlands and Islands and Gaelic moved S1M-160—That the Parliament acknowledges the importance of the tourism industry to the economy of Scotland, agrees that the industry faces a number of challenges and notes that the Government intends to publish in the new year a new strategy for the industry that will address these challenges.

Mr David Davidson moved amendment S1M-160.1 to motion S1M-160—

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

“, including additional taxation and regulation, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to use its influence to reduce such burdens and radically review the structure and funding of tourism in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 73, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

4. **Approval of SSIs:** Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-168—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/42); and
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/50).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. **Stobhill Hospital:** The Parliament debated S1M-126 in the name of Paul Martin—That the Parliament calls upon Greater Glasgow Health Board to enter into full and meaningful consultation with the residents and medical staff who are affected by the proposal to build a Secure Unit on the grounds of Stobhill Hospital and to take action to ensure that local people are included in the membership of the Glasgow North University Hospital Trust.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Crime Prevention: The Deputy Minister for Justice moved S1M-163—That the Parliament notes the continuing need to work together for a safer Scotland and acknowledges that the formation of powerful yet practical community safety partnerships, as promoted by the Scottish Executive, provides the means of sustained involvement from all members of our communities and the agencies which serve those communities.

Phil Gallie moved amendment S1M-163.1 to motion S1M-163—

Leave out from “formation” to end and insert—

“principal means of achieving this is to ensure public respect and confidence in the justice system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-167—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 29 September 1999

2.30 pm Debate on an Executive Motion on a Manufacturing and Industrial Strategy for Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 September 1999

9.30 am Non-Executive Business: Debate on a Motion by the Scottish National Party

followed by, no later than 12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by, no later than 3.15 pm Stage 1 Debate on the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill

followed by Motion on a Financial Resolution required in relation to the provisions of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 October 1999

2.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 October 1999

9.30 am Ministerial Statement and Debate on the Executive's Expenditure Plans

12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

*followed by, no
later than 3.15 pm* Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Voluntary Sector: The Deputy Minister for Communities moved S1M-165— That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive's recognition of the important role of the voluntary sector in Scottish society through the contribution it makes to economic prosperity, promoting social inclusion and encouraging active citizenship; endorses the Scottish Executive's commitment to create a stable infrastructure in which the voluntary sector can flourish, and welcomes the firm intention to work in partnership with the sector in delivering the *Programme for Government*.

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

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Manufacturing and Industrial Strategy for Scotland: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-171—That the Parliament believes that a vibrant manufacturing sector will continue to play an important part in Scotland’s knowledge driven economy.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-171.2 to motion S1M-171—

Insert at end—

“but notes that a properly informed manufacturing strategy requires a greater understanding of Scotland’s relative economic performance in comparison with our competitors and notes that the Executive do not currently provide this information; calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward, in consultation with the Parliament, business/industrial organisations and economic analysts, a full and regular benchmarking exercise assessing the performance of the Scottish economy across the widest possible range of indicators in comparison with our main competitors and notes that in doing so, the Scottish Executive’s manufacturing and industrial strategy will be open to more effective scrutiny.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

2. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 1 as noted above.

3. Football Clubs: The Parliament debated motion S1M-153 in the name of Donald Gorrie—That the Parliament notes the financial difficulties faced by some clubs in the Scottish Football Leagues and supports the clubs having a greater role in youth and community development.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. Education: Nicola Sturgeon moved S1M-172—That the Parliament notes the overwhelming rejection of CoSLA’s pay and conditions offer (dated 20 August 1999) by Scotland’s teachers, recognises the validity of the concerns expressed by the teaching profession and parents’ representatives about the details of CoSLA’s offer and agrees that the implementation of the offer in its current form would have resulted in a deterioration of standards in our classrooms and a further decline in teachers’ morale; considers that the defects in CoSLA’s offer are the result of a lack of resources and that the current impasse between CoSLA and the teaching profession is a direct result of the failure of the Scottish Executive to make sufficient resources available to local government to fund an acceptable settlement and further considers that the approach adopted by the Scottish Executive on this issue has been deliberately provocative to Scotland’s teachers; and calls upon the Scottish Executive to adopt a genuine partnership approach to reaching a settlement with teachers, to abandon its proposals to remove the statutory basis of the Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee and establish a Committee of Inquiry and to refer the findings of the Millennium Review (a joint inquiry established by CoSLA and teachers’ unions in 1997 to look at various issues in education) for investigation by the Parliament’s Education, Culture and Sport Committee.

The Minister for Children and Education moved amendment S1M-172.1 to motion S1M-172—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“supports the Scottish Executive’s intention to earn a world class reputation for the Scottish education system; calls upon the Scottish Executive to ensure that all children get the best start in life by maximising pupil attainment; welcomes the provision of substantial new resources for education including an additional £51 million for school education identified in the *Partnership Agreement*; agrees that the quality of education in our schools depends on the professionalism and commitment of teachers; recognises the high standards and dedication of Scottish teachers; endorses the Scottish Executive’s commitment to a programme of continuous professional development to assist teachers in maintaining and improving professional standards; agrees that the Scottish Joint Negotiation Committee machinery has failed Scottish teachers, pupils and parents and calls upon the Scottish Executive to continue work towards its objective of ensuring a modern, adaptive and flexible mechanism for determining the professional conditions of service for teachers in Scotland’s schools through the appointment of an independent Committee of Inquiry.”

Mr Brian Monteith moved amendment S1M-172.2 to motion S1M-172—

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

“the entrenched positions being taken by the teaching unions and CoSLA in regard to reaching a settlement for teachers’ pay and conditions and calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring both parties together for a settlement through the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.”

After debate, amendment S1M-172.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 45, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-172.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 34, Abstentions 10).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Executive's intention to earn a world class reputation for the Scottish education system; calls upon the Scottish Executive to ensure that all children get the best start in life by maximising pupil attainment; welcomes the provision of substantial new resources for education including an additional £51 million for school education identified in the *Partnership Agreement*; agrees that the quality of education in our schools depends on the professionalism and commitment of teachers; recognises the high standards and dedication of Scottish teachers; endorses the Scottish Executive's commitment to a programme of continuous professional development to assist teachers in maintaining and improving professional standards; agrees that the Scottish Joint Negotiation Committee machinery has failed Scottish teachers, pupils and parents and calls upon the Scottish Executive to continue work towards its objective of ensuring a modern, adaptive and flexible mechanism for determining the professional conditions of service for teachers in Scotland's schools through the appointment of an independent Committee of Inquiry.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-175—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 6 October 1999

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement and Debate on the Executive's Expenditure Plans

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-162 Pauline McNeill: Breast Cancer

Thursday 7 October 1999

9.30 am Debate on an Executive Motion on a Memorandum of Understanding and Concordats

12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by, no later than 3.15 pm Ministerial Statement on the Transfer of Executive Functions for Railways

followed by Debate on an Executive motion on Agenda 2000 and the Development of Agriculture in Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-156 Andrew Wilson:
Criminal Checks for Voluntary Organisations

Wednesday 27 October 1999

2.30 pm Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 October 1999

9.30 am Executive Business

12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

*followed by, no
later than 3.15 pm* Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (b) the following dates by which other committees should make any recommendations on instruments or draft instruments to the Lead committee—

the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee to report to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee by 29 October 1999 on the Educational Development, Research and Services (Scotland) Grant Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/65).

The motion was agreed to.

3. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister made a statement on Beattie Media and the activities of professional lobbying firms.

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

5. Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-155—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill.

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

6. Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:

The Minister for Finance moved S1M-144—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

- (a) the following expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund—
 - (i) expenditure of the Scottish Administration and Audit Scotland in consequence of the Act; and
 - (ii) increases attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of the Fund by or under any other Act;
- (b) payments into the Fund and to the Scottish Ministers; and
- (c) charges imposed by Audit Scotland in respect of the exercise of its functions.

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

7. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-176—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of Lead committee—

the Education, Culture and Sport Committee to consider the Educational Development, Research and Services (Scotland) Grant Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/65).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Upgrading of the Mallaig Road: The Parliament debated S1M-140 in the name of Fergus Ewing—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to make the planned upgrading and improvement of the remaining single track sections of the A830 road between Mallaig and Fort William a top priority when it announces the results of the strategic roads review.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.31 pm.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Finance made a statement on the Scottish Executive's expenditure plans.

2. Breast Cancer: The Parliament debated S1M-162 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament notes that breast cancer is the most commonly occurring cancer amongst women in Scotland; notes that early detection has saved many lives; and supports the work of Breakthrough Breast Cancer and the establishment of an all-party group on breast cancer and encourages all MSPs to join it.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. Memorandum of Understanding: The First Minister moved S1M-186—That the Parliament endorses the *Memorandum of Understanding and supplementary agreements concluded between the United Kingdom Government, Scottish Ministers and the National Assembly for Wales*.

The First Minister moved amendment S1M-186.2 to motion S1M-186—

After “*Scottish Ministers and the*” insert—

“*Cabinet of the*”

The amendment was agreed to (DT).

Alex Neil moved amendment S1M-186.1 to motion S1M-186—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“calls upon the Scottish Executive to re-negotiate the *Memorandum of Understanding and supplementary agreements concluded between the United Kingdom Government, Scottish Ministers and the National Assembly of Wales* in order to protect the interests of the Scottish people and ensure that no additional constraints are placed on the powers of the Scottish Parliament.”

Alex Neil then moved amendment S1M-186.1.1 to amendment S1M-186.1—

After “*Scottish Ministers and the*” insert—

“*Cabinet of the*”

After debate, amendment S1M-186.1.1 was agreed to (DT).

Amendment S1M-186.1 as amended was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 76, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament endorses the *Memorandum of Understanding and supplementary agreements concluded between the United Kingdom Government, Scottish Ministers and the Cabinet of the National Assembly for Wales*.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-196—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 27 October 1999

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Debate on an Executive Motion on Domestic Violence

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-187, Mr Nick Johnston:
Telecommunications

Thursday 28 October 1999

9.30 am Debate on an Executive Motion on Structural Funds Programmes

12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

*followed by, no
later than 3.15 pm* Debate on an Executive Motion on the Scottish University for Industry

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-128, Allan Wilson:
Regional Selective Assistance

and (b) that the Finance Committee and Audit Committee shall complete Stage 2 consideration of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill by 19 November 1999.

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport and the Environment made a statement on the transfer of executive functions for railways.

5. Scottish Agriculture: The Minister for Rural Affairs moved S1M-185—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive's support for Scottish farmers and approves the steps it is taking to assist in creating a more sustainable future for Scottish agriculture.

Alasdair Morgan moved amendment S1M-185.1 to motion S1M-185—

Leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert—

“notes the vital role of agriculture for Scotland’s rural communities; recognises that many of the factors causing the serious crisis in Scottish agriculture are outwith the control of the Scottish Executive, and calls upon the Executive to make representations to Her Majesty’s Government on such matters as interest rates and the level of road fuel duty and to implement the Common Agricultural Policy reforms in a way which best sustains rural communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 61, Abstentions 1).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S1M-185.2 to motion S1M-185—

Leave out from “and” to end and insert—

“but, recognising the unprecedented crisis facing our Scottish farmers, calls for additional steps to be taken to reverse the continuing decline in the economic fortunes of Scottish agriculture.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 64, Abstentions 29).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 1, Abstentions 42).

6. Membership of Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-192—That the Parliament agrees that Dr Richard Simpson be appointed to the Standards Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-194—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of lead committees—

the Justice and Home Affairs Committee to consider the Abolition of Poindings and Warrant Sales Bill;
the Finance Committee to consider Part 1 at Stage 2 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill; and
the Audit Committee to consider Parts 2 and 3 at Stage 2 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-195—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/71);
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/72); and
the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/73).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

10. Criminal Checks for Voluntary Organisations: The Parliament debated S1M-156 in the name of Andrew Wilson—That the Parliament recognises the invaluable work done by the broad range of voluntary organisations and calls upon the Scottish Executive to ensure that no charge be levied against voluntary organisations when they apply to have their volunteers, staff and office holders checked by the Scottish Criminal Records Office with regard to child protection.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Reverend Dr Graham K. Blount, Scottish Churches parliamentary officer, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on meningococcal C immunisation.
3. **Domestic Violence:** The Deputy Minister for Communities moved S1M-221—That the Parliament supports the final workplan prepared by the Scottish Partnership on Domestic Abuse and welcomes the establishment by the Scottish Executive of a Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund to improve local arrangements for assisting women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-221.1 to motion S1M-221—

Insert at end—

“while at the same time recognising that a national strategy which includes public education and prevention programmes, shelter and support services and law enforcement initiatives remains an essential part of the campaign.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the final workplan prepared by the Scottish Partnership on Domestic Abuse and welcomes the establishment by the Scottish Executive of a Domestic Abuse Service Development Fund to improve local arrangements for assisting women and children who are victims of domestic abuse, while at the same time recognising that a national strategy which includes public education and prevention programmes, shelter and support services and law enforcement initiatives remains an essential part of the campaign.

4. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.
5. **Telecommunications:** The Parliament debated S1M-187 in the name of Nick Johnston—That the Parliament notes the proliferation of telecommunication masts in mid Scotland and Fife and the recent Report of the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee into mobile phones and telecommunications.
6. **Motion without Notice:** Elaine Smith moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended for up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. European Structural Funds: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-230—That the Parliament welcomes the intention of the Scottish Executive, in preparing for the new round of European Structural Funds Programmes in consultation with local and national partners throughout Scotland, to ensure that the new plans for Scotland complement the policy priorities in the *Programme for Government*.

Bruce Crawford moved amendment S1M-230.2 to motion S1M-230—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“expresses its concern over the unsatisfactory consultation process with regard to the European Structural Funds Programme for the Highlands and Islands, and asks the Scottish Executive to review the wards eligible under the Objective 2 Programme using the latest information and giving attention to the need to address and remove a number of anomalies.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 73, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 30, Abstentions 16).

2. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs made a statement on the European Union Fisheries Council.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-231—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 3 November 1999

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on the Scottish Executive’s Compact with the Voluntary Sector

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business debate of the subject of S1M-208, Michael Russell: Unemployment in North Ayrshire

Thursday 4 November 1999

9.30 am Non-Executive Business on a motion by the Scottish National Party

12.20 pm Business Motion

2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 3.15 pm</i>	Ministerial Statement and Debate on the Strategic Roads Review
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-212, Lord James Douglas Hamilton: Scottish Parliamentary Elections

Wednesday 10 November 1999

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Thursday 11 November 1999

9.30 am	Ministerial Statement and Debate on Year 2000
12.20 pm	Business Motion
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 3.15 pm</i>	Debate on The Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1999
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

and (b) the following dates by which other committees should make any recommendations on instruments or draft instruments to the lead committee—

the European Committee to report to the Rural Affairs Committee by 22 November 1999 on the Organic Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/107).

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Scottish University for Industry: The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-227—That the Parliament welcomes the publication on 27 October 1999 of *The Shortest Route to Learning*, the Scottish Executive’s progress report on the development of the Scottish University for Industry and supports the creation of the Scottish University for Industry which will enable people to access learning opportunities and learn throughout life on their own terms, so increasing individual employability and economic competitiveness.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-227.1 to motion S1M-227—

Insert at end—

“and requires that the project to establish a Scottish University for Industry must clearly establish that value is being added by the project to existing provision and that adequate performance measurement be undertaken to enable the Parliament to judge the effectiveness of this initiative.”

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 on 27 October 1999 of *The Shortest Route to Learning*, the Scottish Executive’s progress report on the development of the Scottish University for Industry; supports the creation of the Scottish University for Industry which will enable people to access learning opportunities and learn throughout life on their own terms, so increasing individual employability and economic competitiveness, and requires that the project to establish a Scottish University for Industry must clearly establish that value is being added by the project to existing provision and that adequate performance measurement be undertaken to enable the Parliament to judge the effectiveness of this initiative.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-232—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of lead committee—

the Rural Affairs Committee to consider the Organic Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/107).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Regional Selective Assistance: The Parliament debated S1M-128 in the name of Allan Wilson—That the Parliament calls for the retention and development of the Regional Selective Assistance priority scheme in areas of high and persistent unemployment.

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: His Eminence Thomas J Cardinal Winning, President of the Bishops Conference of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Scottish Executive's Compact with the Voluntary Sector: The Deputy Minister for Communities moved S1M-240—That the Parliament acknowledges the significant role played by the voluntary sector in service delivery, its commitment to the social economy and its growing role in policy development and in strengthening communities, and in recognition of the commitment to the voluntary sector welcomes and endorses the Scottish Compact which has been developed in partnership with the sector, as this will provide the basis for a shared understanding of the relationship and responsibilities between the Scottish Executive and the voluntary sector to their mutual benefit and serve as a firm foundation on which to build for the future.

Mr Lloyd Quinan moved amendment S1M-240.1 to motion S1M-240—

Insert at end—

“and furthermore recognises the need for an independent body to be established with the remit to provide pro-active support for the development and promotion of the entire voluntary sector, and in particular to encourage co-operation between Compact signatories, non Compact signatories and the Scottish Executive.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

Phil Gallie moved amendment S1M-240.2 to motion S1M-240—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“stresses its commitment to maintaining the independence of the voluntary sector, notes that it has a role to play that is locally determined and distinctive, should not be directed by and fulfils different needs from services provided by the state, and agrees that this is best enhanced by encouraging individual giving through the use of the tax system to support people who voluntarily give to charities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. Referral of SSI: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-244—That the Parliament agrees that the Subordinate Legislation Committee should report on the draft Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1999 and that the instrument be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

5. Unemployment in North Ayrshire: The Parliament debated S1M-208 in the name of Michael Russell—That the Parliament notes that the September unemployment figures for North Ayrshire confirm its position as the second worst unemployment blackspot in Scotland and seeks the urgent attention of the Scottish Executive, the Scottish Parliament and North Ayrshire Council to address the human and economic crisis that exists in this part of Scotland.

6. Motion without Notice: Michael Russell moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended for up to 15 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Agriculture and Rural Affairs: Alasdair Morgan moved S1M-242—That the Parliament recognises the drastic effects of the agricultural recession which has been exacerbated by successive Governments' ineptitude over matters such as BSE, beef on the bone, the present difficulties in pig farming and the failure to secure European help for hill farmers; acknowledges that there is now a crisis in rural Scotland and that it is being made worse by the continuing effect of the fuel price escalator, the decline of rural public transport, the shortage of affordable rural housing and the failure to support successfully Scotland's tourist industry, and therefore calls upon the Scottish Executive to devise a real and effective rural strategy which could command the backing not only of the whole Parliament but also of the whole of Scotland.

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S1M-242.1 to motion S1M-242—

Leave out from first "which" to "farmers".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 105, Abstentions 0).

The Minister for Rural Affairs moved amendment S1M-242.2 to motion S1M-242—

Leave out from "drastic" to end and insert—

"difficulties being faced by the agriculture industry; endorses the principle contained in the *Partnership for Scotland* agreement of working to support and enhance rural life and the rural economy; commends the steps already taken by the Scottish Executive to achieve these aims, and supports the Executive in its determination to promote long-term sustainable development, both in the agriculture industry and throughout rural Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the difficulties being faced by the agriculture industry; endorses the principle contained in the *Partnership for Scotland* agreement of working to support and enhance rural life and the rural economy; commends the steps already taken by the Scottish Executive to achieve these aims, and supports the Executive in its determination to promote long-term sustainable development, both in the agriculture industry and throughout rural Scotland.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-247—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 10 November 1999

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Debate on an Executive motion on Working Together in Europe

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-237 Christine Grahame: Borders Rail-Link

Thursday 11 November 1999

9.30 am Ministerial Statement and Debate on *The Millennium Date Change Problem: A Report on the Readiness of the Scottish Infrastructure*

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by, no later than 3.15 pm Debate on The Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1999

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-223 Dr Elaine Murray: Pardon for Executed Soldiers

Wednesday 17 November 1999

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Debate on an Executive motion on Child Care Strategy

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 November 1999

9.30 am Debate on an Executive motion on the Modernisation of the Scottish Economy

followed by Business Motion

<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 3.15 pm</i>	Executive Business
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

and (b) the following dates by which committees should make any recommendations on instruments or draft instruments—

the European Committee to report to the Rural Affairs Committee by 22 November 1999 on the Organic Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/107); and
the Subordinate Legislation Committee to report by 9 November 1999 on the draft Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1999.

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport and the Environment made a statement on the strategic roads review.

5. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-243—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of Lead committees—

the Justice and Home Affairs Committee to be the lead committee in the consideration of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill;
the Justice and Home Affairs Committee to be the lead committee in the consideration of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill and that the Bill should also be considered by the Health and Community Care Committee;
the Social Inclusion, Housing and Voluntary Sector Committee and the Local Government Committee to report to the Justice and Home Affairs Committee on the Abolition of Poidings and Warrant Sales Bill; and
the Rural Affairs Committee to be the lead committee in the consideration of the Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/129) and that the instrument should also be considered by the European Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-245—That the Parliament agrees that the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/110) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Scottish Parliamentary Elections: The Parliament debated S1M-212 in the name of Lord James Douglas-Hamilton—That the Parliament notes with grave concern that 2,097 votes in the Scottish parliamentary election list vote from the West Edinburgh parliamentary division were not counted as well as other irregularities elsewhere, and calls upon the First Minister to consult urgently with the Secretary of State for Scotland with regard to the outcome of the arrangements for counting these votes and to make a statement to the Parliament.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Most Reverend Keith Patrick O'Brien, the Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Communities made a statement on homelessness.
3. **Working Together in Europe:** The First Minister moved S1M-258—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Executive's policy of continued positive engagement within the European Union; recognises that our full participation in Europe is vital to our present and future economic success and prosperity; and believes that Scottish businesses, communities and families are best served by our working together in leadership in Europe with the rest of Britain.

Mr Alex Salmond moved amendment S1M-258.1 to motion S1M-258—

Leave out from "Scottish Executive's" to end and insert—

"view that Scotland should play an active and positive role within the European Union; recognises that our full participation in the EU and early entry into the Euro is vital to business and jobs and the future economic success and prosperity of Scotland and believes that Scottish businesses, communities and families will be best served by an independent Scotland playing its full and proper role in the EU."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 1).

David McLetchie moved amendment S1M-258.2 to motion S1M-258—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

"but does not believe that it would be in Scotland and Britain's interests to consider joining the single currency until its economic and political consequences have been properly assessed and believes that we should keep our independence in decision making."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) For 18, Against 96, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 31, Abstentions 20).

4. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.
5. **Borders Rail Link:** The Parliament debated S1M-237 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament recognises the economic problems in the Borders and, appreciating the necessity for good transport links as crucial to the social and economic advancement of the area and acknowledging the pioneering work of

Borders Transport Futures and the efforts of Campaign for Borders Rail, Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Borders Enterprise, and local MPs and MSPs of all parties, gives its support to the cross-party campaign for the restoration of a Borders rail link.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

No. 31 Thursday 11 November 1999

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning made a statement on *The Millennium Date Change Problem: Report on the Readiness of the Scottish Infrastructure*.

2. Two Minutes' Silence: The Parliament observed two minutes' silence.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-266—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 17 November 1999

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Debate on an Executive motion on Childcare Strategy

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-219 Phil Gallie: Proof of Age Card Scheme

Thursday 18 November 1999

9.30 am Ministerial Statement on publication of draft Ethical Standards in Public Life Bill

followed by Debate on an Executive motion on the Modernisation of the Scottish Economy

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

*followed by, no
later than 3.15 pm* Debate on an Executive motion on Digital Scotland

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-189: Michael Matheson: Pollution of Bo'ness Domestic Water Supply

Wednesday 24 November 1999

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Debate on an Executive motion on Social Inclusion Targets

followed by, no later than 3.45 pm Debate on an Executive motion on Land Reform

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 November 1999

9.30 am Debate on a motion by the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by Ministerial Statement on Freedom of Information

followed by, no later than 3.45 pm Debate on an Executive motion on Carers' Strategy

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-257—That the Parliament agrees that the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (North Coast) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/125) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice made a statement on temporary sheriffs.

7. Approval of SSI: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-228—That the Parliament, in consideration of the draft Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1999, recommends that the draft instrument be approved.

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

8. 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 4.48 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

10. Pardon for Executed Soldiers: The Parliament debated S1M-223 in the name of Dr Elaine Murray—That the Parliament believes that it is not too late to restore the names and reputations of the soldiers of the British Empire Forces court martialled and executed, mostly on the Western Front, in the four years 1914-18, following charges ranging across desertion, cowardice, quitting posts, sleeping at posts, disobedience, striking a superior officer and casting away arms; regrets deficiencies in their opportunity to prepare adequate defence and appeals; notes the marked and enlightened change in the Army's attitude just over a score of years later to the consequences of soldiers enduring long periods of severe cold and damp, lack of food and sleep coupled with the stress and shock of constant shellfire with the result that not a single soldier was executed on these charges throughout the six years from 1939-45; considers that the vast majority of the 307 executed were as patriotic and brave as their million other compatriots who perished in the conflict and that their misfortune was brought about due to stress, or the stress of their accusers, during battle, and that even if the behaviour of a small minority may have fallen below that of the highest standards then time, compassion and justice dictates that all of these soldiers should now be treated as victims of the conflict, and urges Her Majesty's Government to recommend a posthumous pardon, thus bringing to a close a deeply unhappy and controversial chapter in the history of the Great War.

11. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended to 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Most Reverend Richard Holloway, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Childcare Strategy for Scotland: The Minister for Children and Education moved S1M-285—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Executive’s commitment to its Childcare Strategy for Scotland and welcomes the substantially increased allocation of funding to local authorities in 2000-01 to develop the childcare strategy in their areas.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-285.1 to motion S1M-285—

Insert at end—

“and considers that efforts must now be directed at securing long-term sustainable funding for childcare, ensuring further integration of provision and achieving the highest standards of care and education for all children in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

4. Proof of Age Card Scheme: The Parliament debated S1M-219 in the name of Phil Gallie—That the Parliament commends the actions of South Ayrshire Council in setting up the proof of age card scheme, which addresses in a positive manner the problem of underage procurement of alcohol, cigarettes and other harmful substances.

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy Minister for Local Government made a statement on the publication of a draft Ethical Standards in Public Life Bill.

2. Modernisation of the Scottish Economy: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-296—That the Parliament acknowledges the very real progress being made to prepare the Scottish economy for the next century, but recognises the growing global competitive pressures it faces, that as a result modernisation of every sector of the Scottish economy will need to be accelerated and that public support is best targeted on initiatives which encourage modernisation.

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-296.1 to motion S1M-296—

Leave out from “initiatives” to end and insert—

“improving our education system and our transport infrastructure and in particular urges the Scottish Executive to promote an expanded enterprise base by encouraging a new culture of risk management in Scotland to enhance the opportunities for new and young entrepreneurs.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 64, Abstentions 24).

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-296.2 to motion S1M-296—

Leave out from “encourage” to end and insert—

“will create new wealth and sustainable employment but regrets that these ambitions will be difficult to realise due to the absence of macro-economic powers from this Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 76, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-299—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 24 November 1999

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Debate on an Executive motion on Social Justice Targets

*followed by, no
later than 3.45 pm* Debate on an Executive motion on Land Reform

<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.30 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-250 Irene Oldfather: Tobacco Sales to Under-Aged Children
Thursday 25 November 1999	
9.30 am	Debate on a Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party motion
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 3.15 pm</i>	Ministerial Statement on Freedom of Information
<i>followed by, no later than 3.45 pm</i>	Debate on an Executive motion on Carers' Strategy
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-261 George Lyon: The Kintyre Economy
Wednesday 1 December 1999	
2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 debate on the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 2 December 1999	
9.30 am	Debate on a motion by the Scottish National Party
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau motions
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 3.15 pm</i>	Debate on an Executive motion on Equalities
5.00 pm	Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Membership of Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary bureau, moved S1M-292—That the Parliament agrees that Patricia Ferguson be appointed to the Standards Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister, the Lord Advocate and other Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

6. Digital Scotland Initiative: The Deputy Minister for Children and Education moved S1M-295—That the Parliament recognises the crucial importance to Scotland's economic and social well-being of embracing and making full use of new developments in digital information and communications technology; believes that Scotland must seize the opportunities offered to gain competitive economic advantage, enhance learning opportunities for all, open up information resources to every citizen, and offer modern and efficient public services; believes that every community in Scotland must have high quality access to digital technology and information in the future no matter where they live, and welcomes the creation by the Scottish Executive of the Ministerial Committee on Digital Scotland and the Digital Scotland Task Force to create a partnership which will help develop a shared analysis of the challenges and champion the opportunities for Scotland arising from developments in information and communications technology, co-ordinate action and help to create conditions where Scotland can realise the benefits of working at the leading edge of application of those technological developments.

Fiona McLeod moved amendment S1M-295.1 to motion S1M-295—

Leave out from "help develop" to end and insert—

"produce an Integrated Information Strategy for Scotland which aims to influence the global development of the information society, ensures the development of an information society at national level and supports regional and local information society development in Scotland, which ensures the implementation of the strategy in and across every sphere and sector of Scottish society, and which will produce a National Action Plan in line with the European Commission's Information Society Action Plan that addresses the priority areas for action and has a clear timetable for achievement and progress."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 76, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 1, Abstentions 30).

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

8. Pollution of Bo'ness Domestic Water Supply: The Parliament debated S1M-189 in the name of Michael Matheson—That the Parliament notes with concern the

ongoing pollution of the domestic water supply in parts of Bo'ness with heavy metals; notes that East of Scotland Water has failed to publish scientific reports into the extent of the pollution and has not operated in an open and accountable manner; notes the potential health risks to the local community and calls for an urgent review of East of Scotland Water's handling of this matter and for related scientific reports to be placed in the public domain.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.31 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend David Beckett, Minister of Greyfriars Tolbooth and Highland Kirk, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

2. Social Justice Targets: The Minister for Communities moved S1M-314—That the Parliament agrees that social justice should be the hallmark of Scottish society; welcomes the publication by the Scottish Executive of the groundbreaking report *Social Justice – A Scotland Where Everyone Matters* and the targets, milestones and developments in budgetary mechanisms that it contains, and commends this as an example of the success of the *Partnership Agreement* and as an appropriate opportunity to work with Her Majesty’s Government for the betterment of Scotland.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S1M-314.2 to motion S1M-314—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“recognises the appalling poverty we have in Scotland and the need for immediate action to tackle this poverty; welcomes the publication by the Scottish Executive of the report *Social Justice - A Scotland Where Everyone Matters*; believes however that the report lacks definition, range, focus and clear achievable targets and agrees that the Scottish Executive should re-evaluate the report brought forward by the Evaluation Framework action team and bring forward revised targets and indicators to the Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Bill Aitken moved amendment S1M-314.1 to motion S1M-314—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“notes the Scottish Executive’s publication of *Social Justice - A Scotland Where Everyone Matters* which sets out statements not targets; does not provide any proposals for action or details of funding; does not set out any meaningful way in which progress on the issues highlighted can be measured; and completely fails to address the needs of Scotland’s people.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 33, Abstentions 18).

3. Land Reform: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-313—That the Parliament commends the openness of the Scottish Executive’s approach to land reform, as demonstrated by the extensive consultations on the *Land Reform White Paper* published in July; recognises the scale of its overall commitments to legislation and other action on land reform as set out in the *Land Reform Action Plan* published in August, and welcomes the progress to date as shown in the first Progress Report published earlier this month.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-313.2 to motion S1M-313—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“notes the progress of the Scottish Executive’s consultation on the *Land Reform White Paper*; welcomes the commitment to a community right to purchase contained within the proposals; nevertheless is concerned that these proposals remain too narrowly focused and therefore agrees that they should be widened to include proposals which would increase community involvement in local land management throughout Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S1M-313.1 to motion S1M-313—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“recognises that the problems facing our rural communities and way of life will not be solved by land reform and calls upon the Scottish Executive to recognise the fact that many of the proposals contained in the *Land Reform Action Plan* will have a damaging effect on the rural economy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 18, Abstentions 1).

4. Approval of SSI: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-307—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transitory and Transitional Provisions) (Appropriations) Amendment Order 1999 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. Tobacco Sales to Under-Aged Children: The Parliament debated S1M-250 in the name of Irene Oldfather—That the Parliament notes that surveys by trading standards officers in North Ayrshire and the Borders indicate that tobacco continues to be sold to under-aged children; notes that those retailers who are successfully prosecuted are treated leniently; and supports the establishment of a system of negative licensing under the jurisdiction of local licensing boards, whereby retailers who repeatedly sell tobacco to young people will lose their right to sell age restricted products altogether.

The meeting closed at 6.16 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. Law and Order: Phil Gallie moved S1M-316—That the Parliament expresses concern over the substantial drop in the number of serving police officers over the last two years, the reversal of the falling crime rates inherited, the rising number of drugs related deaths, the shortsighted and ill considered prison closure programme and staff redundancies instigated by the Scottish Executive's £13 million raid of Scottish Prison Service funds, the Scottish Executive's lack of emphasis on and support for the victims of crime and the shambles in our courts resulting from Her Majesty's Government's decision to incorporate the European Convention of Human Rights into Scots law, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to live up to its *Partnership Agreement* promise to be "tough on crime and the criminals who blight our communities".

The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved amendment S1M-316.1 to motion S1M-316—

Leave out from "expresses" to end and insert—

"supports the Scottish Executive's policies on law and order and the principles and initiatives set out in the *Partnership for Scotland* agreement and the priorities identified in the *Programme for Government* and in particular the measures being taken to combat crime and drugs, to support the victims of crime, to encourage stronger links between the police and the communities in which they operate, to tackle the problem of persistent re-offending, to rehabilitate offenders through training, education and work and through alternatives to custody, and in putting in place effective community safety strategies."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 18, Abstentions 25).

Michael Matheson moved amendment S1M-316.2 to motion S1M-316—

Leave out from "expresses" to end and insert—

"notes with concern the decreasing numbers of serving police officers; expresses deep concern at the prison closure programme, as a result of the Scottish Executive's re-allocation of £13 million of Scottish Prison Service funding, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to recognise that effective criminal justice is one in which adequate resources are provided for the police and the prison service as well as victims of crime, none of whom are well served under the present system."

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

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 16, Abstentions 27).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Executive's policies on law and order and the principles and initiatives set out in the

Partnership for Scotland agreement and the priorities identified in the *Programme for Government* and in particular the measures being taken to combat crime and drugs, to support the victims of crime, to encourage stronger links between the police and the communities in which they operate, to tackle the problem of persistent re-offending, to rehabilitate offenders through training, education and work and through alternatives to custody, and in putting in place effective community safety strategies.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-315—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 1 December 1999

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate on the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-238, Cathy Jamieson: Co-operative and Mutual Sector in Scotland

Thursday 2 December 1999

9.30 am Debate on a motion by the Scottish National Party

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by, no later than 3.15 pm Debate on an Executive motion on Equalities

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-287, Bruce Crawford: European Freight and Passenger Terminal In Fife

Wednesday 8 December 1999

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement on Local Government Finance

followed by Debate on Executive Motion on Sea Fisheries

followed by Parliamentary Bureau motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 9 December 1999	
9.30 am	Stage 1 Debate on Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau motions
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 3.15 pm</i>	Ministerial Statement
<i>followed by, no later than 3.45 pm</i>	Debate on a Report by the Procedures Committee
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice made a statement on freedom of information.

5. Carers' Strategy: The Deputy Minister for Community Care moved S1M-317— That the Parliament welcomes the Executive's commitment in its *Programme for Government* to introduce a Carers' Strategy for Scotland to assist unpaid carers, and approves the Executive's proposals for that strategy.

Kay Ullrich moved amendment S1M-317.1 to motion S1M-317—

Leave out from "to assist" to end and insert—

"and calls upon it to provide local authorities with the necessary funding to deliver the services required by Scotland's unpaid carers."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 79, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

7. The Kintyre Economy: The Parliament debated S1M-261 in the name of George Lyon—That the Parliament notes the severe problems facing the Kintyre economy as it faces the combination of a downturn in all its primary industries, a drop in tourist numbers in the last two years and the threat of Sea Containers pulling out of the Campbeltown to Ballycastle ferry service, and calls for co-ordinated and effective action to ensure that the ferry crossing remains and that the necessary investments are made to safeguard the long term viability of Kintyre’s communities.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Professor Donald Macleod of The Free Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on the Beef on the Bone Regulations.

3. Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-336—That the Parliament agrees that, at Stage 3 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill on 1 December 1999, proceedings shall be conducted as follows—

(a) debate on amendments shall, if not concluded earlier, be brought to a conclusion 1 hour after the commencement of proceedings at Stage 3; and

(b) remaining debate at Stage 3 shall, if not concluded earlier, be brought to a conclusion 1 hour 30 minutes after the commencement of proceedings at Stage 3.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 1, 2, 3, 24, 4, 5, 6, 25, 26, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 27, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 22.

The following amendment was disagreed to by division—

23 (For 44, Against 54, Abstentions 1)

5. Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-320—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

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

7. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that Members' Business be brought forward to 4.38 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Co-operative and Mutual Sector in Scotland: The Parliament debated S1M-238 in the name of Cathy Jamieson—That the Parliament notes the significant contribution made by the co-operative and mutual sector in Scotland, and its continued role in promoting social inclusion and community involvement through initiatives such as retail co-ops, food co-ops, housing co-ops, credit unions, community businesses and its youth movement, the Woodcraft Folk, and welcomes the recent setting up of the Scottish Co-operative and Mutual Forum, which brings together co-operative organisations from across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. The Plight of Pensioners: Alex Neil moved S1M-327—That the Parliament recognises the plight of our pensioners, many of whom are living on or near the poverty line; condemns the lack of action by both the Scottish Executive and Her Majesty's Government to bring about a significant increase in the standard and quality of living of pensioners, and calls upon both the Scottish Executive and Her Majesty's Government to implement a comprehensive action plan to rectify this situation, the top priority of which should be a substantial increase in the basic state retirement pension and the re-establishment of the link with earnings for future pension increases.

The Deputy Minister for Community Care moved amendment S1M-327.1 to motion S1M-327—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

"notes the Scottish Executive's vision of a Scotland in which every older person matters and every person beyond working age has a decent quality of life, and welcomes the measures the Scottish Executive has already taken and has planned to support older people in line with its *Programme for Government* commitment to deliver person centred health and community care."

Mr Keith Harding moved amendment S1M-327.2 to motion S1M-327—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

"regards care and concern for Scotland's elderly as a major priority; recognises that the measures necessary to achieve this must include a reversal of Her Majesty's Government's decision to tax pension funds, which will cut retirement incomes, healthcare provision without fear of discrimination on the grounds of age and the introduction of an integrated concessionary fares system enabling the elderly to maintain contact with friends and family on an affordable basis; further recognises that the transfer of council housing stock would enable better housing provision to be made for the elderly, particularly those in need of sheltered accommodation, and that the rising crime rate has resulted in an increased number of elderly people, particularly those living alone, being afraid for their personal safety and the security of their homes, and undertakes to take the appropriate steps to provide reassurance and improve the quality of life for our elderly population."

After debate, amendment S1M-327.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 48, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S1M-327.2 was pre-empted.

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 the Scottish Executive's vision of a Scotland in which every older person matters and every person beyond working age has a decent quality of life and welcomes the measures the Scottish Executive has already taken and has planned to support older people in

line with its *Programme for Government* commitment to deliver person centred health and community care.

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-340—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 8 December 1999

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Ministerial Statement on Local Government Finance
<i>followed by</i>	Debate on Executive Motion on Sea Fisheries
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive motion on Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business debate on the subject of S1M-319 Euan Robson: Hawick

Thursday 9 December 1999

9.30 am	Ministerial Statement on National Waste Strategy
10.00 am	Ministerial Statement
10.30 am	Debate on a motion on a Procedures Committee Report
<i>followed by, no later than 11.30 am</i>	Stage 1 Debate on the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.00 pm	Open Question Time
<i>followed by, no later than 3.15 pm</i>	Continuation of Stage 1 Debate on the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business – Debate on the subject of S1M-275 Nicola Sturgeon: Pollokshaws Sports Centre

Wednesday 15 December 1999

9.30 am	Debate on a motion on a Standards Committee report on Cross Party Groups
10.00 am	Debate on draft 2000-01 budget – level 2 figures
2.30 pm	Time for Reflection

followed by Stage 1 debate on the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 December 1999

9.30 am Non-Executive business on Scottish National Party motion

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

*followed by, no
later than 3.15 pm* Debate on Executive motion on Health

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

3. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-339—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of lead committee—

the Local Government Committee to consider the Non-domestic Rating Contributions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/153).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

5. Equalities: The Deputy Minister for Communities moved S1M-334—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive's commitment, as set out in *Making it Work Together: A Programme for Government*, to promote equality of opportunity for all and to do that through an inclusive, phased and participative approach to the development of an equality strategy so ensuring that in developing policy and in service design and delivery concern for equality is at the heart of the matter.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-334.2 to motion S1M-334—

Leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert—

"recognises the fundamental importance of equality of opportunity in Scotland both now and for the future and therefore regrets that legislative competence in this area remains reserved to Westminster."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 79, Abstentions 0).

Mr Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S1M-334.1 to motion S1M-334—

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

“regardless of race, sex, class or faith and further recognises that this will not be achieved by positive discrimination or politically correct strategies which label people as categories, but by a commitment to limited government and enhanced personal freedom.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 3 and 5 as noted above.

7. European Freight and Passenger Terminal in Fife: The Parliament debated S1M-287 in the name of Bruce Crawford—That the Parliament notes that the EU is the destination for over half of Scottish exports and that Scotland has no direct ferry connection with Europe; believes that Scotland, being on the geographical periphery of the EU, has an urgent need for good transport links with continental Europe and that it is uneconomic, environmentally unsound and irrational that the majority of Scottish goods and freight traffic should have to pass through Hull or other southern ports to reach destinations in Europe, as this increases the volume of freight traffic on roads and impedes Scottish economic growth; recognises the need to develop a multi-modal freight and passenger terminal to serve Scotland, and agrees the need to promote a freight and passenger ferry terminal at Rosyth, assist Fife Council, Fife Enterprise, Scottish industry and the Scottish Tourist Board in their efforts to secure this facility, encourage the fast tracking of all planning applications to allow the proposed facility to be established without delay, encourage the development of road and rail infrastructure links to ensure easy and safe passage for passengers and freight through the proposed terminal at Rosyth and ensure the availability of an appropriate level of freight facilities grant for the proposed ferry terminal at Rosyth.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.31 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Dr Mona Siddiqui, Lecturer in Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Finance made a statement on local government finance.
3. **Sea Fisheries:** The Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs moved S1M-358—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to seek the best possible outcome for Scottish fishermen, consistent with sustainable fishing, from the forthcoming negotiations leading up to the December Fisheries Council.

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S1M-358.1 to motion S1M-358—

Insert at end—

“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; pursue a control regime for the Scottish industry that does not place it at a competitive disadvantage in comparison to other EU fleets, and influence the forthcoming reform of the Common Fisheries Policy by bringing forward proposals to introduce the concept of zonal management thereby involving the industry itself in the decision-making process, whilst maintaining the founding principles of the original agreement, namely relative stability, the Hague preferences and historic fishing rights, to re-affirm that the Common Fisheries Policy is not a free-for-all.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

Mr Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S1M-358.2 to motion S1M-358—

Leave out from “calls” to end and insert—

“recognises that the current Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) arrangements are failing our fishermen and calls upon the Scottish Executive to advocate reform of the CFP that devolves power to regional and zonal levels which would give our fishermen better control over the stocks of fish whilst recognising the traditional rights of other countries, and further calls for the fishing section of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to be relocated to the north-east of Scotland, the UK’s main fishing centre, and that continuous assessment should replace the current practice of annual negotiation.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

4. **Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill – UK Legislation:** The Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs moved S1M-344—That the Parliament accepts the need to establish the validity of charges levied by the Sea Fish Industry Authority and the Herring

Industry Board as set out in the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill and agrees that the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. Hawick: The Parliament debated S1M-319 in the name of Euan Robson—That the Parliament notes with concern the recently reported decline in the population of Hawick, appreciates the work already underway to develop the town and broaden the base of its economy, understands the need for further investments, commends the *New Ways* economic strategy for the Scottish Borders and hopes that this will lead to the creation of more opportunity to keep young people in the town and the region.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport and the Environment made a statement on national waste strategy.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Communities made a statement on housing.
3. **Procedures Committee, *Draft Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament:*** Mr Murray Tosh, on behalf of the Procedure Committee, moved S1M-354—That the Parliament notes the terms of the 1st Report 1999 of the Procedures Committee, *Draft Standing Orders of the Scottish Parliament* (SP Paper 28); approves the draft Standing Orders set out in Annex 4 of the Report and now makes the Standing Orders of the Parliament in terms of that draft and agrees that those Standing Orders shall come into force on 17 December 1999.

Tommy Sheridan moved amendment S1M-354.1 to motion S1M-354—

After “that draft” insert—

“with the addition of, in Rule 5.6.1(b), after under Rule 5.2.2” insert “or by members who do not represent a political party”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 73, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

4. **Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-213—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill.

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

5. **Business Motion:** Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-364—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following addition to the programme of business on 9 December 1999—

“that the Business Motion will be followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions, and that the Continuation of the Stage 1 Debate on the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill will be followed by a motion on a financial resolution required in relation to the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill”

and (b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 15 December 1999

9.30 am Debate on a motion on a Standards Committee Report on Cross Party Groups

10.00 am Debate on draft 2000-01 budget – level 2 figures

12.00 pm Ministerial Statement on Salmon Anaemia

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Stage 1 Debate – Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Motion on a Financial Resolution required in relation to the provisions of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 December 1999

9.30 am Debate on an SNP motion on the Act of Settlement

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Question Time

3.00 pm Open Question Time

followed by, no later than 3.15 pm Debate on Executive Motion on Health

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-297 Dr Sylvia Jackson: Cornton Vale

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-365—That the Parliament agrees that the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.4) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/143) be approved

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SI: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-369—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No.2) Order 1999 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-254—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund by or under any other Act; and

(b) charges by the Public Guardian in connection with his functions under the Act.

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

10. Decision Time: Decisions were taken on items 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9 as noted above.

11. Pollokshaws Sports Centre: The Parliament debated S1M-275 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon—That the Parliament recognises the importance of accessible sport and leisure facilities in communities around Scotland; notes with regret the decision of Glasgow City Council to close the well-used Pollokshaws Sports Centre and urges reversal of that decision, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to highlight the positive role that community sports facilities can play in combating social exclusion and improving the lives of people in our most deprived communities.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Standards Committee, *Regulation of Cross Party Groups*: Mr Mike Rumbles, on behalf of the Standards Committee, moved S1M-338—That the Parliament agrees the arrangements for the regulation of Cross-Party Groups in the Scottish Parliament set out in the Annex to the 2nd Report 1999 of the Standards Committee and that these should apply with immediate effect.

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

2. Draft 2000-01 Budget – Level 2 Figures: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-378—That the Parliament commends the Executive’s expenditure plans published in the consultation paper *Spending Plans for Scotland* on 17 November 1999 and endorses the spending priorities set out in the paper in line with the commitments of the *Partnership Agreement* and the *Programme for Government*.

Andrew Wilson moved amendment S1M-378.1 to motion S1M-378—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“notes the increased pressure being placed on the Scottish budget through the effects of the Barnett Squeeze”, which means that spending is increased two and a half times quicker in England than in Scotland despite the fact that there is no evidence of a reduction in relative need; calls upon the Scottish Executive to prepare a detailed assessment of the impact of the “Barnett Squeeze” in consultation with the Finance Committee; regrets the fact that the Parliament is not responsible for raising the revenue it allocates, and notes that normal fiscal autonomy would secure maximum fiscal responsibility and accountability and would allow the Scottish Parliament to allocate the required resources for Scottish public services.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

3. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs made a statement on infectious salmon anaemia.

4. Time for Reflection: The Right Reverend John B Cairns, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

5. Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-214—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill.

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

6. Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-236—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any

Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (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 the Fund under any other enactment.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Sitting Days: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-382—That the Parliament agrees—

- (a) that between 20 December 1999 and 28 April 2000 (inclusive) the office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, the afternoon of 24 December, 27 December to 31 December 1999 inclusive, 3 January, 4 January, 21 April and 24 April 2000; and
- (b) that the Spring recess should begin on 10 April and end on 24 April 2000.

After debate, 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. Fife Rail Service: The Parliament debated S1M-379 in the name of Tricia Marwick—That the Parliament notes with concern the appalling level of rail services being provided to the people of Fife and makes representations to ScotRail and Railtrack to improve this service; notes with concern the overcrowding on these trains and the health and safety issues this presents; calls upon ScotRail to announce and implement an immediate action plan to improve punctuality, reduce train cancellations and increase the number of carriages on peak-time trains, with such an action plan to have been successfully implemented within six months, and further calls for an explanation why the new rolling stock which was ordered from the train manufacturing companies by ScotRail for use on this line has still not been delivered more than four years later.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Motion without Notice: Michael Russell moved without notice that motion S1M-392 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

2. Act of Settlement: Michael Russell moved S1M-117—That the Parliament believes that the discrimination contained in the Act of Settlement has no place in our modern society; expresses its wish that those discriminatory aspects of the Act be repealed, and affirms its view that Scottish society must not disbar participation in any aspect of our national life on the grounds of religion.

The Minister for Parliament moved amendment S1M-117.1 to motion S1M-117—

Insert at end—

“recognises that amendment or repeal raises complex constitutional issues, and that this is a matter reserved to the UK Parliament.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the discrimination contained in the Act of Settlement has no place in our modern society; expresses its wish that those discriminatory aspects of the Act be repealed; affirms its view that Scottish society must not disbar participation in any aspect of our national life on the grounds of religion; recognises that amendment or repeal raises complex constitutional issues, and that this is a matter reserved to the UK Parliament.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Children and Education made a statement on Hampden Park.

4. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-381—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 12 January 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Children and Young People Looked After by Local Authorities

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 January 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on Housing

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 Continuation of Executive Debate on Housing

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Deputy Conveners: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-388—That the Parliament agrees that the Party from which the deputy Convener should be appointed for its Committees be as set out as follows—

Committee	Deputy Convener
Audit	Conservative
Equal Opportunities	Scottish National Party
European	Labour
Finance	Labour
Procedures	Labour
Public Petitions	Labour
Subordinate Legislation	Liberal Democrat
Standards	Scottish National Party
Education, Culture and Sport	Labour
Social Inclusion, Housing and the Voluntary Sector	Scottish National Party
Local Government	Labour
Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	Conservative
Health and Community Care	Labour
Transport and the Environment	Liberal Democrat
Justice and Home Affairs	Labour
Rural Affairs	Scottish National Party

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. National Health Service: The Minister for Health moved S1M-383—That the Parliament is wholeheartedly committed to the NHS in Scotland and applauds the contribution and commitment of NHS staff across Scotland; welcomes the abolition

of the internal market; recognises the record levels of investment in the NHS enabling the biggest ever hospital building programme; believes that the development of a modern NHS depends on a sustained programme of service redesign, greater public accountability and involvement and true partnership working across the NHS in Scotland and pledges to work with the Scottish Executive, NHS and the Scottish people to address constructively and imaginatively the challenges of building a 21st Century NHS.

Kay Ullrich moved amendment S1M-383.1 to motion S1M-383—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“regrets the lower rise in health spending in Scotland in comparison with England, in spite of the widening gap in poverty and ill health between north and south; opposes the continued reliance on the Private Finance Initiative and calls upon the Scottish Executive to accept its responsibility to provide adequate resources in order to support a National Health Service in Scotland fit for the 21st Century.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S1M-383.3 to motion S1M-383—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“but condemns Labour’s centralisation and increase in bureaucracy within the NHS and the Executive’s folly of pursuing a raw waiting list target that has led to the negation of its promises on health; notes with concern the overspend by health boards in the current year, the increasing levels of bed blocking and the failure of the Arbuthnott Report to address inequality in health spending; believes that the development of a modern NHS depends on a sustained programme of service redesign, greater public accountability and involvement and true partnership working across the NHS in Scotland, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to make the reduction of waiting times and access to treatment on the basis of clinical need its top priority for all the NHS in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 101, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 18, Abstentions 32).

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

9. Cornton Vale Prison: The Parliament debated S1M-297 in the name of Dr Sylvia Jackson—That the Parliament recognises the contribution “half way houses” could make, not only in ensuring far more effective treatment and aftercare for drug related crimes, but also to creating a supportive and structured environment for many of the women presently within Cornton Vale.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Solway Harvester:** The Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs, on behalf of the Parliament, expressed sympathy over the loss of the trawler Solway Harvester.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on influenza and NHS winter planning.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Children and Education made a statement on Hampden Park.
5. **Children and Young People Looked After by Local Authorities:** The Minister for Children and Education moved S1M-406—That the Parliament endorses the important action being taken to improve the quality of care and support for every child and young person looked after by local authorities; supports strengthening key services for those young people through extra resources to develop more integrated approaches to their needs, new performance measures to highlight actual outcomes for each child, especially those leaving care, and research to evaluate how well those looked after at home are supported, and recognises the importance of ensuring that each and every child or young person looked after by local authorities can share fully in the benefits of education, health and social justice programmes.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-406.1 to motion S1M-406—

Leave out from “the importance of” to end and insert—

“that much work still requires to be done through a co-ordinated national strategy to ensure that every child or young person looked after by local authorities can share fully in the benefits of education, health and social justice programmes; however expresses its concern at proposals to remove care leavers from the benefits system and calls upon the Scottish Executive to delay any such moves pending the results of its recently commissioned research into the effectiveness of current provision.”

After debate the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.
7. **Lothian and Borders Sheriff Court Review:** The Parliament debated S1M-233 in the name of Mr Murray Tosh—That the Parliament expresses its concern about the proposed rationalisation of sheriff court services in Lothian and the Borders, and calls upon the Scottish Executive, when it draws up its proposals for action on the Sheriff Principal’s recommendations, to take into account the financial

and operational impact of the proposed changes on the police, district court and social work services in the Borders, as well as the cost and inconvenience of the proposed changes to the public, local press and legal practices in the Borders.

The meeting closed at 5.29 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. Housing: The Minister for Communities moved S1M-408—That the Parliament acknowledges the need for action to provide good quality and accessible housing and strong and secure communities; welcomes the Scottish Executive’s proposals to achieve this through a range of measures including the introduction of a single social tenancy, the development of a single regulatory framework for social housing, the promotion of a stronger strategic role in housing for local authorities, and a new role and status for Scottish Homes, and notes that the Scottish Executive will bring forward a Housing Bill to deliver these objectives.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S1M-408.2 to motion S1M-408—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the Scottish Executive’s proposals to achieve this through a range of measures, including the introduction of a single social tenancy, the development of a single regulatory framework for social housing, the promotion of a stronger strategic role in housing for local authorities, and a new role and status for Scottish Homes, but believes that these measures alone will not improve the position of Scotland’s 80,000 homeless people and that the Scottish Executive must give greater priority to dealing with chronic under investment in Scotland’s public and voluntary housing including the reversal of their policy of wholesale stock transfer.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

Mr Keith Harding moved amendment S1M-408.1 to motion S1M-408—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the Scottish Executive’s proposals to achieve this and notes that the Executive will bring forward a Housing Bill; calls upon the Scottish Executive to include within this Bill measures to deal with the alarming problem of homelessness which has increased dramatically since May 1997; welcomes the Executive’s commitment to extend the Right to Buy to Housing Association tenants, but emphasises that measures may be necessary to safeguard individual Associations where the take-up of this right could prejudice the operation, viability or success of these Associations.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 4, Abstentions 28).

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-410—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) as an addition to the Business Motion agreed on 16 December 1999—

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after “Continuation of Executive Debate on Housing” insert—

followed by Executive Motion on Representation of the People Bill – UK Legislation”

and (b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 19 January 2000

2.30 pm Time For Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement on Air Quality Strategy

followed by Executive Debate on Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business – debate on the subject of S1M-371 Mr Duncan McNeil:
Flooding in Inverclyde

Thursday 20 January 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement

followed by Executive Debate on Tackling Drug Misuse in Scotland

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 Continuation of Executive Debate on Tackling Drug Misuse in Scotland

followed by Motion to amend Standing Orders (definition of Budget Bill)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business – debate on the subject of S1M-372 Jamie Stone:
Dispersal of Civil Service Jobs to Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross

The motion was agreed to.

3. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-409—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of lead committee—

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Beef Bones (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/186).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

5. Representation of the People Bill – UK Legislation: The Minister for Communities moved S1M-405—That the Parliament endorses the principle of ensuring consistency of absent voting provisions for parliamentary and local elections in Scotland as set out in the Representation of People 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. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that motion S1M-422 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Membership of Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-422—That the Parliament agrees that Michael Matheson be appointed to the Justice and Home Affairs Committee and that Tricia Marwick be appointed to the Equal Opportunities Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: Decisions were taken on items 1, 3, 5 and 7 as noted above.

9. Social Workers and Violence: The Parliament debated S1M-283 in the name of Mrs Margaret Smith—That the Parliament deplores the escalating levels of violence visited upon social workers in Edinburgh in the course of their duties; recognises that this is a national problem, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to promote the view that having to face the threat of violence is not an acceptable feature of any profession.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Reverend Norman Shanks, Leader of the Iona Community, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport and the Environment made a statement on air quality strategy.
3. **Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill – UK Legislation:** The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-430—That the Parliament endorses the principles of equalising the age of consent for homosexual and heterosexual activity and creating a new criminal offence of breach of trust as set out in the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill considered by the UK Parliament in the 1998-99 Parliamentary session, and agrees that the UK Parliament should consider any Bill introduced in the same terms in the current session.

Phil Gallie moved amendment S1M-430.1 to motion S1M-430—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“considers that the principles of equalising the age of consent for homosexual and heterosexual activity and creating a new criminal offence of breach of trust as set out in the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill considered by the UK Parliament in the 1998-99 Parliamentary session fall entirely within the remit of the Scottish Parliament and on that basis agrees that these matters be judged only after full consultation with the Scottish people.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 16, Abstentions 1).

4. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.
5. **Flooding in Inverclyde:** The Parliament debated S1M-371 in the name of Mr Duncan McNeill—That the Parliament notes that the recent flooding in Inverclyde dealt a blow to the area; recognises that this is a long-term, recurring problem; notes that, were it to persist, it may adversely affect investment in the area and agrees that a multi-agency approach offers the best opportunity to facilitate a permanent solution.

The meeting closed at 5.33 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. Tackling Drug Misuse in Scotland: The Deputy Minister for Justice moved S1M-437—That the Parliament commends the multi-agency role of the key agencies across Scotland in implementing *Tackling Drugs in Scotland: Action in Partnership*; acknowledges the Scottish Executive's support for the agencies involved in implementing the priorities and strategy and welcomes the Scottish Executive's cross-cutting approach and the efforts being made to reverse the tragic level of drug deaths and drug misuse in Scotland.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-437.2 to motion S1M-437—

Leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert—

“recognises that there is neither a single drug problem nor a single solution; is concerned that at present there are insufficient resources available to those who desire to address the problems of addiction; welcomes the contribution which can be made to the debate by reference to international experience and, accepting that a cross-cutting approach is required to deal with the challenge posed to society by substance abuse, agrees to reflect that in the Parliament itself by the establishment of a substance misuse strategy committee which would facilitate the multi-agency debate required.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 61, Abstentions 1).

Mrs Lyndsay McIntosh moved amendment S1M-437.1 to motion S1M-437—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“while welcoming the Scottish Executive's cross-cutting approach and the efforts being made to reverse the tragic level of drug deaths and drug misuse in Scotland, notes that the present framework for dealing with drug abuse is exceptionally bureaucratic and complicated and calls upon the Scottish Executive to appoint a Minister with sole responsibility for drugs within existing Ministerial numbers and budgets to help streamline this system, making it more easily understood and accessible to the people it seeks to serve.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 65, Abstentions 27).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-438—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 26 January 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Ministerial Statement on Water Charges
followed by 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-253 Mr Gil Paterson:
Protection of Victims in Rape Cases

Thursday 27 January 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on the British Irish Council
followed by Business Motion
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2.30 pm Question Time
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3.30 pm Executive Debate on Sustainable Development
5.00 pm Decision Time
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Rural Sub Post Offices

Wednesday 2 February 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Executive Debate
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 February 2000

9.30 am Non Executive Business on a Motion by the Scottish National Party
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 Executive Debate on the Census (Scotland) Order

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that the Subordinate Legislation Committee reports to the Parliament on the draft Census (Scotland) Order 2000 by Wednesday 2 February 2000; and

(c) that Stage 1 consideration of the Budget Bill be completed by 26 January 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Draft Census (Scotland) Order 2000: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-439—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Census (Scotland) Order 2000 is taken at a meeting of the Parliament under Rule 10.1.3.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. May 2000: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-440—That the Parliament agrees to meet in the former Strathclyde Regional Council debating chamber in Glasgow in May 2000 on dates to be confirmed in the Business Bulletin.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. Standing Orders – Definition of Budget Bill: Mr Murray Tosh, on behalf of the Procedures Committee, moved S1M-433—That the Parliament agrees that its Standing Orders be amended by substituting for paragraph 1 of Rule 9.16—

“1. A Budget Bill is an Executive Bill for a Budget Act within the meaning of section 29(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.”

and that this amendment shall have immediate effect.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Dispersal of Civil Service Jobs to Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross: The Parliament debated S1M-372 in the name of Jamie Stone—That the Parliament notes with interest the statement made by Donald Dewar in response to parliamentary question S1W-1558 on 15 September 1999; recommends that serious consideration be given to the dispersal of civil service jobs to Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross, and calls for a comprehensive review in May 2000 to assess the Executive's commitment to the process.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rabbi David Sedley of the Edinburgh Hebrew Congregation, led Time for Reflection.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning made a statement on the Scottish Executive's proposals as set out in the Framework Document *Working Together for Wider Access to Further and Higher Education and a Fair Deal for Students*.

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

4. Budget (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-455—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 27, Abstentions 19).

5. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-463—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Thursday 27 January 2000

9.30 am Debate on the Executive's Proposals as set out in the Framework Document on Wider Access to Further and Higher Education

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Continuation of the Debate on the Executive's Proposals as set out in the Framework Document on Wider Access to Further and Higher Education

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-361 David Mundell: Rural Sub Post Offices

Wednesday 2 February 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on British Irish Council

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-349 Mr Jamie Stone:
A9 Improvements

Thursday 3 February 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Debate on Motions by the Scottish National Party

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 Executive Debate on Sustainable Development

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-280 Elaine Smith: UN
Convention Report on the Rights of the Child

Wednesday 9 February 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on the Census (Scotland) Order 2000

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 February 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Debate on a Motion by the Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party

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) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (b) that Stage 1 consideration of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Bill be
completed by 24 March 2000.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

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

7. Protection of Victims in Rape Cases: The Parliament debated S1M-253 in the name of Mr Gil Paterson—That the Parliament notes the recent report produced by Soroptimist International into the way rape victims are treated by the legal system and recognises the need to address the way the legal system, which currently fails to protect adequately women and children, operates in such cases.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Working Together for Wider Access to Further and Higher Education and a Fair Deal for Students: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-461—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Executive’s Framework Document *Working Together for Wider Access to Further and Higher Education and a Fair Deal for Students*, its proposals for the abolition of tuition fees for Scottish domiciled students studying in Scotland and its fair, focused and affordable proposals for widening access, promoting lifelong learning, alleviating hardship and providing support during study.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-461.1 to motion S1M-461—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“resolves that the principle of free access to higher education must be restored; calls upon the Scottish Executive to abolish tuition fees for all Scottish students at UK universities and opposes the proposals for a Scottish Graduate Endowment as tuition fees by another name, and demands the implementation in full of the other recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Student Finance.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

David McLetchie then moved amendment S1M-461.4 to motion S1M-461—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“rejects the Scottish Executive’s framework for its failure to abolish unconditionally tuition fees for all Scottish students and its introduction of a new tuition tax which together with the reduction in loan entitlement for a significant number of applicants puts many Scottish students in a worse position than before.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 67, Abstentions 34).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

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

3. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-462—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feedingstuffs) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 3 as noted above.

5. Rural Sub-Post Offices: The Parliament debated S1M-361 in the name of David Mundell—That the Parliament recognises that current Benefit Agency “modernisation” proposals will encourage the payment of more pensions and other benefits by automated bank transfer, rather than at Post Offices, potentially leading to the closure of hundreds of rural sub-post offices in Scotland, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to make representations to the Benefits Agency and the Post Office as to the serious adverse effects such closures would have on the needs and sustainability of rural communities in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Canon Kenyon Wright CBE, Convener, 'Vision 21' and 'People and Parliament', led Time for Reflection.

2. British-Irish Council: The First Minister moved S1M-481—That the Parliament welcomes the establishment and recent inaugural meeting of the British-Irish Council; believes it has an important role to play in the promotion and development of harmonious and mutually beneficial relationships among the peoples of these islands in promoting co-operation between the participating administrations within their competencies and in working together on issues of importance to the peoples they serve; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Executive has lead responsibility, with the National Assembly for Wales, for co-ordinating the Council's consideration of social justice issues and intends to develop corresponding links with the Parliaments concerned.

Mr Alex Salmond moved amendment S1M-481.1 to motion S1M-481—

Insert at end—

“recognising that this Council is not just for members of the various governments but should also have effective Parliamentary representation”.

With the agreement of the Parliament, Alasdair Morgan moved an amendment to amendment S1M-481.1—

Leave out “is not just for members of the various governments but” and insert—

“as envisaged in Strand 3 of the Belfast Agreement”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the establishment and recent inaugural meeting of the British-Irish Council; believes it has an important role to play in the promotion and development of harmonious and mutually beneficial relationships among the peoples of these islands in promoting co-operation between the participating administrations within their competencies and in working together on issues of importance to the peoples they serve; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Executive has lead responsibility, with the National Assembly for Wales, for co-ordinating the Council's consideration of social justice issues and intends to develop corresponding links with the Parliaments concerned recognising that this Council as envisaged in Strand 3 of the Belfast Agreement should also have effective Parliamentary representation.

3. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-490—That the Parliament agrees the following designations of lead committees—

the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/15); and
the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/16)

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

5. A9 Improvements: The Parliament debated S1M-349 in the name of Mr Jamie Stone—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward as a matter of urgency the much needed improvements to the A9 north of Helmsdale.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. National Health Service in Scotland: Kay Ullrich moved S1M-482—That the Parliament recognises the debt owed to NHS staff at all levels in relation to their commitment over the winter period and through the flu outbreak; acknowledges that without this commitment on the part of the staff, the NHS in Scotland would not have coped over this period; recognises that the flu outbreak exposed an NHS in Scotland that is struggling to deliver high-quality patient care, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to acknowledge the problems that exist and to provide the necessary resources to ensure that the health service is adequately equipped and funded to provide optimum health care for the people of Scotland.

The Minister for Health and Community Care moved amendment S1M-482.1 to motion S1M-482—

Leave out from “without this commitment” to end and insert—

“the hard work and outstanding commitment of NHS staff, better preparation and contingency planning than ever before, record levels of investment and effective partnership working brought about by the abolition of the internal market has enabled the NHS to deal effectively with exceptional pressures and unprecedented levels of activity over the winter period; and welcomes the commitment of the Scottish Executive outlined in *Making it Work Together: A Programme for Government* to work in partnership with the health service for the people of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 49, Abstentions 1).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 73, Against 15, Abstentions 32).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the debt owed to NHS staff at all levels in relation to their commitment over the winter period and through the flu outbreak; acknowledges that the hard work and outstanding commitment of NHS staff, better preparation and contingency planning than ever before, record levels of investment and effective partnership working brought about by the abolition of the internal market has enabled the NHS to deal effectively with exceptional pressures and unprecedented levels of activity over the winter period; and welcomes the commitment of the Scottish Executive outlined in *Making it Work Together: A Programme for Government* to work in partnership with the health service for the people of Scotland.

2. Air Passenger and Freight Links to Scotland: Mr Kenny MacAskill moved S1M-483—That the Parliament recognises the vital importance of airlinks and air infrastructure to Scotland and the Scottish economy in the 21st Century; acknowledges the potential for economic growth through improved air links; condemns the proposed privatisation of the National Air Traffic System and Her Majesty’s Government’s failure to ensure that FedEx remain at Prestwick and calls

for government action to retain air traffic control in the public sector, save associated jobs and promote economic prosperity by increasing direct air passenger and freight links to Scotland.

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-483.1 to motion S1M-483—

Leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert—

“and, acknowledging the potential for economic growth through improved air links, supports the development of a new Air Traffic Control Centre at Prestwick funded by private capital, calls for the acceleration of the Scottish Airports and Air Services Study and effective surface access strategies for Scotland’s major airports and calls for urgent assurances that other freight operators will be authorised to carry freight traffic currently carried through Prestwick Airport by FedEx.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 103, Abstentions 0).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S1M-483.2 to motion S1M-483—

Leave out from “in the 21st Century” to end and insert—

“and acknowledges the potential for economic growth through improved airlinks; notes that the future of air traffic control and associated issues are a reserved matter outwith the remit of the Parliament, but recognises that there are concerns and that the Liberal Democrats are opposed to the development of the air traffic control system by public private partnership; strongly supports a two centre strategy to protect jobs at Prestwick; underlines the need to give the highest possible priority to air safety, and further notes that during the second reading of the Transport Bill in the House of Commons on 20 December 1999, no Scottish National Party MP spoke in the debate, and only one voted against the second reading of the Bill.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 31, Abstentions 1).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the vital importance of airlinks and air infrastructure to Scotland and the Scottish economy and acknowledges the potential for economic growth through improved airlinks; notes that the future of air traffic control and associated issues are a reserved matter outwith the remit of the Parliament, but recognises that there are concerns and that the Liberal Democrats are opposed to the development of the air traffic control system by public private partnership; strongly supports a two centre strategy to protect jobs at Prestwick; underlines the need to give the highest possible priority to air safety, and further notes that during the second reading of the Transport Bill in the House of Commons on 20 December 1999, no Scottish National Party MP spoke in the debate, and only one voted against the second reading of the Bill.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-489—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 9 February 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by 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-304 Cathy Jamieson:
Asylum and Immigration Act

Thursday 10 February 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Debate on a Motion by the Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party
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) Bill
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – Debate on the Subject of S1M-413 Jamie McGrigor:
Scottish Scallop Industry

Wednesday 16 February 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Executive Debate on the Census (Scotland) Order 2000
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 February 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on Tourism
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	Debate on the Standards Committee Report on the Code of Conduct
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

(b) the following dates by which other committees should make any recommendations on instruments or draft instruments to the lead committee—

the Rural Affairs Committee to report to the Health and Community Care Committee by 18 February 2000 on the Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/15) and on the Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/16);

and (c) the following timetables for Bills—

Stage 2 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill be completed by 1 March 2000; and
 Stage 2 of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill be completed by 6 April 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Sustainable Development: The Minister for Transport and the Environment moved S1M-486—That the Parliament places sustainable development at the core of its work and commends the Scottish Executive for its commitment to integrate the principles of sustainable development into all Government policies for the benefits it brings to the people of Scotland, now and in the future.

Mr Kenny MacAskill moved amendment S1M-486.1 to motion S1M-486—

Inset at end—

“and urges the Scottish Executive, in order to fulfil that commitment, to prepare, through consultation, a strategy for implementation including an analysis of principal issues to be addressed, an indication of the targets and standards expected to be met, arrangements for independent monitoring and strategic direction for those expected to meet such commitments.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 72, Abstentions 0).

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-486.2 to motion S1M-486—

Leave out from “places” to end and insert—

“approves the Scottish Executive’s commitment to integrate the principles of sustainable development into all government policies for the benefits it brings to the people of Scotland, now and in the future, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to ensure that land and other resources will be made available for the economic development of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 103, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

7. UN Convention Report on the Rights of the Child: The Parliament debated S1M-280 in the name of Elaine Smith—That the Parliament notes the recent publication of the second report by Her Majesty’s Government on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; acknowledges the excellent work being undertaken by statutory and voluntary bodies at national and local level in upholding the Convention, including “Parents Action for Safe Play Kirkshaws”, an example of good practice in the constituency of Coatbridge and Chryston; affirms its support for the convention, and commits itself to working to ensure that it is fully implemented in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Susan Brown, Minister of Dornoch Cathedral, led Time for Reflection.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Finance made a statement on public appointments.

3. The Knowledge Economy: The Deputy Minister for Lifelong Learning moved S1M-508—That the Parliament recognises that our future prosperity depends upon success in taking up the challenges and opportunities of the knowledge economy and that the building of a knowledge economy, which has as its hallmarks lifelong learning, knowledge, skills, innovation, enterprise and social justice for all, is essential to a modern and more prosperous Scotland.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-508.2 to motion S1M-508—

Insert at end—

“and calls upon the Scottish Executive to put in place a coherent strategy to ensure that areas of common interest between separate taskforces and Scottish Executive Departments are properly co-ordinated and focused, to introduce a framework to measure effectively the performance of the Scottish economy in adapting to the challenges of the Knowledge Economy and to ensure that the Knowledge Economy is not placed at any competitive disadvantage.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 58, Abstentions 1).

David Mundell moved amendment S1M-508.1 to motion S1M-508—

Insert at end—

“and that this will only be achieved by the urgent establishment of a clear vision for the Scottish economy and a strategy to achieve it.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 58, Abstentions 2).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

5. Immigration and Asylum Act 1999: The Parliament debated S1M-304 in the name of Cathy Jamieson—That the Parliament is concerned that aspects of the Asylum and Immigration Act will effectively amend Scottish legislation pertaining to social work, the health service, mental health, children’s rights and housing; considers that the Scottish Parliament should, therefore, be consulted on this matter; believes that the cash payments to asylum seekers should continue in Scotland, and

believes that the Scottish Parliament should consider supplementing financial resources provided to local authorities by the Home Office in relation to the Act's provisions and that the timetable for the Act's implementation in Scotland should be extended to April 2001 to allow time to address the specific problems which the Act poses for Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. Enterprise: Nick Johnston moved S1M-510—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to announce a remit and timescale for a comprehensive review of the operations of Scottish Enterprise and other agencies involved in economic development as a demonstration of its commitment to the expansion of Scotland's indigenous business base.

The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved amendment S1M-510.1 to motion S1M-510—

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

“supports the Scottish Executive's publication of a consultation paper seeking views on the future of the enterprise networks as part of its drive to encourage a more entrepreneurial culture in Scotland and to provide a modern framework for economic development.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 18, Abstentions 1).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 18, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Executive's publication of a consultation paper seeking views on the future of the enterprise networks as part of its drive to encourage a more entrepreneurial culture in Scotland and to provide a modern framework for economic development.

2. Section 2A (Commonly known as Section 28): Miss Annabel Goldie moved S1M-509—That the Parliament affirms its belief in an open, democratic and tolerant society where all members are treated equally under the law; calls upon the Scottish Executive not to include the proposed repeal of section 2A of the Local Government Act 1986 in the draft Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill, to establish an official committee of inquiry to consider all aspects of the section and in particular the provision of sex education in Scottish schools and to give this committee the remit of ensuring that relationships form the basis for discussion and teaching of sex education and establishing what statutory protection for children, parents and school boards is required, accompanied by clear guidelines on what topics and materials are appropriate for pupils of varying age, experience and maturity, and agrees to defer further consideration of this matter until said committee has reported to the Parliament.

Michael Matheson moved amendment S1M-509.1 to motion S1M-509—

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

“notes the Scottish Executive's move to consult fully on all necessary safeguards before any repeal of section 2A and in particular the Scottish Executive's commitment to publish a draft circular to education authorities on introduction of the Bill, to set up a Working Group to review

and consult on that circular, the existing curriculum material and support for teachers in relation to sex education and thereafter to use powers in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to issue any necessary guidance, and to consult on any other reassurance that may be required, including the status that then might be given to the guidelines.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

The Minister for Communities moved amendment S1M-509.2 to motion S1M-509—

Leave out from “affirms its” to end and insert—

“supports a tolerant, just and inclusive society; notes the concern that section 2A constrains local authorities from serving all sections of the community, and has inhibited teachers who are concerned about the legal status of any action they may take against homophobic bullying; recognises the existing high professional standards of teaching and management in Scottish schools; notes the Scottish Executive’s intention to consult on all necessary safeguards and whether further reassurance is required before any repeal of section 2A and in particular the Scottish Executive’s commitment to publish a draft circular to education authorities on introduction of the Bill, to set up a Working Group to review the package of safeguards including the existing curriculum material and support for teachers in relation to sex education and thereafter to use powers in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to issue any necessary guidance and looks forward to a full debate on the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill when it will have an opportunity to consider the package of safeguards on sex education and the views of the Working Group which the Scottish Executive has set up.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 18, Abstentions 3).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 17, Abstentions 3).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports a tolerant, just and inclusive society; notes the concern that section 2A constrains local authorities from serving all sections of the community, and has inhibited teachers who are concerned about the legal status of any action they may take against homophobic bullying; recognises the existing high professional standards of teaching and management in Scottish schools; notes the Scottish Executive’s intention to consult on all necessary safeguards and whether further reassurance is required before any repeal of section 2A and in particular the Scottish Executive’s commitment to publish a draft circular to education authorities on introduction of the Bill, to set up a Working Group to review the package of safeguards including the existing curriculum material and support for teachers in relation to sex education and thereafter to use powers in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to issue any necessary guidance and looks forward to a full debate on the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill when it will have an opportunity to consider the package of safeguards on sex education and the views of the Working Group which the Scottish Executive has set up.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport and the Environment made a statement on the draft Integrated Transport (Scotland) Bill.

4. Business Motion: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-514—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 16 February 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on the Census (Scotland) Order 2000

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – Debate on the subject of S1M-303 Dr Winnie Ewing:
Sign Language

Thursday 17 February 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on Tourism

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 Debate on the Standards Committee Report on the Code of Conduct

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 February 2000

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 24 February 2000

9.30 am Executive Business

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 Executive Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

The motion was agreed to.

5. Membership of Committee: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-511—That the Parliament agrees that Lewis Macdonald be appointed to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-512—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transitory and Transitional Provisions) (Appropriations) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Recess Dates: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-513—That the Parliament agrees that the summer recess should begin on 10 July 2000 and end on 3 September 2000, the autumn recess should begin on 9 October 2000 and end on 22 October 2000 and the winter recess should begin on 21 December 2000 and end on 7 January 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Budget (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-498—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Bill is passed.

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

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

11. Scottish Scallop Industry: The Parliament debated S1M-413 in the name of Mr Jamie McGrigor—That the Parliament notes the progress achieved by the Irish Government in alleviating the problems for its scallop industry associated with amnesic shellfish poisoning, and recommends that similar measures be considered to remove Scotland's scallop industry from its present crisis by lifting the current closures under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 and focusing the management regime on end product testing without delay.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Judith O'Neill led Time for Reflection.
2. **Motion without Notice:** Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that motion S1M-552 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Suspension of Standing Orders:** Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-552—That the Parliament agrees to suspend Rule 8.6.1, Rule 10.7.1 and Rule 11.4.1 of the Standing Orders for the period of the debate on the draft Census (Scotland) Order 2000 on 16 February 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Motion without Notice:** Tricia Marwick moved without notice that motion S1M-554 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Draft Census (Scotland) Order 2000:** The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-459—That the Parliament approves the draft Census (Scotland) Order 2000 to the extent that it relates to the following particulars in schedule 2—

(a) in item 1, the words “indicating whether an individual form is being completed by that member”;

(b) in item 2, the words “and relationship to the first person mentioned in the return, and, as the case may be, where there are 5 or less persons in the household, the relationship of each of the previous persons mentioned in the return and where there are 6 or more persons in the household, the relationship of the sixth and subsequent persons to the two previously mentioned persons in the return”;

(c) in item 6, the words “and if married whether first or subsequent subsisting marriage”;

(d) items 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17;

(e) in item 18, the words “or was on a Government sponsored training scheme”;

(f) items 19, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32;

and items 1, 2 and 3 of schedule 3 to the draft Order.

Irene McGugan moved S1M-554—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Census (Scotland) Order 2000, except to the extent that it is subject to approval by resolution of the Parliament, be not submitted to Her Majesty in Council, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to lay a revised draft Order which will include, within particulars to be stated in returns, in respect of any person, whether or not able to (a) understand, (b) speak, (c) read and (d) write Scots (including any local Scots speech form such as Buchan, Glasgow or Shetland dialects).

After debate, motion S1M-554 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 75, Abstentions 1).

Tommy Sheridan moved amendment S1M-459.1 to motion S1M-459—

Insert at end—

“but calls upon the Scottish Executive to amend the draft Order to include an item on income bands.”

After debate, amendment S1M-459.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 75, Abstentions 2).

Motion S1M-459 was then agreed to (DT).

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

7. Sign Language: The Parliament debated S1M-529 in the name of Dr Winnie Ewing—That the Parliament notes that the British Sign Language is used as an essential communication tool by a substantial number of people in Scotland and has a strong historic tradition; recognises the pressure on interpreters who are in constant demand particularly in rural areas; notes that the British Deaf Association is seeking review of the recognition, rights and support applied to the language; expresses the hope that the Scottish Executive will assist the process by taking actions to implement the European Parliament’s recognition of Sign Language as an official language in each of the member states, and recognises the importance and necessity of British Sign Language by integrating signing into the plenary sessions of the Parliament.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Tourism: The Deputy Minister for the Highlands & Islands and Gaelic moved S1M-550—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by the Scottish Executive of the *New Strategy for Scottish Tourism* and commends this as the way to achieve a modern tourist industry in touch with its customers, a skilled and enterprising industry that has embraced the culture of lifelong learning and an industry that provides the high quality of service our visitors demand.

Fergus Ewing moved amendment S1M-550.2 to motion S1M-550—

Leave out from “publication” to end and insert—

“vision for Scottish tourism set out in the *New Strategy for Scottish Tourism*, but believes that this vision will not be achieved unless effective action is taken by the Scottish Executive and Her Majesty’s Government to tackle the problem facing the industry in Scotland of relative competitive disadvantage; calls upon the Scottish Executive to give further careful consideration to the responses to the consultation paper and to provide, as a focus for a wide ranging public debate, an analysis of the responses, thereby demonstrating that it takes seriously the submissions made by the industry and further believes that Scotland should be ready and willing to learn from its competitors, such as Ireland, in order to promote best practice in the home tourist industry.”

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

Mr David Davidson moved amendment S1M-550.1 to motion S1M-550—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the publication by the Scottish Executive of the *New Strategy for Scottish Tourism* and regrets that it fails to address the need for a restructuring of responsibilities and fails to clarify and confirm the essential funding of area tourist boards.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 0, Abstentions 28).

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-551—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 23 February 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Modernising Government

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-531 George Lyon:
Regeneration of the Clyde

Thursday 24 February 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on E-commerce

11.00 am Executive Debate on Physical Punishment of Children

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Gaelic

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-351 Alex Fergusson:
Beauforts Dyke Disturbance

Wednesday 1 March 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Local Government Grant Distribution – Local
Government Finance Order (and report); Special Grants Report on Asylum
Seekers; Special Grants Report on Kosovan Evacuees

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 March 2000

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

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.

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

4. Law Officers: The First Minister moved S1M-558—That the Parliament agrees that it be recommended to Her Majesty that Mr Colin Boyd QC be appointed as the Lord Advocate and that Mr Neil Davidson QC be appointed as Solicitor General for Scotland.

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

5. Referral of SSI and Special Grant Reports: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-553—That the Parliament agrees that the Subordinate Legislation Committee should report on—

(a) the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2000;

(b) the Special Grant Report No.1 – Special Grant for Scotland Asylum Seeker Assistance: Report by the Scottish Ministers (SE/2000/10); and

(c) the Special Grant Report No.2 – Special Grant for Scotland Kosovan Evacuees: Report by the Scottish Ministers (SE/2000/11)

and that the Order and the Reports should be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Car Parking Charges: The Parliament debated S1M-475 in the name of Bristow Muldoon—That the Parliament notes with concern the decision by West Lothian Healthcare NHS Trust to introduce car park charging at St John's Hospital in Livingston; recognises the financial burden this will put on users and the potential congestion problems this may cause to surrounding residential areas and calls upon the Trust Board to suspend implementation until a full consultation with the West Lothian public and a full discussion with West Lothian Council has taken place.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Watson Moyes, President of the Baptist Union of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Modernising Government: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-569—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Executive’s commitment to high quality, efficient and responsible public services; supports developments to modernise and integrate government at all levels in Scotland, and welcomes initiatives that harness information and communications technology and put citizens at the centre of government in 21st Century Scotland.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-569.1 to motion S1M-569—

Insert at end—

“and agrees that the Scottish Executive should pursue a programme to obtain greater value from existing public expenditure in Scotland, that targets for modernisation should be set against which the Scottish Executive should be monitored to assess its performance and that the Scottish Executive should take all necessary steps to ensure open, accessible and accountable government.”

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

Nick Johnston moved amendment S1M-569.2 to motion S1M-569—

Insert at end—

“and calls upon the Scottish Executive to produce a clear model of modern and integrated yet decentralised government in Scotland, which recognises regional differences and measures quality of service.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 39, Against 62, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-584—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the Business Motion approved on 17 February 2000—

Thursday 24 February 2000

3.30 pm the “Executive debate on Gaelic” should be replaced with a “Debate on the Standards Committee Report on the Code of Conduct”

and (b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 1 March 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate on Local Government Grant Distribution – Local Government Finance Order; Special Grants Report on Asylum Seekers; Special Grants Report on Kosovan Evacuees

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-563 Johann Lamont: Drugs Strategy

Thursday 2 March 2000

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

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Gaelic

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-474 Richard Lochhead: Grampian Television

Wednesday 8 March 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Non - Executive Business – Scottish National Party

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-557 Patricia Ferguson: International Women's Day

Thursday 9 March 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on "Created in Scotland – The Way Forward for Manufacturing in the 21st Century"

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. Suspension of Standing Orders: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-585—That the Parliament agrees to suspend Rule 10.7.1 of the Standing Orders for the period of the debate on the Local Government Grant Distribution – Local Government Finance Order; Special Grants Report on Asylum Seekers and Special Grants Report on Kosovan Evacuees on 1 March 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. Regeneration of the Clyde: The Parliament debated S1M-531 in the name of George Lyon—That the Parliament recognises that in the Clyde, Scotland has a magnificent international icon which can be marketed globally to promote enterprise and tourism in the region; recognises also that investment in and modernisation of transport infrastructure on the Clyde is a prerequisite for the economic and social regeneration of the area's communities and that the absence of fast and efficient ferry links on the Clyde is one of the contributing factors to social exclusion in the area, and calls for a thorough and fundamental review of the current infrastructure's shortcomings with a view to developing a long term strategy that can exploit the potential of the area and which can meet the needs of communities on the Clyde in the 21st Century.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. E-Commerce: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-575—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Executive’s commitment to helping Scottish business take advantage of the revolution in information technology; supports the publication by Scottish Enterprise of an action plan to accelerate the take-up of e-commerce by business and develop supplier industries, and welcomes all actions by the public and private sectors which will contribute to Scotland becoming the e-commerce hub of Europe.

David Mundell moved amendment S1M-575.1 to motion S1M-575—

Insert at end—

“and calls upon the Scottish Executive to report to the Parliament on progress in achieving this aim on a quarterly basis.”

After debate, the amendment was, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

2. Physical Punishment of Children: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-586—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by the Scottish Executive of the consultation paper *The Physical Punishment of Children in Scotland* and commends this opportunity to seek the views of the Scottish people on this important matter.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-586.2 to motion S1M-586—

Insert at end—

“and further calls upon the Scottish Executive to take full account of all views expressed in the consultation, to ensure that the rights of parents and children are mutually respected and that Scots law complies with the European Convention on Human Rights.”

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

Mrs Lyndsay McIntosh moved amendment S1M-586.1 to motion S1M-586—

Insert after “Scotland”—

“agrees with its view that parents should continue to have the right to physically rebuke their children by reasonable means, if they so choose, in order to maintain discipline both in the present day and for future generations, calls upon the Scottish Executive to clarify the definition of reasonable chastisement so that both parents and children are sure of their rights within the law.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by the Scottish Executive of the consultation paper *The Physical Punishment of Children in Scotland* and commends this opportunity to seek the views of the Scottish people on this important matter and further calls upon the Executive to take full account of all views expressed in the consultation, to ensure that the rights of parents and children are mutually respected and that Scots law complies with the European Convention on Human Rights.

3. Motion without Notice: Mr Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be taken at 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Presiding Officer Statement: The Presiding Officer made a statement on the Holyrood project.

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

6. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister made a statement on the repeal of section 2A of the Local Government Act 1986.

7. Standards Committee, Code of Conduct for Members: Mr Mike Rumbles, on behalf of the Standards Committee, moved S1M-517—That the Parliament agrees to adopt the *Code of Conduct for Members* annexed to the 1st Report, 2000 of the Standards Committee (SP Paper 64); that the provisions of the Code shall have immediate effect and shall apply to all Members and that the Code be printed and published for sale in hard copy and made available on the Parliament's website.

Dennis Canavan moved amendment S1M-517.1 to motion S1M-517—

Insert after "Committee"—

“with the exception of section 2.3 of the Code of Conduct”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 3, Against 67, Abstentions 27).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

9. Beauforts Dyke: The Parliament debated S1M-351 in the name of Alex Fergusson—That the Parliament recognises the work done by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, South Ayrshire Council and other agencies in seeking to improve the marine environment of south-west Scotland, but is concerned at the prospect of hazardous materials and munitions being distributed by the laying

of underwater cables through the Beauforts Dyke region of the Irish Sea in order to service the Scotland to Northern Ireland Interconnector.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend John H. Fitzsimmons, Parish Priest, Saint John Bosco's Church, Erskine, led Time for Reflection.

2. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2000; Special Grant Report No.1 – Special Grant for Scotland, Asylum Seekers: Report by the Scottish Ministers; Special Grant Report No.2 – Special Grant for Scotland, Kosovan Evacuees: Report by the Scottish Ministers: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-559—That the Parliament, in consideration of the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2000, approves the Order.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

The Minister for Finance moved S1M-560—That the Parliament, in consideration of Special Grant Report No.1 – Special Grant for Scotland Asylum Seekers: Report by the Scottish Ministers (SE/2000/10), approves the Report.

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

The Minister for Finance moved S1M-561—That the Parliament, in consideration of Special Grant Report No.2 – Special Grant for Scotland Kosovan Evacuees: Report by the Scottish Ministers (SE/2000/11), approves the Report.

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

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

4. Drugs Strategy: The Parliament debated S1M-563 in the name of Johann Lamont—That the Parliament notes the serious and increasing level of drug addiction in Glasgow Pollok constituency, in Glasgow as a whole and throughout Scotland; recognises the devastating effect that such addiction has not only on the addict but on his or her family, friends and the broader community; applauds the work of the Glasgow Association of Family Support Groups in offering support and counselling to drug addicts and their families, and believes that the development of effective funding of such family support groups is a key part of its drugs and social inclusion strategies.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. European Convention on Human Rights: David McLetchie moved S1M-610—That the Parliament notes with concern the disruption to Scotland’s judicial system resulting from Her Majesty’s Government’s decision to directly incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) into Scots Law without having paid due attention to the consequences; further notes that the Convention now impacts directly upon the legislative competence of the Parliament and the powers of the Scottish Executive and from October 2000 will apply to all public authorities in Scotland; calls upon the Scottish Executive to provide, at the earliest opportunity, a full report to the Parliament on the impact of incorporation to date and a statement on the Scottish Executive’s state of preparedness for October when the Convention becomes fully operational, and further calls upon the Scottish Executive to provide a full and detailed analysis of the ECHR implications of legislative proposals submitted to the Parliament and to consider establishing a Human Rights Commission or some other body to provide expert advice and guidance on the impact of the ECHR on public authorities in Scotland.

The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved amendment S1M-610.1 to motion S1M-610—

Leave out from “with concern” to end and insert—

“that the obligation to comply with the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) has existed since 1951; appreciates that the Scotland Act 1998 together with the Human Rights Act 1998 will enable Scots to enforce their basic human rights in their own courts; notes that substantial training on the ECHR has been provided for the main justice agencies and that detailed guidance has been sent to public authorities; notes that the Scottish Executive will be considering the possibility of establishing a Scottish Human Rights Commission and further notes that if it is considered necessary to do so, proposals for legislation will be brought forward in due course.”

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-610.2 to motion S1M-610—

Delete from “consider” to end and insert—

“establish a Human Rights Commission which would advise both the Parliament and the Scottish Executive, issue guidance and promote good practice in public authorities, promote greater access to justice and advise on wider international human rights obligations.”

After debate, amendment S1M-610.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 43, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-610.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 14, Abstentions 25).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the obligation to comply with the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) has existed since 1951; appreciates that the Scotland Act 1998 together with the Human Rights

Act 1998 will enable Scots to enforce their basic human rights in their own courts; notes that substantial training on the ECHR has been provided for the main justice agencies and that detailed guidance has been sent to public authorities; notes that the Scottish Executive will be considering the possibility of establishing a Scottish Human Rights Commission and further notes that if it is considered necessary to do so, proposals for legislation will be brought forward in due course

2. Business Motion: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-611—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 8 March 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Non - Executive Business – Scottish National Party

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-557 Patricia Ferguson: International Women's Day

Thursday 9 March 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on "Created in Scotland – The Way Forward for Manufacturing in the 21st Century"

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Ministerial Statement

4.00 pm Stage 1 of the Census Bill

followed by Financial Resolution on the Census Bill

followed by Motion on The Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-606 Mr Alex Salmond: Peterhead Prison

Wednesday 15 March 2000

2.30 pm Time For Reflection

followed by Stage 2 of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 March 2000

9.30 am Committee Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

to conclude at 3.30 pm

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Gaelic: The Deputy Minister for Highlands and Islands and Gaelic moved S1M-607—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive's programme of action in support of the Gaelic language, in particular its support for Gaelic-medium education; recognises the cultural, economic and social contribution of Gaelic to Scotland; supports the Scottish Executive's participation in the Columba Initiative (Iomairt Chaluis Chille) to strengthen the links between the Gaelic-speaking communities of Scotland and of Ireland, and commends the work of local authorities, schools, colleges, universities and voluntary bodies in making available Gaelic-medium education at all levels from pre-school to tertiary and continuing education and in promoting the Gaelic arts.

Mr Brian Monteith moved amendment S1M-607.2 to motion S1M-607—

Leave out from "in particular" to "to Scotland" and insert—

"building upon the increased investment of the previous Conservative governments but believes it could go much further by supporting grant aided Gaelic medium schools and ultimately allowing Gaelic education boards to run Gaelic schools within the state system; recognises the cultural, economic and social contribution of Gaelic to Scotland."

After debate, amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 4 as noted above.

6. Grampian Television: The Parliament debated S1M-474 in the name of Richard Lochhead—That the Parliament recognises the contribution made in the past by Grampian Television to the regional identity of the north-east of Scotland and to the social cohesion of the diverse communities it services; notes the threat posed to the station by the Scottish Media Group’s proposals on re-organisation of its regional production department, which involve the shedding of jobs and a cut in pay levels; supports the high standard of regional broadcasting and the dedicated work of broadcasting professionals whose livelihoods are now under threat and urges the Scottish Executive to state publicly its support for regional broadcasting.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Nigel Bruce, Representative of the Humanist Society, led Time for Reflection.

2. Water Charges: Richard Lochhead moved S1M-639—That the Parliament believes that the impending rises in water charges which have been approved by the Scottish Executive is as unacceptable and damaging as the rises in the local authority council tax forced on local authorities by the Scottish Executive's inadequate local government financial settlement; notes that the Scottish Executive is failing to make any financial contribution to the maintenance of adequate standards in the water industry just as it is failing to adequately support essential local government services; calls for the increases in water charges to be kept to a minimum and for measures to be taken to avoid consumers being forced to pay the cost of past neglect of the industry including a review of external finance limits, the scrapping of the Private Finance Initiative and the cancelling of debt in the industry to avoid unnecessary and unfair increases in water bills, and condemns the apparent indifference of the Scottish Executive to the rise in water bills, the increase in council tax and the cutting of local government services particularly with regard to their impact on the most vulnerable in society.

The Minister for Transport and the Environment moved amendment S1M-639.1 to motion S1M-639—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“recognises that the Scottish public water authorities need to make very significant investments to deliver the high quality, safe and reliable water and sewerage service that the Scottish public and Scottish business need; recognises also that Scotland must meet the standards to protect health and the environment laid down in European and national legislation; welcomes the additional external finance made available by the Scottish Executive for the water authorities in the recent spending round; notes that the current system already provides a degree of protection for the most vulnerable through the link to council tax banding; welcomes the review of these arrangements that has been announced; welcomes the Water Industry Commissioner's initiatives to increase efficiency, customer service and accountability in the water industry and therefore endorses the strategic framework for the industry set out by the Scottish Executive in January.”

Mr Murray Tosh moved amendment S1M-639.2 to motion S1M-639—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“notes with concern the increasing cost of funding capital expenditure on water and sewerage from annual water charges; calls for a review of the structure and powers of Scotland's water authorities, with a view to funding programmed capital expenditure from capital sources, and condemns the Scottish Executive for this year's increase in water bills and council tax levels and the deep cuts forced on council services by the reduction in resources for local government from levels available under the previous Conservative Government.”

After debate, amendment S1M-639.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 42, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-639.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 30, Abstentions 13).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that the Scottish public water authorities need to make very significant investments to deliver the high quality, safe and reliable water and sewerage service that the Scottish public and Scottish business need; recognises also that Scotland must meet the standards to protect health and the environment laid down in European and national legislation; welcomes the additional external finance made available by the Scottish Executive for the water authorities in the recent spending round; notes that the current system already provides a degree of protection for the most vulnerable through the link to council tax banding; welcomes the review of these arrangements that has been announced; welcomes the Water Industry Commissioner’s initiatives to increase efficiency, customer service and accountability in the water industry and therefore endorses the strategic framework for the industry set out by the Scottish Executive in January.

3. Role of Post Offices: Fiona Hyslop moved S1M-638—That the Parliament notes the important role played by post offices and sub-post offices in the economic and social fabric of many of our communities and notes with concern proposals from Her Majesty’s Government to change the method of benefit payments (Automated Credit Transfer Scheme to banks) which could result in the closure of sub-post offices and the impact this could have on the social inclusion targets of the Scottish Executive; further notes that recent announcements to allow some cash payments to continue to be paid from post offices will be too little too late to alleviate this serious situation and therefore calls upon the Scottish Executive to make urgent representations on this issue to Her Majesty’s Government in order to defend the interests of our urban and rural communities and urges it to be proactive in making representations to other relevant agencies to ensure the continuance and development of post offices in Scotland and the improvement of the availability of financial services in poorer communities in Scotland.

The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved amendment S1M-638.1 to motion S1M-638—

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

“acknowledges the vital importance of post offices to the economic and social fabric of Scotland; notes the commitments given by Her Majesty’s Government on maintaining a nationwide network of post offices for the benefit of communities in Scotland; supports the increased commercial freedom being given to the Post Office to develop new products within the public sector; acknowledges that all benefit recipients should be able to choose to have their benefit payments transacted by the post office and urges Her Majesty’s Government to maintain a network of post offices and offer reassurances to sub-postmasters and postmistresses through a positive programme of continuous improvement and expansion of services.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 43, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 14, Abstentions 27).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the vital importance of post offices to the economic and social fabric of Scotland; notes the commitments given by Her Majesty’s Government on maintaining a nation-wide network of post offices for the benefit of communities in Scotland; supports the increased commercial freedom being given to the Post Office to develop new products within the public sector; acknowledges that all benefit recipients should be able to choose to have their benefit payments transacted by the post office and urges Her Majesty’s Government to maintain a network of post offices and offer reassurances to sub-postmasters and postmistresses through a positive programme of continuous improvement and expansion of services.

4. Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-649—That the Parliament agrees that

(a) Rules 9.5.3, 9.6.1, 9.6.3, 9.6.4, 9.6.5, 9.6.6, 9.7.8 and 9.7.9 of Standing Orders should be suspended for the purposes of the meeting of the Parliament at which Stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill are taken;

(b) Stage 2 of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be taken by a Committee of the Whole Parliament; and

(c) any vote to be taken during Stage 2 of the Bill in the Committee of the Whole Parliament shall be conducted using the electronic voting system.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Referral of SI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-647—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000 be considered by a meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. International Women’s Day: The Parliament debated S1M-557 in the name of Patricia Ferguson—That the Parliament notes that 8 March 2000 is celebrated as International Women’s Day, recognises the important contribution made by women to all aspects of Scottish life and, in doing so, acknowledges the progress made towards women’s equality and the need to ensure that any programme of government responds to the aspirations of women.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Created in Scotland – The Way Forward for Manufacturing in the 21st Century: The Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved S1M-642—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Executive’s aim of pursuing a successful manufacturing sector and welcomes the Executive’s report *Created in Scotland – The Way Forward for Scottish Manufacturing in the 21st Century*, published on 2 March 2000.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S1M-642.1 to motion S1M-642—

Insert at end—

“but recognises that appropriate UK macro-economic decisions must also be taken to ensure the prosperity of the manufacturing sector in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 40, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

2. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-645—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the Business Motion approved on 2 March 2000—

Thursday 9 March 2000

after—

“Motion on the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000”

insert—

“*followed by* Motion on Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill”

and (b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 15 March 2000

2.30 pm Time For Reflection

followed by Stage 2 of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-614 Dr Elaine Murray:
Cashpoint Services

Thursday 16 March 2000

9.30 am Committee Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-443 Euan Robson: Rail
Travel for the Blind

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

to conclude at 3.30 pm

Wednesday 22 March 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Debate on Stage 1 of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business –

Thursday 23 March 2000

9.30 am Non Executive Business – Scottish National Party

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.

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

The meeting was suspended from 2.57 pm to 2.59 pm.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport and the Environment made a statement on climate change.

5. Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-636—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

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

6. Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-640—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Census (Amendment) (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).

7. Approval of SI: The Deputy Minister for Rural Affairs moved S1M-603—That the Parliament, in consideration of the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000, approves the Order.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy Minister for Local Government moved S1M-628—That the Parliament endorses the principle of providing the Scottish Ministers with enabling powers (subject to the control of the Scottish Parliament) which will allow for the future option of—

transferring any of the functions of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland to the Electoral Commission;
conferring on the Electoral Commission the function of monitoring compliance with any enactment's relating to candidates' expenses at Scottish local government elections;
allowing the Electoral Commission to provide advice and assistance to returning officers at Scottish local government elections;
allowing the Electoral Commission to promote public awareness of systems of local government and electoral systems in Scotland; and
also endorses the principle of amending section 75 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to increase the limit on election expenses incurred by persons other than candidates, election agents or persons authorised by them to £50 plus 0.5p per elector for Scottish local government elections and agrees that provisions to these ends should be considered by the United Kingdom Parliament as part of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-648—That the Parliament agrees that Decision Time on Thursday 16 March 2000 should begin at 12.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

11. Peterhead Prison: The Parliament debated S1M-606 in the name of Mr Alex Salmond—That the Parliament notes the success of Peterhead Prison and the wide recognition it has received throughout the 1990s for developing the STOP programme for sex offenders and for its work over recent years; congratulates the prison officers, other staff and the local community on their efforts in building that success, and believes that it would be counterproductive to in any way jeopardise the success of that programme with uncertainties over the future of the prison.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Alison Elliot, Convener of the Church and Nation Committee of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

The meeting closed at 2.34 pm.

A second meeting opened at 2.40 pm.

2. Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Deputy Minister for Justice moved S1M-655—That the Parliament agrees that the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

3. 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.

4. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved that under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be taken at 2.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting was adjourned from 2.49 pm to 2.55 pm.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 2 as noted above.

6. Cashpoint Services: The Parliament debated S1M-614 in the name of Dr Elaine Murray—That the Parliament congratulates the Bank of Scotland and the Royal Bank of Scotland for their stance in refusing to charge customers of other banks who use their cashpoint services and urges them to continue with this policy in the interests of low income and rural communities.

The meeting closed at 3.24 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Standards Committee, Register of Interests of Staff of Members of the Scottish Parliament: Mr Mike Rumbles, on behalf of the Standards Committee, moved S1M-654—That the Parliament agrees to the establishment of a *Register of Interests of Staff of MSPs* as set out in the Annex to the Standards Committee 2nd Report 2000; that the provisions contained in that Annex shall apply to all MSPs with immediate effect; that the provisions shall form an Annex to the Code of Conduct for members and that the Annex shall be published for sale in hard copy and made available on the Parliament's website.

After debate, the motion was, with the agreement of the Parliament withdrawn.

2. Health and Community Care Committee, Health Boards and NHS Trusts: Public Consultation and Accountability: Mrs Margaret Smith, on behalf of the Health and Community Care Committee, moved S1M-656—That the Parliament notes the concerns of the Health and Community Care Committee in relation to the accountability of health boards and NHS Trusts and notes the need for a new approach to public consultation as illustrated in the recent and ongoing work of the Committee and in this connection, the Parliament notes the 9th Report, 1999 by the Committee, *Report on Stracathro Petition PE13* (SP Paper 48).

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

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-663—That the Parliament agrees—

the following revision to the Business Motion approved on 9 March 2000—

Thursday 16 March 2000

after "Parliamentary Bureau Motions" insert:

"followed by Motion on Members' Allowances";

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 22 March 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection – Reverend Daniel J McLoughlin, Parish Priest, St Francis', Port Glasgow

followed by Member's Oath or Affirmation

followed by Debate on Stage 1 of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-451 Mr Kenny MacAskill: Lothian and Borders Police

Thursday 23 March 2000

9.30 am Non Executive Business (SNP)

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Genetic Modification Science

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-601 Bill Aitken: Bus Corridors in Glasgow

Wednesday 29 March 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection – Reverend Dr Kevin Franz, Action of Churches Together in Scotland

followed by Business Motion to include timetabling of proceedings of Stage 3 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 March 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Debate on a Scottish Service Tax (SSP)

11.00 am Non-Executive Debate on Housing Energy Efficiency (Green)

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Public Appointments

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and (c) that Stage 1 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill be completed by 26 April 2000

The motion was agreed to.

4. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-661—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs Committee be the lead committee in the consideration of the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Bill and that the Bill should also be considered by the Justice and Home Affairs Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-662—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

the draft Train Operating Companies (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000;
the draft Railtrack plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000;
the draft Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000;
the draft BG Transco plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000;
the draft Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000;
the draft Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000; and
the draft Electricity Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Members' Allowances Scheme and Equipment and Furniture Scheme: Des McNulty, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S1M-660—That the Parliament—

(a) directs the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to provide information technology and other office equipment and office furniture for the Parliament in accordance with the Equipment and Furniture Scheme annexed hereto as Annex One;

(b) makes provision, in accordance with section 81(2) of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46), such provision to be implemented by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, for the payment of allowances to members of the Parliament in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme annexed hereto as Annex Two, and confers on the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body functions as specified in the said Members' Allowances Scheme; and

(c) rescinds the two Resolutions of the Parliament of 8 June 1999 agreeing respectively to motion S1M-40 as amended by amendment S1M-40.2 and to motion S1M-41. [see *Appendix B for full text of Schemes*]

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Rail Travel for the Blind: The Parliament debated S1M-443 in the name of Euan Robson—That the Parliament welcomes the concessionary travel scheme developed for the blind in Scotland but requests that Great North Eastern Railways and Virgin Trains participate in the scheme when Scottish residents who qualify use the railway station at Berwick-upon-Tweed during their journey.

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

The meeting closed at 3.32 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Daniel J McLoughlin, Parish Priest of St Francis's, Port Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

2. Oaths and Affirmations: William John Graham Scott took the oath of allegiance before the Clerk.

3. Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Bill – Stage 1: The Minister for Children and Education moved S1M-532—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 19, Abstentions 1).

4. Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Parliament moved S1M-460—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. 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 the Fund under any other enactment.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that the business be extended beyond 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on the NHS in Scotland.

8. Lothian and Borders Police: The Parliament debated S1M-451 in the name of Mr Kenny MacAskill—That the Parliament, recognising the additional burden placed on Lothian and Borders Police by the arrival of the Parliament and the security and public safety implications thereof, notes that in London additional resources are made available to the Metropolitan Police; seeks that due cognisance be given of this situation; and recognises the importance of ensuring that sufficient and adequate resources are made available to the Lothian and Borders Police to meet the additional requirements facing them.

The meeting closed at 6.08 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Public Investment in the Infrastructure of Scotland: Fiona Hyslop moved S1M-676—That the Parliament recognises that, to enable Scotland to become a dynamic, prosperous country prepared for the 21st Century, priority must be given to the provision of quality affordable homes, a high standard learning environment for children, and modern high quality communication links; notes the difficulties facing Scotland’s public services and infrastructure and calls upon the Scottish Executive to consider ways to increase the scope and powers of the Scottish Executive and the Parliament to provide necessary funding.

The Minister for Communities moved amendment S1M-676.1 to motion S1M-676—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“and welcomes the action taken by the Scottish Executive to provide the policy framework and secure the resources necessary to achieve the targets set out in *Making it Work Together: A Programme for Government* and make a real difference in our communities.”

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S1M-676.2 to motion S1M-676—

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

“other than using its powers to propose rises in taxation, to stimulate investment in Scotland’s essential public services and infrastructure.”

After debate, amendment S1M-676.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 48, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-676.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that, to enable Scotland to become a dynamic, prosperous country prepared for the 21st Century, priority must be given to the provision of quality affordable homes, a high standard learning environment for children, and modern high quality communication links and welcomes the action taken by the Scottish Executive to provide the policy framework and secure the resources necessary to achieve the targets set out in *Making it Work Together: A Programme for Government* and make a real difference in our communities.

2. Business Motion: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-677—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 29 March 2000

2.30 pm

Time for Reflection – Reverend Dr Kevin Franz, Action of Churches Together in Scotland

followed by Business Motion to include timetabling of proceedings of Stage 3 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 of the Adults With Incapacity (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-650 George Lyon: National Park Status for Argyll Forest Park

Thursday 30 March 2000

9.30 am Scottish Socialist Party Debate on a Scottish Service Tax

11.00 am Scottish Green Party Debate on Housing Energy Efficiency

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time

3.30 pm Executive Debate on Public Appointments

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-488 Cathy Jamieson: Standing Commission on Health and Safety at Work in Scotland

Wednesday 5 April 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by SPCB Debate on the Holyrood Project

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 April 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Business – Scottish National Party

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.

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

4. Genetic Modification Science: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-675—That the Parliament acknowledges the public concerns which exist in relation to the development of genetically modified foods and crops; commends the precautionary approach of the Scottish Executive and the rigorous regulatory systems which are in place to control the development of genetically modified foods and crops, and recognises the excellence of the Scottish biotechnology industry.

Mr Kenny MacAskill moved amendment S1M-675.2 to motion S1M-675—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“recognises the Scottish biotechnology industry’s excellent work and record to date; notes the concerns regarding crop testing expressed by bodies such as the British Medical Association, and calls for a moratorium on field crop testing until all legitimate causes for concern have been satisfactorily addressed.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 59, Abstentions 16).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S1M-675.1 to motion S1M-675—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“and, while recognising the excellence of the Scottish biotechnology industry and the benefits that GM technology has the potential to provide, calls upon the Scottish Executive to delay the recently announced farm scale trials until evidence from previous scientific tests, proving beyond any reasonable doubt that such trials pose no threat to the environment or public health, has been thoroughly evaluated by a range of independent assessors and placed in the public domain.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 57, Abstentions 1).

Robin Harper moved amendment S1M-675.4 to motion S1M-675—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“recognises the excellence of the Scottish biotechnology industry and calls on the Enterprise and Lifelong Learning, Rural Affairs and Transport and the Environment Committees to report to the Parliament on the full implications of planting GM crops in Scotland for our economy, agriculture and environment.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 53, Abstentions 19).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 19, Abstentions 28).

5. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-674—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Bus Corridors in Glasgow: The Parliament debated S1M-601 in the name Bill Aitken—That the Parliament notes the concerns of businesses in Glasgow about the effects of bus corridors on the main arterial routes in and out of the city on local businesses, and believes that the local authority should give the fullest possible consideration to the views of small businesses prior to the imposition of these schemes, in view of the potential adverse consequences on employment.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Dr Kevin Franz, Action of Churches Together in Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-714—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stage 3 of the Adults with Incapacity (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 – up to 1 hour 30 minutes

Section 47 – up to 2 hours 30 minutes

Section 48 A – up to 3 hours 15 minutes

Remainder of the Bill – up to 4 hours

Motion to pass the Bill – no later than 4 hours 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Meeting of the Parliament: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-715—That the Parliament agrees that—

(a) the meeting of the Parliament on 29 March 2000 shall continue until 7.00 pm as permitted under Rule 2.2.4 of the Standing Orders;

(b) the meeting of the Parliament on 29 March 2000 may continue beyond 7.00 pm in order to consider Members' Business as permitted under Rules 2.2.5 and 2.2.6(c) of the Standing Orders; and

(c) Decision Time on 29 March 2000 shall begin at 7.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 114, 2, 3, 4, 5, 115, 116, 154, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 133, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 140, 141, 142, 30, 155, 31, 118, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 119, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 150, 151, 120, 121, 122, 123, 152, 156, 73, 74, 75, 76, 157, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 158, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 124, 153, 125, 126.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

128	(For 19, Against 78, Abstentions 1)
129	(For 49, Against 57, Abstentions 0)
139	(For 32, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
1	(For 42, Against 62, Abstentions 2)
145	(For 46, Against 57, Abstentions 0)

Amendments 127, 136, 138 and 143 were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

Another amendment was not moved.

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

The motion was agreed to.

6. Motion without Notice: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that S1M-693 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Deputy Minister for Justice moved S1M-693—That the Parliament agrees that the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

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

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be taken immediately after the conclusion of the debate on the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Approval of SSI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-712—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

12. National Park Status for Argyll Forest Park: The Parliament debated S1M-650 in the name of George Lyon—That the Parliament supports the inclusion of Argyll Forest Park within the boundaries of the first new National Park in Scotland (Loch Lomond and Trossachs); notes the real benefits that will flow to the Cowal economy from increased tourism and leisure and, most importantly, recognises the huge impact the National Park would have in rebranding the Cowal peninsula for the 21st Century.

The meeting closed at 6.59 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Scottish Service Tax: Tommy Sheridan moved S1M-700—That the Parliament supports the principle of progressive taxation on social, economic and moral grounds and, in pursuit of a redistributive and progressive system of local taxation, agrees to refer the Scottish Service Tax proposal to the Local Government Committee for inclusion in any further review it may conduct into local government finance.

The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning moved amendment S1M-700.2 to motion S1M-700—

Leave out from “and, in” to end and insert—

“and welcomes the Scottish Executive’s commitment in *Partnership for Scotland* to keep under review wider issues of local government finance and notes that these matters fall within the remit of the Local Government Committee.”

Andrew Wilson moved amendment S1M-700.1 to motion S1M-700—

Leave out from “on social” to end and insert—

“and calls for an independent review of local government finance to take account of this principle along with the need to support adequately local government services and local democratic accountability.”

After debate, amendment S1M-700.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 30, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-700.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 0, Abstentions 32).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the principle of progressive taxation on social, economic and moral and welcomes the Scottish Executive’s commitment in *Partnership for Scotland* to keep under review wider issues of local government finance and notes that these matters fall within the remit of the Local Government Committee.

2. Housing Energy Efficiency: Robin Harper moved S1M-707—That the Parliament calls upon the Scottish Executive to draw up and issue new guidelines to improve housing energy efficiency in both the public and private rented sectors and in the privately owned sector which include requirements that (a) at point of sale owners are entitled, as part of the Scottish Executive’s proposed “Seller’s Survey”, to have access to a home energy profile based on National Home Energy Rating (NHER) specifications, (b) NHER energy audits are carried out on change of occupation in both the public and private rented sectors and (c) the guidance on the Tolerable Standard is amended to include a minimum level of provision for affordable heating within a property; commends local authorities on innovative initiatives such

as the Edinburgh Rewarm project and asks the Executive to revise its Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) 1995 guidance to require local authorities to appoint a dedicated HECA officer to co-ordinate all domestic energy initiatives in each locality, and urges the Scottish Executive to acknowledge its responsibilities under Climate Change Protocols and its own commitment to end fuel poverty by 2007 by identifying new targets and funds required to meet these targets and by setting up a fuel poverty advisory group, chaired by a newly appointed home energy efficiency champion, to prepare recommendations on the elimination of fuel poverty by 2007 and co-ordinate policy and funding in the domestic sector.

The Deputy Minister for Local Government moved amendment S1M-707.1 to motion S1M-707—

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

“commends the Scottish Executive for its Healthy Homes Initiative as pledged in the *Partnership for Scotland* and *A Programme for Government*; commends the Warm Deal; welcomes the investment in improving Scotland’s housing; welcomes the Scottish Executive’s agreement in principle to the introduction of sellers’ surveys, including an energy efficiency assessment; notes favourably the proposals for reforming the Improvement Grant system and amending building regulations to require higher standards of energy efficiency and recognises that these initiatives show the Scottish Executive’s firm commitment to tackling fuel poverty and its effects and meeting climate change objectives.”

After debate, amendment S1M-707.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 33, Abstentions 19).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 28, Abstentions 20).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends the Scottish Executive for its Healthy Homes Initiative as pledged in the *Partnership for Scotland* and *A Programme for Government*; commends the Warm Deal; welcomes the investment in improving Scotland’s housing; welcomes the Scottish Executive’s agreement in principle to the introduction of sellers’ surveys, including an energy efficiency assessment; notes favourably the proposals for reforming the Improvement Grant system and amending building regulations to require higher standards of energy efficiency, and recognises that these initiatives show the Scottish Executive’s firm commitment to tackling fuel poverty and its effects and meeting climate change objectives.

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-713—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the Business Motion approved on 23 March 2000—

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after “Business Motion” insert—

“followed by

Ministerial Statement on Spending Allocations 2000 – 2001

followed by Motion on publication of Mental Welfare Commission Report, followed by a decision”

and, after “First Minister’s Question Time” delete all and insert—

“3.30 pm Ministerial Statement on Mental Welfare Commission Report

4.00 pm Executive Debate on Public Appointments

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business – debate on the subject of S1M-488 Cathy Jamieson: Health and Safety at Work in Scotland”

and (b) the following programme of business—

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2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by SPCB Debate on the Holyrood Project

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business – debate on the subject of S1M-643 Lord James Douglas-Hamilton: A701

Thursday 6 April 2000

9.30 am Non-Executive Business – Scottish National Party

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister’s Question Time

3.30 pm Debate on a motion for UK legislation on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill

4.15 pm Ministerial Statement

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business – debate on the subject of S1M-418 Kenneth Gibson: Suicide

The motion was agreed to.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Finance made a statement on spending allocations 2000-01.

5. Mental Welfare Commission *Report of the Inquiry into the Care and Treatment of Noel Ruddle*: The Minister for Health and Community Care moved S1M-705—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Ministers intend to lay the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland *Report of the Inquiry into the Care and Treatment of Noel Ruddle* before the Parliament and orders the Clerk to publish the Report.

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Health and Community Care made a statement on the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland *Report of the Inquiry into the Care and Treatment of Noel Ruddle*.

8. Public Appointments: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-706—That the Parliament notes the consultation paper *Modernising the Public Appointments System in Scotland* and urges individuals and organisations to contribute views and ideas during the consultation period.

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

9. Rule 2.3.1: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-708—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 May 2000 and 7 January 2001 (inclusive) the office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 1 May, 26 May, 29 May, 1 December, 22 December (pm), 25 December, 26 December, 1 January 2001 and 2 January 2001.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-709—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of lead committee—

the Transport and the Environment Committee to consider the Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 2000 (SI 2000/745).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-710—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs Committee be the lead committee in the consideration of the National Parks (Scotland) Bill and that the Bill should also be considered by the Transport and the Environment Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Membership of Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-711—That the Parliament agrees that John Scott be appointed to the Public Petitions Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

14. Standing Commission on Health and Safety at Work in Scotland: The Parliament debated S1M-488 in the name of Cathy Jamieson—That the Parliament is concerned that a recent report by Glasgow University claims that, relative to Britain as a whole, there is a greater risk of workplace fatalities and injuries in Scotland, fewer prosecutions in Scotland arising from fatalities at work, a lower rate of successful prosecutions where such cases are raised and a lower average level of fines in successful prosecution arising from fatalities and injuries at work, and believes that a Standing Commission should be convened by the Parliament, as provided for in the Report of the Consultative Steering Group, to investigate standards of health and safety at work in Scotland, to consider how these can be improved and to review the effectiveness of the regulatory and judicial authorities in relation to occupational health and safety.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Very Reverend Gilleasbuig Macmillan, Minister of St. Giles Cathedral, led Time for Reflection.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Children and Education made a statement on Hampden.

3. Holyrood Project: Sir David Steel, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S1M-720—That the Parliament notes—

(a) the Report of the SPCB on the Holyrood project (SP Paper 99);

(b) the Report by John Spencely attached as Annexe 1;

(c) the photographs incorporated as Annexe 2 which are available from the Scottish Parliament Document Supply Centre; and

(d) the revised budget of £195 million set out in Annexe 3.

Donald Gorrie moved amendment S1M-720.1 to motion S1M-720—

Insert at end—

“and, in order to be fully informed when making a final decision on the location, design, specification and cost of its permanent home, (a) directs the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to present to it in early June the scheme design for the Holyrood buildings prepared by the design team, along with the most detailed possible plans, with evaluation and costs, prepared by independent experts for (i) the St Andrew’s House/Royal High School site with new build parliament chamber and (ii) the Mound site based on the acquisition of the New College Campus and development of nearby buildings; (b) calls upon the Scottish Executive to co-operate fully with the study of these options and to publish a report on financing options for the parliament buildings; (c) approves the SPCB’s proposal for a progressing group to take on day to day responsibility for the project of creating the Parliament’s new home and (d) agrees to make a final decision on the permanent Parliament buildings in June in the light of the information requested.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 67, Abstentions 1).

Gordon Jackson moved amendment S1M-720.2 to motion S1M-720—

Leave out from “(a)” to end and insert—

“the Report of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) on the Holyrood Project; approves its terms, and directs the SPCB to establish a progress group comprising representatives of the Parliament and relevant professionals to work with the SPCB to (a) finalise the design; (b) complete the project by the end of 2002 within a total budget of £195 million and (c) report regularly, or as from time to time may be required, on progress including on expenditure to date and estimated completion costs to the SCPB and to members.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 58, Abstentions 1).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 56, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the report of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) on the Holyrood Project; approves its terms, and directs the SPCB to establish a progress group comprising representatives of the Parliament and relevant professionals to work with the SPCB to (a) finalise the design; (b) complete the project by the end of 2002 within a total budget of £195 million and (c) report regularly, or as from time to time may be required, on progress including on expenditure to date and estimated completion costs to the SCPB and to members.

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

5. A701: The Parliament debated S1M-643 in the name of Lord James Douglas-Hamilton—That the Parliament notes the more than 400 objections to the upgrading of the A701 to dual carriageway and the case for a public inquiry so that the views of the objectors can be properly considered.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Financing Public Services: Andrew Wilson moved S1M-736—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the level of resources allocated to Scotland by Westminster which takes no account of the requirements of Scottish public services, the level of revenues raised in Scotland or of the priorities of the Scottish people; notes in particular that health expenditure is rising faster in the rest of the UK than in Scotland despite the fact that there is no evidence of relative improvement in health standards in Scotland; observes that the latest polling evidence suggests that more than two thirds of Scots want greater powers for the Parliament and therefore calls upon the Scottish Executive to bring forward proposals for a fairer, more fiscally responsible and more democratically accountable system of funding Scottish public services that allows the Scottish people, through the Scottish Parliament, to make the key choices about the share of the nation's wealth that should be allocated to public services.

The Minister for Finance moved amendment S1M-736.1 to motion S1M-736—

Leave out from “expresses its concern” to end and insert—

“welcomes and supports the investment by the Scottish Executive in education, health and other vital services, matching the people's priorities with prudent costed expenditure plans and endorses the additional funding of £288 million for 2000-01 announced by the Minister for Finance last week.”

Mr David Davidson moved amendment S1M-736.2 to motion S1M-736—

Leave out from “expresses its concern” to end and insert—

“recognises that the application of the block mechanism and Barnett formula by successive governments has enabled Scotland to develop high standards of public services and recognises that further improvements in public services in Scotland will be best achieved through sustaining our partnership within the economic, monetary and political union of the United Kingdom.”

After debate, amendment S1M-736.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 47, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S1M-736.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 47, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes and supports the investment by the Scottish Executive in education, health and other vital services, matching the people's priorities with prudent costed expenditure plans, and endorses the additional funding of £288 million for 2000-01 announced by the Minister for Finance last week.

2. Dairy Industry: Mr Adam Ingram moved S1M-738—That the Parliament recognises the serious crisis affecting Scotland's dairy industry; notes with concern

that farm gate price for milk has fallen by over 30% in the last three years, yet the retail milk price has remained virtually static, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to enter into a dialogue with the industry with a view to developing a strategy to ensure its long term future.

The Minister for Rural Affairs moved amendment S1M-738.1 to motion S1M-738—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“supports the Scottish Executive in its determination to help the dairy industry and all other sectors of Scottish agriculture as part of its overall commitment given in the *Partnership for Scotland* agreement to promote rural development in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 47, Abstentions 1).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 22, Abstentions 26).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Executive in its determination to help the dairy industry and all other sectors of Scottish agriculture as part of its overall commitment given in the *Partnership for Scotland* agreement to promote rural development in Scotland.

3. Business Motion: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-739—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 26 April 2000

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 – debate on the subject of S1M-632 Tavish Scott: Environmentally Sensitive Areas Scheme

Thursday 27 April 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement

10.00 am Stage 1 Debate on the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution on the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill

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 Abolition of Poindings and Warrants Sales Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-718 Irene Oldfather: Relocation of Maternity Units

Wednesday 3 May 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Stage 3 of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 May 2000

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

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

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. UK Legislation on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill – UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-733— That the Parliament endorses the principle of ensuring that the use of investigatory techniques is compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights, as set out in the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill and agrees that the provisions within that Bill that relate to devolved matters should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Roseanna Cunningham moved amendment S1M-733.1 to motion S1M-733—

Leave out from “as set out” to end and insert—

“and accordingly agrees that the provisions within the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill which relate to devolved matters should be considered by the Scottish Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Rural Affairs made a statement on a Forward Strategy for Scottish Agriculture.

7. Approval of SI: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-740—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) Order 2000 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of Special Grant Report: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-741—That the Parliament agrees that the Special Grant Report No.3 – Special Grant Report on Grant in Aid of Expenditure on Rail Services in the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Area be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSIs: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-743—That the Parliament agrees that the following instruments be approved—

the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2000;
the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2000; and
the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

11. Suicide: The Parliament debated S1M-418 in the name of Mr Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes with deep concern the death of 874 Scots by their own hand in 1998; is aware that since 1984 the proportion of male Scots aged 35 or under whose deaths can be attributed to suicide has increased from one in nine to one in four, and for females from one in twenty to one in seven in the same age category, making suicide the most common cause of death in young Scots; recognises that in Scotland the suicide rate for males and females of all age groups is 32 and 10 respectively per 100,000 and increasing, whereas in England it is 18 and 6 per 100,000 and decreasing; believes the reasons for suicide to be complex, multi-functional and poorly understood, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to

commission, at the earliest date possible, wide ranging, comprehensive research into the issue of suicide, analysing what makes people take their own lives, why the suicide rate in Scotland is increasing, why particular groups in society are more vulnerable than others, how other countries prevent suicide, and introducing an early warning system of diagnosis and intervention.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mr Ian Baillie, Royal National Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen, led Time for Reflection.

2. Motion without Notice: Fergus Ewing moved without notice that motion S1M-778 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was disagreed to (by division: For 54, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

3. Rural Affairs Committee, *The Impact of the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries Order 1999*: Alex Johnstone, on behalf of the Rural Affairs Committee, moved S1M-752—That the Parliament notes the terms of the Report by the Rural Affairs Committee *The Impact of the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries Order 1999* (SP Paper 42), in particular its dissatisfaction and concern about the level of consultation carried out prior to the introduction of the Boundaries Order, that the introduction of a Boundaries Order appears not to have identified any inconsistency with the Civil Jurisdiction (Offshore Activities) Order 1987, and that the amount of fishing activity in the disputed area does not appear to have influenced the Order, and further notes the Committee's recommendation that the Secretary of State for Scotland should either introduce a new, revised Order, or support a Bill calling for a revised boundary proposed in the House of Commons by Archy Kirkwood MP.

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

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

5. Environmentally Sensitive Areas Scheme: The Parliament debated S1M-632 in the name of Tavish Scott—That the Parliament notes that crofters and farmers in Shetland have heavily subscribed to the environmentally sensitive areas scheme; notes that those producers who entered the scheme before July 1998 were subject to a different set of scheme regulations in relation to stock disposal than those who entered after that date; further notes that the Scottish Executive have already stated that they are not minded to recover double payments under agri-environmental measures and therefore believes that crofters and farmers should not suffer financial disadvantage through no fault of their own.

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport and the Environment made a statement on Caledonian MacBrayne and new state aids.

2. Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1: The Minister for Communities moved S1M-637—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 103, Against 16, Abstentions 5).

3. Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution: The Minister for Finance moved S1M-623—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill, agrees to the expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund of sums required to meet expenses of the Scottish Ministers in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Motion: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-776— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 3 May 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Business Motion to include timetabling of Stage 3 of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-750 Gordon Jackson: Govan Shipyard

Thursday 4 May 2000

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

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-626 Mrs Margaret Ewing: Glenrinnas School Closure

Wednesday 10 May 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Non-Executive Business – Scottish National Party
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-769 John Farquhar Munro: The Cuillins

Thursday 11 May 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement
followed by Committee Business – Transport and Environment Committee Report on Telecommunications
followed by Business Motion
2.30 pm Question Time
3.10 pm First Minister's Question Time
followed by Debate on Special Educational Needs
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-737 Mr David Davidson: A90 Upgrade

and (b) that the Stage 1 of the National Parks (Scotland) Bill be completed by 24 May 2000.

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. Abolition of POUNDINGS and Warrant Sales Bill – Stage 1: Tommy Sheridan moved S1M-772—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Abolition of POUNDINGS and Warrant Sales Bill.

The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved amendment S1M-772.1 to motion S1M-772—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“notes that the Scottish Executive will:—

(a) during the 2001-02 Parliamentary year bring forward legislation to introduce a new system to:

(i) abolish the present system of poundings and warrant sales which in many of its aspects is archaic and inhumane and replace it with a modern system that protects those who can't pay, ending the indignities they suffer, and supports the interests of those who pay their bills regularly;

(ii) ensure that those who can pay but won't are rigorously pursued, including for debts incurred in the course of business;

(b) in the meantime, introduce secondary legislation to expand the list of goods exempt from domestic poundings and warrant sales; and

(c) establish a working group to consult widely and develop proposals for reforming the law of diligence against moveables, including proposals for debtor protection and debt arrangement schemes;

and for these reasons, while agreeing to the principle of abolition of the poundings and warrant sales system, does not agree to the general principles of the Abolition of POUNDINGS and Warrant Sales Bill.”

After debate, the amendment was, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 15, Abstentions 30).

7. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-775—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of lead committees—

the Justice and Home Affairs Committee to consider the draft Census (Scotland) Regulations 2000; and

the Transport and the Environment Committee to consider the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Relocation of Maternity Units: The Parliament debated S1M-718 in the name of Irene Oldfather—That the Parliament notes the proposed relocation of maternity wards throughout Scotland, including the Ayrshire Central Maternity Unit, Irvine; further notes the concerns of the communities affected; believes that any review of services should take into account all relevant factors, including the wishes of those communities and the effect of such closures on mothers and the local economy, and further believes that all health boards concerned should engage in full consultation with those affected, and take every factor into account when taking such decisions.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Rachel J W Dobie, Minister of the Parishes of Upper Tweeddale, led Time for Reflection.

2. Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-798—That the Parliament agrees that the time for consideration of Stage 3 of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure 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 15 – up to 1 hour
Remainder of the Bill – up to 2 hours
Motion to pass the Bill – no later than 2 hours 30 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

3. Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 5, 33, 34, 35, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 15, 16, 17, 18.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 27, Against 72, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 41, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
26 (For 29, Against 55, Abstentions 14)
31 (For 30, Against 52, Abstentions 13)
32 (For 43, Against 56, Abstentions 0)

Amendments 25 and 39 were, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

Other amendments were not moved.

4. Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved S1M-771—That the Parliament agrees that the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

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

6. Govan Shipyard: The Parliament debated S1M-750 in the name of Gordon Jackson—That the Parliament notes that the BAE Systems Govan shipyard is in the

running for a major order to build roll-on roll-off ferries for the Ministry of Defence; recognises that this order will guarantee work for up to five years and allow the yard to take on apprentices for the first time in three years; praises the yard's strong reputation for Clyde built quality as the major employer at the heart of Govan; acknowledges that this order is vital to secure the yard's future for its skilled and dedicated workforce; understands the equal importance of the order for the sister yard at Scotstoun as outfitter and expresses total support for the Govan shipyard in bidding for this order and future work.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Discipline in Schools: Mr Brian Monteith moved S1M-792—That the Parliament believes that improved discipline in Scottish schools would contribute greatly to improved educational standards and would improve teacher morale; further believes that the introduction of targets to reduce the number of pupil exclusions can have a negative impact on discipline; recognises that a more flexible approach is required that puts faith in the judgement of headteachers to resolve individual cases on their merits, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to abandon its agenda of target setting for numbers of school exclusions in favour of an approach based on the needs of individual children, their peers and teachers backed up by appropriate resources to provide the diversity of educational provision and sanctions against bad behaviour that are required to improve discipline.

The Deputy Minister for Children and Education moved amendment S1M-792.2 to motion S1M-792—

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

“, whilst acknowledging the problem of maintaining discipline in schools, supports the Scottish Executive’s continuing work to promote good discipline in schools; endorses the Scottish Executive’s commitment to training and support for teachers in maintaining good discipline in the classroom; welcomes the provision of resources from the Excellence Fund to identify viable alternatives to exclusion from school and to integrate the support services for children and their families within the school setting, and welcomes the Scottish Executive’s moves to encourage the greater involvement of parents in their children’s education.”

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-792.1 to motion S1M-792—

Leave out from “improved discipline” to end and insert—

“indiscipline in Scottish schools undermines efforts to improve educational standards for all children and damages teacher morale; believes that whilst exclusion of pupils from schools should always be a last resort, headteachers’ professional judgement must not be unduly restricted by the imposition of statistical targets for reducing exclusions; and calls upon the Scottish Executive to implement a national strategy for improving school discipline which includes an emphasis on the role of parents, improved teacher training, enhanced specialist provision in schools, increased numbers of learning and behavioural support teachers, a reduction in class sizes, and a constructive use of exclusions.”

After debate, amendment S1M-792.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 17, Abstentions 29). As a result, amendment S1M-792.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 18, Abstentions 28).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament, whilst acknowledging the problem of maintaining discipline in schools, supports the Scottish Executive’s continuing work to promote good discipline in schools; endorses the Scottish Executive’s commitment to training and support for teachers in maintaining good

discipline in the classroom; welcomes the provision of resources from the Excellence Fund to identify viable alternatives to exclusion from school and to integrate the support services for children and their families within the school setting, and welcomes the Scottish Executive's moves to encourage the greater involvement of parents in their children's education.

2. Services for Elderly and Disabled People: Mary Scanlon moved S1M-790— That the Parliament notes that many elderly and disabled citizens across Scotland feel let down by the Scottish Executive and its failure to deal with issues which most directly affect them; further notes that such citizens are being faced with escalating charges for variable social and other services provided by local authorities; believes that many local authorities are taking measures which restrict choice for the elderly in their selection of nursing or residential care; considers that a lack of local authority resources for nursing home places and a lack of co-ordination between health and social work has led to a 40% increase in bed blocking in the NHS since 1997; recognises that local authorities are systematically withdrawing financial support from facilities used by elderly and disabled citizens and calls upon the Scottish Executive to abandon its agenda of political correctness and replace it with a programme that delivers to Scotland's elderly and disabled citizens affordable services, freedom of choice in care and the dignity and respect they deserve within our society.

The Deputy Minister for Community Care moved amendment S1M-790.2 to motion S1M-790—

Leave out from first "notes" to end and insert—

"welcomes the Scottish Executive's commitment to improving service provision for frail elderly and disabled people in Scotland by creating modern user-focused services; notes the progress of the Carers' Strategy in Scotland, the drive towards joint working between the NHS and local authorities, and the development of national standards for care; further notes the additional funding for health boards announced this week to be used in part to reduce significantly delayed discharge and endorses the Scottish Executive's vision of a Scotland where every older person matters."

Kay Ullrich moved amendment S1M-790.1 to motion S1M-790—

Leave out from first "that many" to end and insert—

"the failure of successive Conservative and New Labour Governments in Westminster and of the Scottish Executive in Holyrood to provide adequately for elderly and disabled citizens in Scotland; condemns the cuts in grants to Scottish local authorities which have undermined much of the good work being carried out throughout Scotland at a local level; supports greater guidance being given to local authorities to ensure that money intended for the provision of community care and other services for the elderly and disabled is channelled into those areas and not diverted into other sectors of local authority spending; urges real joint working and partnership between central and local agencies, and calls upon the Scottish Executive to implement in full those aspects of the Royal Commission into Long Term Care of the Elderly which fall within the scope of the Parliament."

After debate, amendment S1M-790.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 44, Abstentions 2). As a result, amendment S1M-790.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 18, Abstentions 26).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive’s commitment to improving service provision for frail elderly and disabled people in Scotland by creating modern user-focused services; notes the progress of the Carers’ Strategy in Scotland, the drive towards joint working between the NHS and local authorities, and the development of national standards for care; further notes the additional funding for health boards announced this week to be used in part to reduce significantly delayed discharge, and endorses the Scottish Executive’s vision of a Scotland where every older person matters.

3. Business Motion: Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-795—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the Business Motion approved on 27 April 2000—

Thursday 4 May 2000

after “Debate on the Role of Sport in Social Inclusion” insert—

“*followed by* SPCB Motion on the establishment of the Scottish Parliament CPA Branch”

and (b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 10 May 2000

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Non-Executive Business – Scottish National Party

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business – debate on the subject of S1M-769 John Farquhar Munro: The Black Cuillin

Thursday 11 May 2000

9.30 am Ministerial Statement on Drugs Action Plan

followed by Committee Business – Transport and Environment Committee Report on Telecommunications

followed by Business Motion

2.30 pm Question Time

3.10 pm First Minister’s Question Time

followed by Debate on Special Educational Needs

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-737 Mr David Davidson: A90 Upgrade

Wednesday 17 May 2000

9.30 am Time for Reflection
followed by Executive Debate on Glasgow Regeneration
12.00 pm Ministerial Statement
2.30 pm Continuation of the Executive Debate on Glasgow Regeneration
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 May 2000

9.30 am Executive Debate on Community Care
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 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. The Role of Sport in Social Inclusion: The Deputy Minister for Culture and Sport moved S1M-793—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Executive's vision of achieving equality of opportunity for all; supports its aim of making Scotland a more inclusive society where inequalities between communities are reduced; recognises the important role which sports can play in promoting social inclusion and commends the work of the Scottish Executive, sportscotland and other agencies to widen participation in sport as part of personal and community development.

Fiona McLeod moved amendment S1M-793.1 to motion S1M-793—

Leave out from “commends” to end and insert—

“calls for the establishment of a national network of locally accountable partnerships between local authorities and sports organisations with funding directed towards community sports initiatives.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

David Mundell moved amendment S1M-793.2 to motion S1M-793—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“supports the aim of the Scottish Executive to widen participation in sport by all sectors of society but does not believe this aim will be achieved by its proposed strategy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 63, Abstentions 27).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 0, Abstentions 27).

6. Establishment of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Branch: Des McNulty, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S1M-789—That the Parliament notes that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) has approved the Parliament’s application to join the CPA; agrees to establish a Scottish Parliament branch of the CPA, and further directs the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to make arrangements for the establishment of the Branch.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of Special Grant Reports: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-796—That the Parliament agrees that the following reports be approved—

Special Grant Report on Grant in Aid of Expenditure on Rural Public Passenger Transport for 2000-01 (SE/2000/17); and
Special Grant Report on Grant in Aid of Expenditure on South Fife to Edinburgh Rail Services for 2000-01 (SE/2000/34).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-797—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of lead committee—

the Justice and Home Affairs Committee to consider the draft Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

10. Glenrinnnes School Closure: The Parliament debated S1M-626 in the name of Mrs Margaret Ewing—That the Parliament recognises the importance of primary schools to our rural communities; asks for clarification of the Scottish Executive’s policy on the retention of such schools; is concerned that Glenrinnnes school is threatened by closure despite being the only focal point in the village and despite the sound educational arguments proposed by parents and prospective local residents; and considers that the proposals by Moray Council to close this educational facility, which could accrue only £3,500 to Moray Council, should be rejected.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend John A Mone, Bishop of Paisley, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Motion without Notice:** Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that motion S1M-828 be taken at this meeting of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Iain Smith, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-828—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the Business Programme as agreed on 4 May 2000—

Members' Business on Wednesday 10 May 2000 will now be on the subject of S1M-737, Mr David Davidson: A90 Upgrade and Members' Business on Thursday 11 May 2000 will be on the subject of S1M-769, John Farquhar Munro: The Black Cuillin.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **State of the Nation:** Mr Alex Salmond moved S1M-818—That the Parliament notes that in its first year many members working in committees, in the whole Parliament and in their constituencies have been active in moving Scotland forward; regrets that the Scottish Executive has failed to match the positive approach of Scotland during the referendum campaign of 1997 and the continuing mood of Scotland for radical change and progress; notes that in particular there is a crisis in manufacturing, a reduction in local authority services including housing, a lowering of morale in the education and health services, growing impoverishment of the elderly, the reliance on expensive PFI for public investment, a deterioration in the transport infrastructure, the abdication of responsibility for genuine consultation and good governance and a general confusion and malaise in the partnership administration; recognises the support of a majority of Scots for increased power for our Parliament to tackle these problems; notes that independence and equality of status is the best possible constitutional settlement for our nation and looks forward to offering the people of Scotland the opportunity to choose a future of economic progress and social justice based on such a settlement.

The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Justice moved amendment S1M-818.2 to motion S1M-818—

Leave out from “regrets” to end and insert—

“recognises that the Partnership Executive working with the Parliament is already delivering on the commitments contained in the *Programme for Government* to make real and sustained improvements to the economic prosperity and social wellbeing of the people of Scotland; recognises that devolution is the settled will of the majority of the people of Scotland and rejects independence for Scotland as a backward step.”

David McLetchie moved amendment S1M-818.1 to motion S1M-818—

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

“regrets that the Scottish Executive has failed to address the issues that really matter to the Scottish people, which has led to growing public disillusionment with its performance; believes that far greater priority should be given to addressing rising crime, raising standards in our schools, improving our transport infrastructure and tackling the crisis in the countryside and the problems of our health service, and notes that the SNP, instead of addressing these issues, continues to promote further constitutional upheaval which would be deeply damaging to the interests of everyone living in Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S1M-818.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 47, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S1M-818.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 48, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that in its first year many members working in committees, in the whole Parliament and in their constituencies have been active in moving Scotland forward; recognises that the Partnership Executive working with the Parliament is already delivering on the commitments contained in the *Programme for Government* to make real and sustained improvements to the economic prosperity and social wellbeing of the people of Scotland; recognises that devolution is the settled will of the majority of the people of Scotland and rejects independence for Scotland as a backward step.

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

6. A90 Upgrade: The Parliament debated S1M-737 in the name of Mr David Davidson—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive’s announcement on the roads improvement programme and, in particular, the inclusion of a scheme to upgrade the Hatton Bends on the A90 near Peterhead, but believes that all of the single-carriageway sections of the Aberdeen to Peterhead road should be upgraded and that the construction of an Aberdeen bypass should proceed as a matter of urgency.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy Minister for Justice made a statement on the drugs action plan.

2. Transport and the Environment Committee, Report on the Inquiry into Proposals to Introduce New Planning Procedures for Telecommunications Developments: Mr Andy Kerr, on behalf of the Transport and the Environment Committee, moved S1M-803—That the Parliament notes the 3rd Report, 2000 of the Transport and the Environment Committee *Report on the Inquiry into Proposals to Introduce New Planning Procedures for Telecommunications Developments* (SP Paper 90) and commends the recommendations to the Scottish Executive.

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

3. Business Motion: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-826—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 17 May 2000

10.00 am	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Debate on Glasgow Regeneration
12.00 pm	Ministerial Statement on the Agricultural Holdings White Paper
<i>followed by</i>	Continuation of the Executive Debate on Glasgow Regeneration
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-599 Mike Watson: Epilepsy

Thursday 18 May 2000

9.30 am	Executive Debate on Community Care
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
2.30 pm	Question Time
3.10 pm	First Minister's Question Time
3.30 pm	Ministerial Statement
4.15 pm	Stage 1 Debate on the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Amendment (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S1M-704 Dorothy Grace Elder: Slopping Out in Scottish Prisons

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
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 Ministerial Statement
10.00 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 Executive Business
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

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Special Educational Needs: The Deputy Minister for Children and Education moved S1M-823—That the Parliament welcomes the publication on 9 May 2000 of the Scottish Executive's progress report *Improving our Schools: The Special Educational Needs Programme of Action* and endorses the Scottish Executive's policies of support for children and young people with special educational needs.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S1M-823.1 to motion S1M-823—

Leave out from “the Scottish Executive's policies” to end and insert—

“the progress made towards better support for children and young people with special educational needs; notes that a great deal of work is still required to ensure equality of provision across Scotland, improved access to and within mainstream schools, effective inter-agency co-operation and properly funded staff development and training and looks forward to receiving the report of the Education, Culture and Sport Committee’s inquiry into special needs provision.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Mr Brian Monteith moved amendment S1M-823.2 to motion S1M-823—

Insert at end—

“but expresses its concern that the Riddell Report on the *Education of Children with Severe Low Incidence Disabilities* proposes that grant-aid funding for the seven special schools serving these children be ended and the funds distributed to local authorities; notes that this could jeopardise the future of the special educational needs schools which provide national centres of excellence; notes that any change from national funding could dilute specialist provision and detrimentally affect the service to children and agrees that the schools must continue to be funded through grant-aided status.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 69, Abstentions 27).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. Designation of Lead Committees: Mr Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S1M-827—That the Parliament agrees the following designation of lead committees—

the Social Inclusion, Housing and the Voluntary Sector Committee to consider the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses of Multiple Occupation) Order 2000; and
the Health and Community Care Committee to consider the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2000.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. The Black Cuillin: The Parliament debated S1M-769 in the name of John Farquhar Munro—That the Parliament notes the unique position of the Cuillins in Scotland’s natural heritage; further notes the public debate about the legitimacy of the title and believes that it would be in the public interest to put the sale on hold until matters have been fully investigated.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

APPENDIX A

1. Members' Allowances Scheme (referred to in S1M-40, item 3 on Tuesday 8 June 1999)—

Part A – General Rules in relation to the Scheme

The following general rules shall, unless the context otherwise requires, govern the Scheme—

Rule 1 – Interpretation and commencement

(1) In this Scheme—

“parliamentary complex” means the place where the Parliament or any of its committees or sub-committees meets from time to time;

“remuneration of staff” includes gross salaries, employers' national insurance contributions and employers' pension contributions;

“main residence” means the property in which the member is resident for council tax purposes under section 75 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

“other residence” means any residence which the member owns or leases other than his or her main residence,

and any reference to a Part is a reference to the Part so lettered in this Scheme and any reference to an Annex is a reference to the Annex so lettered in this Scheme.

(2) This Scheme shall come into force 24 hours after the passing of the resolution giving effect to the Scheme.

Rule 2 – Verifiable Expenditure

(1) The SPCB may, on an application for the purpose made to it by a member in accordance with this Scheme, make payments to that member by way of allowances for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by that member.

(2) Allowances for which a member is eligible shall be paid by the SPCB only upon the production to the SPCB of evidence of relevant expenditure.

(3) The SPCB shall provide forms for the purposes of administering the Scheme which members shall complete and sign in order to claim the relevant allowance.

Rule 3 – The Allowances Code

The proper use of allowances payable under this Scheme shall be governed by the Allowances Code at Annex A.

Rule 4 – Publication

(1) The SPCB shall publish the following information for each financial year in respect of each member in such form as the SPCB may determine—

(a) details of the allowance expenditure incurred; and

(b) the names of the staff employed by the member.

(2) A copy of the information published under paragraph (1) shall be kept by the Clerk at the office of the Clerk and shall be available for inspection by any person on the days and at the times when the office of the Clerk is open.

Rule 5 – Enforcement

(1) The SPCB shall be responsible for supervising members' adherence to the Scheme.

(2) Where eligibility for any of the allowances in this Scheme is in dispute, and cannot otherwise be resolved, the matter shall be referred to the SPCB for determination.

(3) Any member may make a complaint to the SPCB about another member where he or she has reason to believe that allowances under this Scheme have not been expended in accordance with the Scheme (hereinafter referred to as an improper use of allowances), and where such a complaint is made, the SPCB shall hear that complaint within one month.

(4) Where the SPCB has reason to believe that a member has made an improper use of allowances or where the SPCB has received a complaint under sub-paragraph (3), the SPCB may, after raising the matter with the Business Manager of the relevant political party, initiate investigations into the matter.

(5) Where the SPCB has initiated investigations in accordance with paragraph (4) and finds that a member has made an improper use of allowances, the SPCB shall report to the Standards Committee with its recommendation; and such a recommendation may propose the removal of all or part of the member's allowance.

Rule 6 – Virement

(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, a member shall not vire amounts between one allowance and another allowance.

(2) A member may vire up to 25% of his or her local office costs allowance to use for staffing or up to 25% of his or her staff allowance to use for local office costs provided that written notice is given to the SPCB.

Rule 7 – Uprating

(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of this rule, the SPCB shall uprate allowances on 1 April each year by the amount of increase in the Retail Price Index for the previous financial year.

(2) The SPCB shall, unless the Parliament does not agree, uprate the motor vehicle allowance in line with the maximum rate in respects of vehicles over 1199cc set for local government under section 46 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and the uprating will become effective at the same time as it does for local government.

(3) The SPCB shall uprate the motorcycle mileage allowance at the same time as and in accordance with the corresponding allowance set for staff of the Scottish Administration.

(4) The SPCB shall uprate the pedal cycle mileage allowance at the same time as and in accordance with the maximum tax-free allowance set by the Treasury.

Rule 8 – Parliamentary Duties

(1) All of the allowances referred to in this Scheme are to be used only for the purpose of members carrying out their Parliamentary duties.

(2) In this Scheme, "Parliamentary duties" means the undertaking of any task or function which a member could reasonably be expected to carry out in his or her capacity as a member of the Parliament including:

- (a) attending a meeting of the Parliament;
- (b) attending a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of the Parliament of which the member is a member or which the member is required to attend because of being in charge of a Bill or other matter under consideration by the committee or sub-committee or for any other valid reason relating only to the business of the committee or sub-committee;
- (c) undertaking research or administrative functions which relate directly to the business of the Parliament;
- (d) attending meetings for the purpose of representing electors or explaining the application of policy including attending meetings for the purpose of seeing a constituent or constituents;
- (e) attending Parliamentary party group meetings in Edinburgh;
- (f) attending any ceremony or official function or national or international conference as a representative of the Parliament or with its authority;

but does not include a member's activities which are wholly in relation to that member's role as a Party spokesperson or representative.

Rule 9 – Equality

All members shall be treated equally irrespective of whether they have been returned as constituency members or as regional members.

Rule 10 – Allowances: general

- (1) Where a member has claimed an allowance from any other source, the member shall not be eligible to claim the same allowance under this Scheme.
- (2) Where a person becomes eligible for an allowance part way through the financial year, then the amount of any allowance payable under this Scheme shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis.
- (3) Where a person ceases to be a member part way through the financial year, the SPCB shall decide whether or not any allowance shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis.

Part B – Allowances

1. Staff Allowance

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member shall be eligible for an allowance of £36,000 for each financial year for the purpose of employing staff (whether full time or part time) to assist the member in carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties. The allowance shall include employers' costs such as gross salary, employers' National Insurance contributions and employers' pension contributions.
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), staff employed by a member will be employed on the terms and conditions determined by the SPCB from time to time.
- (3) A member may employ his or her staff on conditions which are more favourable to the employee than those determined by the SPCB provided that this does not entail the member exceeding the amount of his or her staff allowance.
- (4) Staff of a member shall be bound by the Allowances Code at Annex A.
- (5) Whilst the remuneration of staff shall be the responsibility of the member, the SPCB shall provide—

- (a) payroll services for members' staff; and
- (b) arrangements for employers' pension contributions to be paid to an employee's choice of pension scheme,

and members shall provide the SPCB with details about their staff to enable the SPCB to provide such services and make such arrangements.

(6) A member may pool his or her staff allowance with another member or other members in order to employ staff who are shared between or amongst them, provided that—

- (a) a member of staff remains the employee of a single member; and
- (b) the members concerned give written notice to the SPCB.

2. Local Office Costs Allowance

(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), a member shall be eligible for an allowance of £10,000 for each financial year to enable the member, within the constituency or region from which he or she was returned—

- (a) to run an office; and
- (b) to meet with constituents either on a one to one basis or as a group.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1), this allowance may be used for the following—

- (a) lease of a property or rental of premises;
- (b) the provision of utilities;
- (c) the purchase or lease of office furniture or equipment or the purchase of stationery.

(3) Where local office costs are higher than in other parts of Scotland due to the state of the local economy, a member may refer the matter to the SPCB for its determination as to whether the member should be eligible for an allowance greater than the amount mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), but in any event no greater than 10% of that amount.

3. Members' Travel Allowance

(1) A member shall be eligible for the reimbursement of travelling expenses necessarily incurred by that member in performing his or her Parliamentary duties.

(2) In this paragraph—

“travelling expenses” means—

- (a) the actual cost of any travel ticket purchased or fare paid in making a journey, or part of a journey, by public transport;
- (b) where such a journey, or any part of such a journey, is made by means of a motor vehicle, motor cycle or pedal cycle, owned or wholly maintained by the member, such amount per mile travelled on the journey, or that part of the journey, by means of that motor vehicle, motor cycle or pedal cycle as is described in sub-paragraphs (3) to (5);
- (c) in exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the SPCB, the actual cost of car hire and associated petrol costs; and
- (d) tolls and carparking charges;

“public transport” means any service or services provided to the public at large for the carriage of passengers by road, rail, air or sea but includes travel by taxi service only where the use of such a service is required for reasons of urgency or where it is not reasonably practicable for the member to use other forms of public transport.

(3) The rate of the motor vehicle mileage allowance will be the maximum set for local government under section 46 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and shall apply to all motor vehicles irrespective of engine size or annual mileage.

(4) The rate of the motorcycle mileage allowance will be the corresponding maximum rate set for Scottish Office employees.

(5) The rate of the pedal cycle mileage allowance will be at the level of the maximum tax free allowance set by the Treasury.

(6) Any travel outside Scotland shall be eligible for reimbursement only where the travel concerned has been authorised in advance by the SPCB.

4. Edinburgh Accommodation Allowance

(1) Where a member’s main residence lies within a constituency mentioned in Group One of Annex B, he or she shall not be eligible for any allowance under this paragraph.

(2) Where a member’s main residence lies within a constituency mentioned in Group Two of Annex B, the member shall be eligible for an overnight subsistence allowance of up to £80 per night for each night that he or she requires to stay overnight for Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh.

(3) Where a member’s main residence lies within a constituency mentioned in Group Three of Annex B, the member shall be eligible for a total allowance of £9,000 for each financial year comprising either—

(a) an allowance of up to £80 per night for each night that he or she requires to stay overnight for Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh; or

(b) subject to sub-paragraph (4), an allowance in order to cover the costs of those items mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) below, where such costs are a necessary consequence of having to stay overnight for Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh.

(4) Where the member claims an allowance under sub-paragraph (3)(b) part way through the financial year, then the amount of the allowance payable under that paragraph shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis.

(5) The costs referred to in sub-paragraph (3) relate only to the provision and use as residential accommodation of a property located in the City of Edinburgh and are—

(a) the rent payable for the lease of the property;

(b) the interest on the capital required to purchase the property;

(c) council tax;

(d) factoring charges; and

(e) the provision of utilities.

(6) Where a member’s main residence falls within Group Two of Annex B, the member may refer his or her case to the SPCB and, where there are extenuating circumstances, the SPCB may determine that the member may for the purposes of this paragraph be treated as if his or her main residence fell within Group Three of Annex B.

(7) The SPCB shall publish for each financial year information about any allowance payable under this paragraph including the name of the city, town or village where each member's main residence is located.

5. Exceptional Needs Allowance

(1) This paragraph applies to members from those constituencies or regions which are set out in Annex C.

(2) A member shall be eligible to claim an exceptional needs allowance of up to £80 per night where it is unreasonable for the member to return to his or her main or other residence before or after undertaking Parliamentary duties within the member's constituency or region.

6. Overnight Subsistence Allowance

(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (4) and (5), a member shall be eligible for an overnight subsistence allowance where he or she requires for the purpose of carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties to spend a night away from his or her main or other residence.

(2) The amount of the overnight subsistence allowance shall be—

- (a) up to £80 per night; or
- (b) up to £100 per night in Greater London; or
- (c) in respect of a stay outside the United Kingdom an amount determined by the SPCB.

(3) Any claim for overnight subsistence in connection with a stay outside Scotland shall be eligible for reimbursement only where the stay concerned has been authorised in advance by the SPCB.

(4) A member is not eligible for an allowance under this paragraph in connection with Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh.

(5) A member is not eligible for an allowance under this paragraph in connection with Parliamentary duties within his or her constituency or region.

7. Staff Travel Allowance

(1) This paragraph applies only to staff employed through the SPCB payroll service.

(2) Each member is eligible for an allowance in respect of the cost of 40 single journeys for each financial year between their constituency or region and the Parliamentary complex by members of their staff.

(3) The SPCB shall keep a record of each member's entitlement to an allowance under this paragraph and its use to date.

8. Family Travel Allowance

(1) Each member is eligible for an allowance in respect of the cost of 12 single journeys for each financial year between his or her constituency, region or main residence and Edinburgh for each member of his or her immediate family.

(2) In this paragraph, "immediate family" means—

- (a) the member's spouse or another nominated person; and
- (b) any child under the age of 18; and

for the purposes of this paragraph “child” includes any step child, adopted child, foster child or any other child living with that member as part of his or her family.

(3) The SPCB shall keep a record of each member’s entitlement to an allowance under this paragraph and its use to date.

(4) In order to qualify for the family travel allowance, a member must register with the SPCB who are his or her immediate family eligible to take part in the Scheme.

9. Disability Allowance

(1) This paragraph applies to any member whose ability to undertake his or her role as a member is impaired by reason of disability.

(2) The SPCB may award an allowance up to a maximum of £10,000 per session to a member for him or her to use in any way which the SPCB decides is helpful to the member in undertaking his or her work.

10. Winding Up Allowance

(1) Where a member ceases to serve as a member of the Parliament, he or she shall be eligible for a winding up allowance.

(2) The amount of the winding up allowance shall be the equivalent of one third of the staff allowance and local office costs allowance payable in any one financial year to which the member would otherwise have been entitled.

Part C – Independent Review

For the purposes of determining the success or otherwise of the practical operation of the Scheme, the SPCB shall, within 18 months of the coming into force of this Scheme, set up an independent review of the operation of the Scheme and following the review make recommendations to the Parliament.

ANNEX A

ALLOWANCES CODE

A: Relationships Between Members

(1) Any constituent can approach any MSP within his or her constituency or region.

(2) If a constituent seeks to approach a particular MSP, the constituent must be directed to that MSP by other MSPs or their staff.

(3) All MSPs have a right to hold surgeries within the area for which they were returned.

(4) Any constituent from outside a region who approaches an MSP with a constituency issue should be directed initially to a relevant MSP.

(5) Any list MSP who raises a constituency issue should notify the relevant constituency MSP at the outset unless the consent of the constituent is withheld.

(6) Any MSP who is approached by a constituent with an issue related to a reserved matter (e.g. social security) should consult with the appropriate Westminster MP.

B: Offices

- (1) Each MSP should have one Parliamentary office base within the area for which he or she was returned that will be his or her registered local address for correspondence.
- (2) All MSPs' offices will be presented as 'The Office of Ms X, Member of the Scottish Parliament' in the Parliament's colours. It should be possible to identify the party affiliation of the MSP as well, if desired.
- (3) Parliamentary offices may be acquired in association with political party premises, but must be a clearly definable office space. Party political material is not permitted to be externally displayed in areas occupied by the Parliamentary office.
- (4) Parliamentary offices should be suitable for public access.
- (5) MSPs will be able to use offices/locations, other than their main base, within the area for which they were returned for surgery and other purposes.

C: Activities

- (1) Premises, or the relevant part of premises, acquired as Parliamentary offices should be used only for parliamentary activities, and not for party business.
- (2) During the hours that they are employed by an MSP under his or her staff allowance, an MSP's employees may not undertake any significant party political activity.
- (3) MSPs will be responsible to the SPCB for the activities of their staff as for their own activities.
- (4) Premises, or the relevant part of premises, acquired as Parliamentary offices shall not be used as a base for canvassing or election campaigning, or any party activity related to elections.
- (5) Parliamentary stationery and office equipment must not be used for party purposes.

D: Responsibilities

- (1) Each MSP has a duty to ensure that he or she utilises the allowances to which he or she is eligible for the purpose for which they were intended. This includes any allowances for which he or she is eligible, but which are utilised by members of staff or immediate family.
- (2) Each MSP has a duty to ensure that he or she adheres to the terms of this code in spirit and in practice.

ANNEX B**ELIGIBILITY FOR EDINBURGH ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES****Group One**

Edinburgh West
Edinburgh Pentlands
Edinburgh Central
Edinburgh North & Leith
Edinburgh South

Edinburgh East & Musselburgh
Linlithgow
Livingston
Midlothian

Group Two

East Lothian

North East Fife

Central Fife
Kirkcaldy
Dunfermline East
Dunfermline West
Ochil
Falkirk East
Falkirk West
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth
Airdrie & Shotts
Coatbridge & Chryston
Hamilton North & Bellshill
Motherwell & Wishaw
Hamilton South
Glasgow Anniesland
Glasgow Ballieston
Glasgow Cathcart

Glasgow Govan
Glasgow Kelvin
Glasgow Maryhill
Glasgow Pollok
Glasgow Rutherglen
Glasgow Shettleston
Glasgow Springburn
Strathkelvin & Bearsden
Paisley North
Paisley South
Stirling
Perth
Dundee East
Dundee West
Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale

Group Three

Aberdeen Central
Aberdeen North
Aberdeen South
Aberdeenshire West & Kincardine
Angus
Argyll and Bute
Ayr
Banff & Buchan
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley
Clydesdale
Clydebank & Milngavie
Cunninghame North
Cunninghame South
Dumbarton
Dumfries

East Kilbride
Eastwood
Galloway and Upper Nithsdale
Gordon
Greenock & Inverclyde
Inverness East Nairn & Lochaber
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Orkney
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ANNEX C

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

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B: Constituencies which contain significant island communities

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C: The largest regions

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South of Scotland.

2. Resolution on Members' Allowances Scheme (referred to in S1M-40 , item 3 on Tuesday 8 June 1999)—

Part A – General Rules in relation to the Scheme

The following general rules shall, unless the context otherwise requires, govern the Scheme—

Rule 1 – Interpretation and commencement

(1) In this Scheme—

“parliamentary complex” means the place where the Parliament or any of its committees or sub-committees meets from time to time;

“remuneration of staff” includes gross salaries, employers’ national insurance contributions and employers’ pension contributions;

“main residence” means the property in which the member is resident for council tax purposes under section 75 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

“other residence” means any residence which the member owns or leases other than his or her main residence,

and any reference to a Part is a reference to the Part so lettered in this Scheme and any reference to an Annex is a reference to the Annex so lettered in this Scheme.

(2) This Scheme shall come into force 24 hours after the passing of the resolution giving effect to the Scheme.

Rule 2 – Verifiable Expenditure

(1) The SPCB may, on an application for the purpose made to it by a member in accordance with this Scheme, make payments to that member by way of allowances for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by that member.

(2) Allowances for which a member is eligible shall be paid by the SPCB only upon the production to the SPCB of evidence of relevant expenditure.

(3) The SPCB shall provide forms for the purposes of administering the Scheme which members shall complete and sign in order to claim the relevant allowance.

Rule 3 – The Allowances Code

The proper use of allowances payable under this Scheme shall be governed by the Allowances Code at Annex A.

Rule 4 – Publication

(1) The SPCB shall publish the following information for each financial year in respect of each member in such form as the SPCB may determine—

(a) details of the allowance expenditure incurred; and

(b) the names of the staff employed by the member.

(2) A copy of the information published under paragraph (1) shall be kept by the Clerk at the office of the Clerk and shall be available for inspection by any person on the days and at the times when the office of the Clerk is open.

Rule 5 – Enforcement

(1) The SPCB shall be responsible for supervising members' adherence to the Scheme.

(2) Where eligibility for any of the allowances in this Scheme is in dispute, and cannot otherwise be resolved, the matter shall be referred to the SPCB for determination.

(3) Any member may make a complaint to the SPCB about another member where he or she has reason to believe that allowances under this Scheme have not been expended in accordance with the Scheme (hereinafter referred to as an improper use of allowances), and where such a complaint is made, the SPCB shall hear that complaint within one month.

(4) Where the SPCB has reason to believe that a member has made an improper use of allowances or where the SPCB has received a complaint under sub-paragraph (3), the SPCB may, after raising the matter with the Business Manager of the relevant political party, initiate investigations into the matter.

(5) Where the SPCB has initiated investigations in accordance with paragraph (4) and finds that a member has made an improper use of allowances, the SPCB shall report to the Standards Committee with its recommendation; and such a recommendation may propose the removal of all or part of the member's allowance.

Rule 6 – Virement

(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, a member shall not vire amounts between one allowance and another allowance.

(2) A member may vire up to 25% of his or her local office costs allowance to use for staffing or up to 25% of his or her staff allowance to use for local office costs provided that written notice is given to the SPCB.

Rule 7 – Uprating

(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of this rule, the SPCB shall uprate allowances on 1 April each year by the amount of increase in the Retail Price Index for the previous financial year.

(2) The SPCB shall, unless the Parliament does not agree, uprate the motor vehicle allowance in line with the maximum rate in respects of vehicles over 1199cc set for local government under section 46 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and the uprating will become effective at the same time as it does for local government.

(3) The SPCB shall uprate the motorcycle mileage allowance at the same time as and in accordance with the corresponding allowance set for staff of the Scottish Administration.

(4) The SPCB shall uprate the pedal cycle mileage allowance at the same time as and in accordance with the maximum tax-free allowance set by the Treasury.

Rule 8 – Parliamentary Duties

(1) All of the allowances referred to in this Scheme are to be used only for the purpose of members carrying out their Parliamentary duties.

(2) In this Scheme, “Parliamentary duties” means the undertaking of any task or function which a member could reasonably be expected to carry out in his or her capacity as a member of the Parliament including:

- (a) attending a meeting of the Parliament;
- (b) attending a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of the Parliament of which the member is a member or which the member is required to attend because of being in charge of a Bill or other matter under consideration by the committee or sub-committee or for any other valid reason relating only to the business of the committee or sub-committee;
- (c) undertaking research or administrative functions which relate directly to the business of the Parliament;
- (d) attending meetings for the purpose of representing electors or explaining the application of policy including attending meetings for the purpose of seeing a constituent or constituents;
- (e) attending Parliamentary party group meetings in Edinburgh;
- (f) attending any ceremony or official function or national or international conference as a representative of the Parliament or with its authority;

but does not include a member’s activities which are wholly in relation to that member’s role as a Party spokesperson or representative.

Rule 9 – Equality

All members shall be treated equally irrespective of whether they have been returned as constituency members or as regional members subject to paragraph 2 of Part B.

Rule 10 – Allowances: general

- (1) Where a member has claimed an allowance from any other source, the member shall not be eligible to claim the same allowance under this Scheme.
- (2) Where a person becomes eligible for an allowance part way through the financial year, then the amount of any allowance payable under this Scheme shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis.
- (3) Where a person ceases to be a member part way through the financial year, the SPCB shall decide whether or not any allowance shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis.

Part B – Allowances

1. Staff Allowance

(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member shall be eligible for an allowance of £36,000 for each financial year for the purpose of employing staff (whether full time or part time) to assist the member in carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties. The allowance shall include employers’ costs such as gross salary, employers’ National Insurance contributions and employers’ pension contributions.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), staff employed by a member will be employed on the terms and conditions determined by the SPCB from time to time.

(3) A member may employ his or her staff on conditions which are more favourable to the employee than those determined by the SPCB provided that this does not entail the member exceeding the amount of his or her staff allowance.

(4) Staff of a member shall be bound by the Allowances Code at Annex A.

(5) Whilst the remuneration of staff shall be the responsibility of the member, the SPCB shall provide—

(a) payroll services for members' staff; and

(b) arrangements for employers' pension contributions to be paid to an employee's choice of pension scheme,

and members shall provide the SPCB with details about their staff to enable the SPCB to provide such services and make such arrangements.

(6) A member may pool his or her staff allowance with another member or other members in order to employ staff who are shared between or amongst them, provided that—

(a) a member of staff remains the employee of a single member; and

(b) the members concerned give written notice to the SPCB.

2. Local Office Costs Allowance

(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2), (2A), (2B) and (2C) a member shall be eligible for an allowance of £10,000 for each financial year to enable the member, within the constituency or region from which he or she was returned—

(b) to run an office; and

(b) to meet with constituents either on a one to one basis or as a group.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1), this allowance may be used for the following—

(a) lease of a property or rental of premises;

(b) the provision of utilities;

(c) the purchase or lease of office furniture or equipment or the purchase of stationery.

(2A) Where in a particular region more than one regional member is returned from a registered political party's regional list, the amount of local office costs allowance for which each such regional member is eligible shall not be £10,000 but shall instead be computed as follows—

(a) there shall be added together the amount of the office costs allowance referred to in paragraph (1) in respect of one such regional member and 30% of that sum in respect of each of the other such regional members;

(b) the resulting total sum shall be divided by the number of such regional members; and

(c) that amount shall be the local office costs allowance for which each such regional member shall be eligible.

(2B) Subject to sub-paragraph (2C), where sub-paragraph (2A) applies the office costs allowance shall be used to enable the regional members concerned—

(a) to run only one office in the particular region; and

(b) to meet constituents either on a one to one basis or as a group;

and accordingly some or all of the regional members concerned may pool all or part of their allowances under this paragraph in order to run such an office provided that the members concerned give written notice to the SPCB.

(2C) Where sub-paragraph (2A) applies in relation to a region mentioned in section C of Annex C (eligibility for exceptional needs allowance: the largest regions), the SPCB—

(a) may determine after inquiry that the regional members concerned may run one additional office because that is necessary for the regional members concerned to carry out their Parliamentary duties effectively; and

(b) in those circumstances may increase the local office costs allowance to which each of the regional members concerned is entitled by such a sum as the SPCB may determine but the total of such increases shall not exceed 100% of the office costs allowance referred to in sub-paragraph (1).

(3) Where local office costs are higher than in other parts of Scotland due to the state of the local economy, a member may refer the matter to the SPCB for its determination as to whether the member should be eligible for an allowance greater than the amount mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), but in any event no greater than 10% of that amount.

3. Members' Travel Allowance

(1) A member shall be eligible for the reimbursement of travelling expenses necessarily incurred by that member in performing his or her Parliamentary duties.

(2) In this paragraph—

“travelling expenses” means—

(a) the actual cost of any travel ticket purchased or fare paid in making a journey, or part of a journey, by public transport;

(b) where such a journey, or any part of such a journey, is made by means of a motor vehicle, motor cycle or pedal cycle, owned or wholly maintained by the member, such amount per mile travelled on the journey, or that part of the journey, by means of that motor vehicle, motor cycle or pedal cycle as is described in sub-paragraphs (3) to (5);

(c) in exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the SPCB, the actual cost of car hire and associated petrol costs; and

(d) tolls and carparking charges;

“public transport” means any service or services provided to the public at large for the carriage of passengers by road, rail, air or sea but includes travel by taxi service only where the use of such a service is required for reasons of urgency or where it is not reasonably practicable for the member to use other forms of public transport.

(3) The rate of the motor vehicle mileage allowance will be the maximum set for local government under section 46 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and shall apply to all motor vehicles irrespective of engine size or annual mileage.

(4) The rate of the motorcycle mileage allowance will be the corresponding maximum rate set for Scottish Office employees.

(5) The rate of the pedal cycle mileage allowance will be at the level of the maximum tax free allowance set by the Treasury.

(6) Any travel outside Scotland shall be eligible for reimbursement only where the travel concerned has been authorised in advance by the SPCB.

4. Edinburgh Accommodation Allowance

(1) Where a member's main residence lies within a constituency mentioned in Group One of Annex B, he or she shall not be eligible for any allowance under this paragraph.

(2) Where a member's main residence lies within a constituency mentioned in Group Two of Annex B, the member shall be eligible for an overnight subsistence allowance of up to £80 per night for each night that he or she requires to stay overnight for Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh.

(3) Where a member's main residence lies within a constituency mentioned in Group Three of Annex B, the member shall be eligible for a total allowance of £9,000 for each financial year comprising either—

(a) an allowance of up to £80 per night for each night that he or she requires to stay overnight for Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh; or

(b) subject to sub-paragraph (4), an allowance in order to cover the costs of those items mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) below, where such costs are a necessary consequence of having to stay overnight for Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh.

(4) Where the member claims an allowance under sub-paragraph (3)(b) part way through the financial year, then the amount of the allowance payable under that paragraph shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis.

(5) The costs referred to in sub-paragraph (3) relate only to the provision and use as residential accommodation of a property located in the City of Edinburgh and are—

(a) the rent payable for the lease of the property;

(b) the interest on the capital required to purchase the property;

(c) council tax;

(d) factoring charges; and

(e) the provision of utilities.

(6) Where a member's main residence falls within Group Two of Annex B, the member may refer his or her case to the SPCB and, where there are extenuating circumstances, the SPCB may determine that the member may for the purposes of this paragraph be treated as if his or her main residence fell within Group Three of Annex B.

(7) The SPCB shall publish for each financial year information about any allowance payable under this paragraph including the name of the city, town or village where each member's main residence is located.

5. Exceptional Needs Allowance

(1) This paragraph applies to members from those constituencies or regions which are set out in Annex C.

(2) A member shall be eligible to claim an exceptional needs allowance of up to £80 per night where it is unreasonable for the member to return to his or her main or other residence before or after undertaking Parliamentary duties within the member's constituency or region.

6. Overnight Subsistence Allowance

(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (4) and (5), a member shall be eligible for an overnight subsistence allowance where he or she requires for the purpose of carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties to spend a night away from his or her main or other residence.

- (2) The amount of the overnight subsistence allowance shall be—
- (a) up to £80 per night; or
 - (b) up to £100 per night in Greater London; or
 - (c) in respect of a stay outside the United Kingdom an amount determined by the SPCB.
- (3) Any claim for overnight subsistence in connection with a stay outside Scotland shall be eligible for reimbursement only where the stay concerned has been authorised in advance by the SPCB.
- (4) A member is not eligible for an allowance under this paragraph in connection with Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh.
- (5) A member is not eligible for an allowance under this paragraph in connection with Parliamentary duties within his or her constituency or region.

7. Staff Travel Allowance

- (1) This paragraph applies only to staff employed through the SPCB payroll service.
- (2) Each member is eligible for an allowance in respect of the cost of 40 single journeys for each financial year between their constituency or region and the Parliamentary complex by members of their staff.
- (3) The SPCB shall keep a record of each member's entitlement to an allowance under this paragraph and its use to date.

8. Family Travel Allowance

- (1) Each member is eligible for an allowance in respect of the cost of 12 single journeys for each financial year between his or her constituency, region or main residence and Edinburgh for each member of his or her immediate family.
- (2) In this paragraph, "immediate family" means—
- (a) the member's spouse or another nominated person; and
 - (b) any child under the age of 18; and

for the purposes of this paragraph "child" includes any step child, adopted child, foster child or any other child living with that member as part of his or her family.

- (3) The SPCB shall keep a record of each member's entitlement to an allowance under this paragraph and its use to date.
- (4) In order to qualify for the family travel allowance, a member must register with the SPCB who are his or her immediate family eligible to take part in the Scheme.

9. Disability Allowance

- (1) This paragraph applies to any member whose ability to undertake his or her role as a member is impaired by reason of disability.
- (2) The SPCB may award an allowance up to a maximum of £10,000 per session to a member for him or her to use in any way which the SPCB decides is helpful to the member in undertaking his or her work.

10. Winding Up Allowance

- (1) Where a member ceases to serve as a member of the Parliament, he or she shall be eligible for a winding up allowance.
- (2) The amount of the winding up allowance shall be the equivalent of one third of the staff allowance and local office costs allowance payable in any one financial year to which the member would otherwise have been entitled.

Part C – Independent Review

For the purposes of determining the success or otherwise of the practical operation of the Scheme, the SPCB shall, within 18 months of the coming into force of this Scheme, set up an independent review of the operation of the Scheme and following the review make recommendations to the Parliament.

ANNEX A

ALLOWANCES CODE

A: Relationships Between Members

- (1) Any constituent can approach any MSP within his or her constituency or region.
- (2) If a constituent seeks to approach a particular MSP, the constituent must be directed to that MSP by other MSPs or their staff.
- (3) All MSPs have a right to hold surgeries within the area for which they were returned.
- (4) Any constituent from outside a region who approaches an MSP with a constituency issue should be directed initially to a relevant MSP.
- (5) Any list MSP who raises a constituency issue should notify the relevant constituency MSP at the outset unless the consent of the constituent is withheld.
- (6) Any MSP who is approached by a constituent with an issue related to a reserved matter (e.g. social security) should consult with the appropriate Westminster MP.

B: Offices

- (1) Each MSP will normally have one Parliamentary office base within the area for which he or she was returned that will be his or her registered local address for correspondence.
- (2) All MSPs' offices will be presented as 'The Office of Ms X, Member of the Scottish Parliament' in the Parliament's colours. It should be possible to identify the party affiliation of the MSP as well, if desired.
- (3) Parliamentary offices may be acquired in association with political party premises, but must be a clearly definable office space. Party political material is not permitted to be externally displayed in areas occupied by the Parliamentary office.
- (4) Parliamentary offices should be suitable for public access.
- (5) MSPs will be able to use offices/locations, other than their main base, within the area for which they were returned for surgery purposes.

C: Activities

- (1) Premises, or the relevant part of premises, acquired as Parliamentary offices should be used only for parliamentary activities, and not for party business.
- (2) During the hours that they are employed by an MSP under his or her staff allowance, an MSP's employees may not undertake any significant party political activity.
- (3) MSPs will be responsible to the SPCB for the activities of their staff as for their own activities.
- (4) Premises, or the relevant part of premises, acquired as Parliamentary offices shall not be used as a base for canvassing or election campaigning, or any party activity related to elections.
- (5) Parliamentary stationery and office equipment must not be used for party purposes.

D: Responsibilities

- (1) Each MSP has a duty to ensure that he or she utilises the allowances to which he or she is eligible for the purpose for which they were intended. This includes any allowances for which he or she is eligible, but which are utilised by members of staff or immediate family.
- (2) Each MSP has a duty to ensure that he or she adheres to the terms of this code in spirit and in practice.

ANNEX B

ELIGIBILITY FOR EDINBURGH ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES

Group One

Edinburgh West
Edinburgh Pentlands
Edinburgh Central
Edinburgh North & Leith
Edinburgh South

Edinburgh East & Musselburgh
Linlithgow
Livingston
Midlothian

Group Two

East Lothian
North East Fife
Central Fife
Kirkcaldy
Dunfermline East
Dunfermline West
Ochil
Falkirk East
Falkirk West
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth
Airdrie & Shotts
Coatbridge & Chryston
Glasgow Cathcart
Glasgow Govan
Glasgow Kelvin
Glasgow Maryhill
Glasgow Pollok

Glasgow Rutherglen
Glasgow Shettleston
Glasgow Springburn
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Paisley North
Paisley South
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APPENDIX B

Members' Allowances Scheme and Equipment and Furniture Scheme (*referred to in S1M-660, item 6 on Thursday 16 March 2000*)—

ANNEX ONE

This is the Equipment and Furniture Scheme referred to in the foregoing motion.

“The Equipment and Furniture Scheme

1. Provision of Information Technology and other Office Equipment, and Office Furniture

(1) The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (“the SPCB”) shall provide information technology and other office equipment, and office furniture for the Parliament.

(2) Where such information technology and other office equipment and office furniture is provided for the use of a member for the purpose of carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties—

(a) the member may select the equipment and furniture concerned but only from a list of items specified by the SPCB;

(b) the member shall be responsible for the maintenance, protection and security of such equipment and furniture and the SPCB may, if it has reasonable grounds to believe that any such equipment or furniture is being misused, require the return of the equipment or furniture.

2. Provision of Office Supplies

(1) The SPCB shall provide office supplies and postage stamps or postage paid envelopes for the Parliament.

(2) Where such office supplies are provided for the use of a member for the purpose of carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties the member may select the supplies concerned but only from a list of items specified by the SPCB.

3. Publication

The SPCB shall publish for each financial year in respect of each member details of the total sums expended under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this scheme.

4. Parliamentary Duties

For the purposes of this Scheme, “Parliamentary duties” shall have the same meaning as in rule 8 of Part A of the Members’ Allowances Scheme.”

ANNEX TWO

This is the Members’ Allowances Scheme referred to in the foregoing motion.

Members' Allowances Scheme

The following Parts A, B and C together with the Annexes attached shall be the Members' Allowances Scheme ("Scheme")—

Part A – General Rules in relation to the Scheme

The following general rules shall, unless the context otherwise requires, govern the Scheme—

Rule 1 – Interpretation and commencement

In this Scheme—

"parliamentary complex" means the place where the Parliament or any of its committees or sub-committees meets from time to time;

"remuneration of staff" includes gross salaries, employers' national insurance contributions and employers' pension contributions;

"main residence" means the property in which the member is resident for council tax purposes under section 75 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;

"other residence" means any residence which the member owns or leases other than his or her main residence,

and any reference to a Part is a reference to the Part so lettered in this Scheme and any reference to an Annex is a reference to the Annex so lettered in this Scheme.

Rule 2 – Verifiable Expenditure

(1) The Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body ("SPCB") may, on an application for the purpose made to it by a member in accordance with this Scheme, make payments to that member by way of allowances for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by that member.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this rule, allowances for which a member is eligible shall be paid by the SPCB only upon the production to the SPCB of evidence of relevant expenditure in the form of invoices or receipts.

(3) Supporting invoices and receipts are not required

(a) for payment of the mileage allowance under paragraph 3(2)(b) of Part B; or

(b) for the reimbursement of expenses under paragraph 3(2)(a) or (d) of Part B where the expenditure is £10 or less.

(4) Paragraph 3 of this rule does not apply to taxi fares and car parking charges, other than parking meter charges.

(5) The SPCB shall provide forms for the purposes of administering the Scheme which members shall complete and sign in order to claim the relevant allowance.

Rule 3 – The Allowances Code

The proper use of allowances payable under this Scheme shall be governed by the Allowances Code at Annex A.

Rule 4 – Publication

(1) The SPCB shall publish the following information for each financial year in respect of each member in such form as the SPCB may determine—

- (a) details of the allowance expenditure incurred; and
- (b) the names of the staff employed by the member.

(2) A copy of the information published under paragraph (1) shall be kept by the Clerk at the office of the Clerk and shall be available for inspection by any person on the days and at the times when the office of the Clerk is open.

Rule 5 – Enforcement

(1) The SPCB shall be responsible for supervising members' adherence to the Scheme.

(2) Where eligibility for any of the allowances in this Scheme is in dispute, and cannot otherwise be resolved, the matter shall be referred to the SPCB for determination.

(3) Any member may make a complaint to the SPCB about another member where he or she has reason to believe that allowances under this Scheme have not been expended in accordance with the Scheme (hereinafter referred to as an improper use of allowances), and where such a complaint is made, the SPCB shall hear that complaint within one month.

(4) Where the SPCB has reason to believe that a member has made an improper use of allowances or where the SPCB has received a complaint under sub-paragraph (3), the SPCB may, after raising the matter with the Business Manager of the relevant political party, initiate investigations into the matter.

(5) Where the SPCB has initiated investigations in accordance with paragraph (4) and finds that a member has made an improper use of allowances, the SPCB shall report to the Standards Committee with its recommendation; and such a recommendation may propose the removal of all or part of the member's allowance.

Rule 6 – Virement

(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this rule, a member shall not vire amounts between one allowance and another allowance.

(2) A member may vire up to 40% of his or her local office costs allowance to use for staffing or up to 40% of his or her staff allowance to use for local office costs provided that written notice is given to the SPCB.

Rule 7 – Uprating

(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of this rule, the SPCB shall uprate allowances on 1 April each year by the amount of increase in the Retail Price Index for the previous financial year.

(2) The SPCB shall, unless the Parliament does not agree, uprate the motor vehicle allowance in line with the maximum rate in respect of vehicles over 1199cc set for local government under section 46 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and the uprating will become effective at the same time as it does for local government.

(3) The SPCB shall uprate the motorcycle mileage allowance at the same time as and in accordance with the corresponding allowance set for staff of the Scottish Administration.

(4) The SPCB shall uprate the pedal cycle mileage allowance at the same time as and in accordance with the maximum tax-free allowance set by the Treasury.

Rule 8 – Parliamentary Duties

(1) All of the allowances referred to in this Scheme are to be used only for the purpose of members carrying out their Parliamentary duties.

(2) In this Scheme, “Parliamentary duties” means the undertaking of any task or function which a member could reasonably be expected to carry out in his or her capacity as a member of the Parliament including:

- (a) attending a meeting of the Parliament;
- (b) attending a meeting of a committee or sub-committee of the Parliament of which the member is a member or which the member is required to attend because of being in charge of a Bill or other matter under consideration by the committee or sub-committee or for any other valid reason relating only to the business of the committee or sub-committee;
- (c) undertaking research or administrative functions which relate directly to the business of the Parliament;
- (d) attending meetings for the purpose of representing electors or explaining the application of policy including attending meetings for the purpose of seeing a constituent or constituents;
- (e) attending Parliamentary party group meetings in Edinburgh;
- (f) attending any ceremony or official function or national or international conference as a representative of the Parliament or with the prior approval of a committee of the Parliament or the SPCB;

but does not include a member’s activities which are wholly in relation to that member’s role as a Party spokesperson or representative.

Rule 9 – Equality

All members shall be treated equally irrespective of whether they have been returned as constituency members or as regional members, subject to paragraph 2 of Part B.

Rule 10 – Allowances: general

(1) Where a member has claimed an allowance from any other source, the member shall not be eligible to claim the same allowance under this Scheme.

(2) Where a person becomes eligible for an allowance part way through the financial year, then the amount of any allowance payable under this Scheme shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis.

(3) Where a person ceases to be a member part way through the financial year, the SPCB shall decide whether or not any allowance shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis.

Part B – Allowances

1. Staff Allowance

(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member shall be eligible for an allowance of £36,000 for each financial year for the purpose of employing staff (whether full time or part time, temporary or permanent, through an agency or on a contract for services) to assist the member in carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties. The allowance shall include employers’ costs such as gross salary, employers’ National Insurance contributions and employers’ pension contributions.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), staff employed by a member will be employed on the terms and conditions determined by the SPCB from time to time.

(3) A member may employ his or her staff on conditions which are more favourable to the employee than those determined by the SPCB provided that this does not entail the member exceeding the amount of his or her staff allowance.

(4) Staff of a member shall be bound by the Allowances Code at Annex A.

(5) Whilst the remuneration of staff shall be the responsibility of the member, the SPCB shall provide—

(a) payroll services for members' staff; and

(b) arrangements for employers' pension contributions to be paid to an employee's choice of pension scheme,

and members shall provide the SPCB with details about their staff to enable the SPCB to provide such services and make such arrangements.

(6) A member may pool his or her staff allowance with another member or other members in order to employ staff who are shared between or amongst them, provided that—

(a) a member of staff remains the employee of a single member; and

(b) the members concerned give written notice to the SPCB.

2. Local Office Costs Allowance

(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), (5) and (8), a member shall be eligible for an allowance of £10,000 for each financial year to enable the member, within the constituency or region from which he or she was returned—

(a) to run an office; and

(b) to meet with constituents either on a one to one basis or as a group.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1), this allowance may be used for the following—

(a) lease of a property or rental of premises;

(b) the provision of utilities;

(c) the purchase or lease of office furniture or equipment or the purchase of stationery.

(d) the member and his or her staff using telecommunications, information technology and photocopying equipment at a location other than the member's Parliamentary office base; and the purchase or lease of associated furniture and equipment.

(3) Where in a particular region more than one regional member is returned from a registered political party's regional list, the amount of local office costs allowance for which each such regional member is eligible shall not be £10,000 but shall instead be computed as follows—

(a) there shall be added together the amount of the office costs allowance referred to in paragraph (1) in respect of one such regional member and 30% of that sum in respect of each of the other such regional members;

- (b) the resulting total sum shall be divided by the number of such regional members; and
- (c) that amount shall be the local office costs allowance for which each such regional member shall be eligible.

(4) Subject to sub-paragraph (5), where sub-paragraph (3) applies the office costs allowance shall be used to enable the regional members concerned—

- (a) to run only one office in the particular region; and
- (b) to meet constituents either on a one to one basis or as a group;

and accordingly some or all of the regional members concerned may pool all or part of their allowances under this paragraph in order to run such an office provided that the members concerned give written notice to the SPCB.

(5) Where sub-paragraph (3) applies in relation to a region mentioned in section C of Annex C (eligibility for exceptional needs allowance: the largest regions), the SPCB—

- (a) may determine after inquiry that the regional members concerned may run one additional office because that is necessary for the regional members concerned to carry out their Parliamentary duties effectively; and
- (b) in those circumstances may increase the local office costs allowance to which each of the regional members concerned is entitled by such a sum as the SPCB may determine but the total of such increases shall not exceed 100% of the office costs allowance referred to in sub-paragraph (1).

(6) Where local office costs are higher than in other parts of Scotland due to the state of the local economy, a member may refer the matter to the SPCB for its determination as to whether the member should be eligible for an allowance greater than the amount mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), but in any event no greater than 10% of that amount.

(7) Where the SPCB has made a determination under sub-paragraph (5)(a) the regional members concerned may pool their allowances under this paragraph with any other member or members for that region, provided that all members concerned first notify the SPCB.

(8) A constituency member may locate his or her Parliamentary office base in a constituency other than the one from which the member was returned provided that the location has the prior approval of the member returned from that other constituency and the SPCB is notified immediately.

3. Members' Travel Allowance

(1) A member shall be eligible for the reimbursement of travelling expenses necessarily incurred by that member in performing his or her Parliamentary duties.

(2) In this paragraph—

“travelling expenses” means—

- (a) the actual cost of any travel ticket purchased or fare paid in making a journey, or part of a journey, by public transport;
- (b) where such a journey, or any part of such a journey, is made by means of a motor vehicle, motor cycle or pedal cycle, owned or wholly maintained by the member, such amount per mile travelled on the journey, or that part of the journey, by means of that motor vehicle, motor cycle or pedal cycle as is described in sub-paragraphs (3) to (5);

- (c) in exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the SPCB, the actual cost of car hire and associated petrol costs; and
- (d) tolls and carparking charges;

“public transport” means any service or services provided to the public at large for the carriage of passengers by road, rail, air or sea but includes travel by taxi service only where the use of such a service is required for reasons of urgency or where it is not reasonably practicable for the member to use other forms of public transport.

(3) The rate of the motor vehicle mileage allowance will be the maximum set for local government under section 46 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and shall apply to all motor vehicles irrespective of engine size or annual mileage.

(4) The rate of the motorcycle mileage allowance will be the corresponding maximum rate set for staff of the Scottish Administration.

(5) The rate of the pedal cycle mileage allowance will be at the level of the maximum tax free allowance set by the Treasury.

(6) Any travel outside Scotland shall be eligible for reimbursement only where the travel concerned has been authorised in advance by the SPCB.

(7) Reimbursement will not be made of the cost of travel between the Parliamentary complex and accommodation rented or bought under paragraph 4(3)(b) where the accommodation is outside the City of Edinburgh.

4. Edinburgh Accommodation Allowance

(1) Where a member’s main residence lies within a constituency mentioned in Group One of Annex B, he or she shall not be eligible for any allowance under this paragraph.

(2) Where a member’s main residence lies within a constituency mentioned in Group Two of Annex B, the member shall be eligible for an overnight subsistence allowance of up to £80 per night for each night that he or she requires to stay overnight for Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh.

(3) Where a member’s main residence lies within a constituency mentioned in Group Three of Annex B, the member shall be eligible for a total allowance of £9000 for each financial year comprising either—

- (a) an allowance of up to £80 per night for each night that he or she requires to stay overnight for Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh; or
- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (4), an allowance in order to cover the costs of those items mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) below, where such costs are a necessary consequence of having to stay overnight for Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh.

(4) Where the member claims an allowance under sub-paragraph (3)(b) part way through the financial year, then the amount of the allowance payable under that paragraph shall be apportioned on a pro rata basis.

(5) The costs referred to in sub-paragraph (3) relate only to the provision and use as residential accommodation of a property located within a constituency mentioned in group one of Annex B and are—

- (a) the rent payable for the lease of the property;
- (b) the interest on the capital required to purchase the property;

- (c) the conveyancing fees and outlays, and the surveyors' fees, incurred in the purchase of the property;
- (d) council tax;
- (e) factoring charges; and
- (f) the provision of utilities.

(6) Where a member's main residence falls within Group Two of Annex B, the member may refer his or her case to the SPCB and, where there are extenuating circumstances, the SPCB may determine that the member may for the purposes of this paragraph be treated as if his or her main residence fell within Group Three of Annex B.

(7) The SPCB shall publish for each financial year information about any allowance payable under this paragraph including the name of the city, town or village where each member's main residence is located.

5. Exceptional Needs Allowance

(1) This paragraph applies to members returned from those constituencies or regions which are set out in Annex C.

(2) A member shall be eligible to claim an exceptional needs allowance of up to £80 per night where it is unreasonable for the member to return to his or her main or other residence before or after undertaking Parliamentary duties within the member's constituency or region.

6. Overnight Subsistence Allowance

(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (4) and (5), a member shall be eligible for an overnight subsistence allowance where he or she requires for the purpose of carrying out his or her Parliamentary duties to spend a night away from his or her main or other residence.

(2) The amount of the overnight subsistence allowance shall be—

- (a) up to £80 per night; or
- (b) up to £100 per night in Greater London; or
- (c) in respect of a stay outside the United Kingdom an amount determined by the SPCB.

(3) Any claim for overnight subsistence in connection with a stay outside Scotland shall be eligible for reimbursement only where the stay concerned has been authorised in advance by the SPCB.

(4) A member is not eligible for an allowance under this paragraph in connection with Parliamentary duties in Edinburgh.

(5) A member is not eligible for an allowance under this paragraph in connection with Parliamentary duties within his or her constituency or region.

7. Staff Travel Allowance

(1) This paragraph applies only to staff employed through the SPCB payroll service.

(2) Each member is eligible for an allowance in respect of the cost of 40 single journeys for each financial year between his or her constituency or region and the Parliamentary complex by members of his or her staff, as follows—

(a) 40 single journeys between the constituency or region from which the member was returned, or the main residence of the member of staff, and the Parliamentary complex; or

(b) 40 journeys within that constituency or region undertaken in support of the member's Parliamentary duties, and a journey shall be the sum of all such travel completed within one day; or

(c) a combination of (a) and (b) up to 40 single journeys or journeys in total.

(3) The SPCB shall keep a record of each member's entitlement to an allowance under this paragraph and its use to date.

8. Family Travel Allowance

(1) Each member is eligible for an allowance in respect of the cost of 12 single journeys for each financial year between his or her constituency, region or main residence and Edinburgh for each member of his or her immediate family.

(2) In this paragraph, "immediate family" means—

(a) the member's spouse or another nominated person; and

(b) any child under the age of 18; and

for the purposes of this paragraph "child" includes any step child, adopted child, foster child or any other child living with that member as part of his or her family.

(3) The SPCB shall keep a record of each member's entitlement to an allowance under this paragraph and its use to date.

(4) In order to qualify for the family travel allowance, a member must register with the SPCB who are his or her immediate family eligible to take part in the Scheme.

9. Disability Allowance

(1) This paragraph applies to any member whose ability to undertake his or her role as a member is impaired by reason of disability.

(2) The SPCB may award an allowance up to a maximum of £10,000 per session to a member for him or her to use in any way which the SPCB decides is helpful to the member in undertaking his or her work.

10. Winding Up Allowance

(1) Where a member ceases to serve as a member of the Parliament, he or she shall be eligible for a winding up allowance.

(2) The amount of the winding up allowance shall be the equivalent of one third of the staff allowance and local office costs allowance payable in any one financial year to which the member would otherwise have been entitled.

Part C – Review

For the purposes of determining the success or otherwise of the practical operation of the Scheme, the SPCB shall take all reasonably practicable steps to review the operation of the Scheme by the end of December 2000, and shall following the review make recommendations to the Parliament.

ANNEX A

ALLOWANCES CODE

A Offices

- (1) Each MSP will normally have one Parliamentary office base within the area from which he or she was returned that will be his or her registered local address for correspondence.
- (2) All MSPs' offices will be presented as 'The Office of Ms X, Member of the Scottish Parliament' in the Parliament's colours. It should be possible to identify the party affiliation of the MSP as well, if desired.
- (3) Parliamentary offices may be acquired in association with political party premises, but must be a clearly definable office space. Party political material is not permitted to be externally displayed in areas occupied by the Parliamentary office.
- (4) Parliamentary offices should be suitable for public access.
- (5) MSPs will be able to use offices/locations, other than their main base, within the area for which they were returned for surgery purposes.

B Activities

- (1) Premises, or the relevant part of premises, acquired as Parliamentary offices should be used only for parliamentary activities, and not for party business.
- (2) During the hours that they are employed by an MSP under his or her staff allowance, an MSP's employees may not undertake any significant party political activity.
- (3) MSPs will be responsible to the SPCB for the activities of their staff as for their own activities.
- (4) Premises, or the relevant part of premises, acquired as Parliamentary offices shall not be used as a base for canvassing or election campaigning, or any party activity related to elections.

Parliamentary stationery and office equipment must not be used for party purposes.

C Responsibilities

- (1) Each MSP has a duty to ensure that he or she utilises the allowances to which he or she is eligible for the purpose for which they were intended. This includes any allowances for which he or she is eligible, but which are utilised by members of staff or immediate family.
- (2) Each MSP has a duty to ensure that he or she adheres to the terms of this code in spirit and in practice.

ANNEX B

ELIGIBILITY FOR EDINBURGH ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCES

Group One

Edinburgh West
Edinburgh Pentlands
Edinburgh Central

Edinburgh North & Leith
Edinburgh South
Edinburgh East & Musselburgh

Linlithgow
Livingston

Midlothian

Glasgow Ballieston

Group Two

East Lothian
North East Fife
Central Fife
Kirkcaldy
Dunfermline East
Dunfermline West
Ochil
Falkirk East
Falkirk West
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth
Airdrie & Shotts
Coatbridge & Chryston
Hamilton North & Bellshill
Motherwell & Wishaw
Hamilton South
Glasgow Anniesland

Glasgow Cathcart
Glasgow Govan
Glasgow Kelvin
Glasgow Maryhill
Glasgow Pollok
Glasgow Rutherglen
Glasgow Shettleston
Glasgow Springburn
Strathkelvin & Bearsden
Paisley North
Paisley South
Stirling
Perth
Dundee East
Dundee West
Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale

Group Three

Aberdeen Central
Aberdeen North
Aberdeen South
Aberdeenshire West & Kincardine
Angus
Argyll and Bute
Ayr
Banff & Buchan
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley
Clydesdale
Clydebank & Milngavie
Cunninghame North
Cunninghame South
Dumbarton

Dumfries
East Kilbride
Eastwood
Galloway and Upper Nithsdale
Gordon
Greenock & Inverclyde
Inverness East Nairn & Lochaber
Kilmarnock & Loudon
Moray
North Tayside
Orkney
Renfrewshire West
Ross, Skye & Inverness West
Roxburgh & Berwickshire
Shetland
Western Isles

ANNEX C

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

A: Constituencies of over 250,000 hectares

Argyll & Bute
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross
Galloway & Upper Nithsdale
Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber
North Tayside

Ross, Skye and Inverness West
Roxburgh & Berwickshire
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine
Western Isles

B: Constituencies which contain significant island communities

Orkney

Shetland
Cunninghame North

C: The largest regions

Highlands & Islands
North East Scotland
South of Scotland
Mid Scotland and Fife.

BILLS INTRODUCED

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

31 August 1999

Mental Health (Public Safety and Appeals) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to add public safety to the grounds for not discharging certain patients detained under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984; to provide for appeal against the decision of the sheriff on applications by these patients for their discharge; and to amend the definition of “mental disorder” in that Act. (SP Bill 1) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jim Wallace

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 1-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 1-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

7 September 1999

Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about public resources and finances and, for the purposes of section 70 of the Scotland Act 1998, about accountability for their use; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 2) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jack McConnell

Supported by: Mr Jim Wallace, Ms Wendy Alexander and Mr Tom McCabe

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 2-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 2-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

24 September 1999

Abolition of Poidings and Warrant Sales Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to abolish poidings and warrant sales. (SP Bill 3) (Member’s Bill)

Introduced by: Tommy Sheridan

Supported by: Alex Neil, Mr John McAllion

A Financial Memorandum (and Presiding Officer’s statement on legislative competence) (SP Bill 3-FM) was printed to accompany the Bill.

6 October 1999

Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to abolish the feudal system of land tenure; to abolish a related system of land tenure; to make new provision as respects the ownership of land; to make

consequential provision for the extinction and recovery of feuduties and of certain other perpetual periodical payments and for the extinction by prescription of any obligation to pay redemption money under the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Act 1974; to make further provision as respects real burdens affecting land; to provide for the disentailment of land; to discharge all rights of irritancy held by superiors; to abolish the obligation of thirlage; to prohibit the granting of leases over land for periods exceeding 125 years; to make new provision as respects conveyancing; to enable firms with separate personality to own land; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 4) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jim Wallace
Supported by: Angus Mackay

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 4-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 4-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

8 October 1999

Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision as to the property, financial affairs and personal welfare of adults who are incapable by reason of mental disorder or inability to communicate; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 5) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jim Wallace
Supported by: Susan Deacon, Angus Mackay, Iain Gray

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 5-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 5-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

19 January 2000

Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make further provision as respects school education, the welfare of pupils attending independent schools and corporal punishment of pupils for whom school education is provided; to make further provision as respects School Boards; to make further provision as respects the functions, constitution and structure of the General Teaching Council for Scotland; to abolish the committee known as the Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee for School Education; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 6) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Sam Galbraith

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 6-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 6-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

21 January 2000

Budget (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2000/01, for payments out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund and the application of sums otherwise payable into 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 2001/02, for payments out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 7) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jack McConnell

Supported by: Donald Dewar, Mr Jim Wallace, Mr Tom McCabe

Accompanying documents (SP Bill 7-AD) were printed to accompany the Bill.

29 February 2000

Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Census Act 1920 to enable particulars about religion to be gathered. (SP Bill 8) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jim Wallace

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 8-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 8-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

1 March 2000

Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish a framework for securing the observance of high standards of conduct by councillors and other persons holding public appointments; and to repeal section 2A of the Local Government Act 1986 and make provision as to how councils are to exercise functions which relate principally to children. (SP Bill 9) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Ms Wendy Alexander

Supported by: Mr Sam Galbraith, Mr Jack McConnell, Mr Frank McAveety

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 9-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 9-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to protect wild mammals from being hunted with dogs; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 10) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Mike Watson

Supported by: Tricia Marwick

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 10-EN) were printed to accompany the Bill.

8 March 2000

Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Amendment (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend section 7(4) of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 in respect of rights of several fishery. (SP Bill 11) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Tavish Scott

A Financial Memorandum (and Presiding Officer's statement on legislative competence) (SP Bill 11-FM) was printed to accompany the Bill.

27 March 2000

National Parks (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for National Parks. (SP Bill 12) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Sarah Boyack

Supported by: Ross Finnie, Jackie Baillie, Mr Alasdair Morrison

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 12-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 12-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

4 April 2000

Family Homes and Homelessness (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the criteria applied by the court in considering applications for possession of family homes subject to standard security, and of houses let to assured and secured tenants; to require local authorities to provide long-term and suitable accommodation to homeless persons and to provide a right of appeal against their decisions; to require registered landlords to co-operate with local authorities in relation to homelessness; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 13) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Robert Brown

A Financial Memorandum (and Presiding Officer's statement on legislative competence) (SP Bill 13-FM) was printed to accompany the Bill.

28 April 2000

Education and Training (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the payment of grants in respect of the education and training of certain individuals. (SP Bill 14) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Henry McLeish

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 14-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 14-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

10 May 2000

Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for the extinction of leasehold casualties; for the payment of compensation on their extinction; for irritancy provisions in certain leases of land to be void; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 15) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Adam Ingram

Supported by: Pauline McNeill

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 15-EN) 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—

26 May 1999

The Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedules 4 and 5) Order 1999—

The Scotland Act 1998 (Functions Exercisable in or as regards Scotland) Order 1999—

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 1999—

The Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) Order 1999—

The Scotland Act 1998 (Border Rivers) Order 1999—

laid under the Scotland Act 1998

22 October 1999

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transitory and Transitional Provisions) (Appropriations) Amendment Order 1999

laid under the Scotland Act 1998

25 October 1999

The Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1999

laid under the Court of Session Act 1988

28 October 1999

The Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1999

laid under the Court of Session Act 1988

(Note: The draft Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 1999, which was laid on 25 October 1999, was withdrawn)

24 November 1999

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No.2) Order 1999

laid under the Scotland Act 1998

10 January 2000

The Census (Scotland) Order 2000

laid under the Census Act 1920 as read with the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 and the Scotland Act 1998 (Transitory and Transitional Provisions) (Statutory Instruments) Order 1999

12 January 2000

The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (Scotland) Regulations 2000
laid under the European Communities Act 1972 and the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

21 January 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transitory and Transitional Provisions) (Appropriations) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2000
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

24 January 2000

The Small Claims (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000—
The Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction and Summary Cause) Order 2000—
laid under the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971

26 January 2000

The Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction and Summary Cause) Order 2000
laid under the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971

(Note: The Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction and Summary Cause) Order 2000, which was laid on 24 January 2000, was withdrawn)

10 February 2000

The Train Operating Companies (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Railtrack plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The BG Transco plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Electricity Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
laid under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

15 February 2000

The Train Operating Companies (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Railtrack plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The BG Transco plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Electricity Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
The Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000—
laid under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

(Note: The Train Operating Companies (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000; the Railtrack plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000; the Water Undertakings (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000, the BG Transco plc (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000, the Electricity Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000; the Electricity Generators (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000 and the

Electricity Generators (Aluminium) (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000, which were laid before the Parliament on 10 February 2000, were withdrawn)

16 February 2000

The Electricity Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000
laid under the Local Government Finance Act 1975

(Note: The Electricity Lands (Rateable Values) (Scotland) Order 2000, which was laid before the Parliament on 15 February 2000, was withdrawn)

22 February 2000

The Air Quality (Scotland) Regulations 2000
laid under the Environment Act 1995

23 February 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

24 February 2000

The Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2000
laid under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

1 March 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) Order 2000
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

9 March 2000

The Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2000—
The Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2000—
The Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000—
laid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

5 April 2000

The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000
laid under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

25 April 2000

The Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000
laid under the Census (Scotland) Act 1920 and the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 as read with the Scotland Act 1998 (Transitory and Transitional Provisions) (Statutory Instruments) Order 1999

28 April 2000

The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 2000
laid under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

4 May 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2000

laid under the Scotland Act 1998

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the date shown for approval by resolution—

13 July 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (No.2) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/3)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

20 July 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/7)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

29 July 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/13)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

9 August 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (No.3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/18)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

13 August 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (No.4) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/23)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

20 August 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/25)—

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/26)—

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/27)—

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

3 September 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/42)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

9 September 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/50)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

28 September 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/71)—

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/72)—

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/73)—

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

14 October 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No.3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/110)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

25 October 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (North Coast) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/125)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

16 November 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.4) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/143)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

14 February 2000

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2000

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—

10 June 1999

The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 1999 (SI 1999/1512)

laid under the Scotland Act 1998

9 July 1999

The Environmental Impact (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/1)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972 and the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

30 July 1999

The Food (Animals and Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/14)

laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/15)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

11 August 1999

The Plant Health (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/22)

laid under the Plant Health Act 1967

30 August 1999

The Food (Animals and Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/32)

laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (No.2) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/33)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

3 September 1999

The Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/34)

laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/43)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

9 September 1999

The Criminal Legal Aid (Fixed Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/48)

laid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The Scottish Dental Practice Board Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/52)

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

10 September 1999

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/51)—

The National Health Service (Service Committees and Tribunal) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/53)—

The National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No.4) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/54)—

The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/55)—

The Health Act 1999 (Fund-holding Practices) (Transfer of Assets, Savings, Rights and Liabilities and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/56)—

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/57)—

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/58)—

laid under the Clean Air Act 1993

13 September 1999

The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Glasgow) Designation Order 1999 (SSI 1999/59)—

The Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (City of Glasgow) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/60)—

The Road Traffic Act 1991 (Amendment of Schedule 3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/61)—

laid under the Road Traffic Act 1991

The Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (City of Glasgow Parking Area) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/62)—

laid under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984

14 September 1999

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/63)—

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/64)—

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

17 September 1999

The Educational Development, Research and Services (Scotland) Grant Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/65)

laid under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

1 October 1999

The Lobsters and Crawfish (Prohibition of Fishing and Landing) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/88)

laid under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

8 October 1999

The Organic Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/107)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

15 October 1999

The Erskine Bridge (Temporary Suspension of Tolls) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/116)

laid under the Erskine Bridge Tolls Act 1968

20 October 1999

The Education (Student Loans) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/124)

laid under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

25 October 1999

The Thurso College (Change of Name) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/126)

laid under the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

27 October 1999

The Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/129)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

The Wafer Scottish Seal Directions 1999 (SSI 1999/130)
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

17 November 1999

The Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/140)
laid under the Local Government Finance Act 1992

25 November 1999

The Non-Domestic Rating and Contributions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/153)
laid under the Local Government Finance Act 1992

26 November 1999

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 1999 (SSI 1999/149)—
Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 1999 (SSI 1999/150)—
laid under the Courts of Law Fees (Scotland) Act 1895

The Local Statutory Provisions (Postponement from Repeal) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/156)—
The Local Statutory Provisions (Exemption from Repeal) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/157)—
laid under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

14 December 1999

The Contaminants in Food Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/171)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Building Standards and Procedure Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/173)
laid under the Building (Scotland) Act 1959

16 December 1999

The Breeding of Dogs (Licensing Records) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/176)
laid under the Breeding of Dogs Act 1973

The Sale of Dogs (Identification Tag) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/177)
laid under the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999

The Beef Bones (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/186)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

17 December 1999

The Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/187)
laid under the European Communities Act 1972

22 December 1999

The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (No.2) Order 1999 (SI 1999/3320)

laid under the Scotland Act 1998

23 December 1999

The Shetland Islands Regulated Fishery (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/194)

laid under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

The National Health Service (Scotland) (Injury Benefits) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 1999 (SSI 1999/195)

laid under the Superannuation Act 1972

24 December 1999

The Invergarry-Kyle of Lochalsh Trunk Road (A87) Extension (Skye Bridge Crossing) Toll Order (Variation) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/196)

laid under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

14 January 2000

The Seeds (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/1)

laid under the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

17 January 2000

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Control Measures) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/7)

laid under the Fisheries Act 1981

The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/8)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

20 January 2000

The Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions) (No.1) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/11)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 January 2000

The Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/15)

laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/16)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

31 January 2000

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Satellite Monitoring Measures) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/20)

laid under the Sea Fisheries Act 1981

9 February 2000

The National Health Service (Vocational Training for General Practice) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI/2000/23)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972 and the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

16 February 2000

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Measures for the Recovery of the Stock of Irish Sea Cod) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/26)

laid under the Fisheries Act 1981

18 February 2000

The National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/28)

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

23 February 2000

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Quota and Third Country Fishing Measures) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/34)

laid the Fisheries Act 1981

24 February 2000

The Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/33)

laid under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

The Food (Peanuts from Egypt) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/35)

laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

6 March 2000

The Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/39)

laid under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

9 March 2000

The National Health Service (Dental Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/44)—

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/45)—

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions) (No.2) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/46)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

10 March 2000

The Health Technology Board for Scotland Order 2000 (SSI 2000/47)—

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/50)—

The National Health Service (Clinical Negligence and Other Risks Indemnity Scheme) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/54)—
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland (Expenses) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/48)—
The Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland (Designation) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/51)—
laid under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

The Charities (Exemption from Accounting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/49)
laid under the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990

The Dairy Produce Quotas Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/52)
laid under the European Communities 1972

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/53)
laid under the Fisheries Act 1981

The Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/55)
laid under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966

The Valuation for Rating (Decapitalisation Rate) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/56)
laid under the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Areas and Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000 (SSI 2000/57)
laid under the Local Government and Rating Act 1997

The Valuation for Rating (Plant and Machinery) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/58)
laid under the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act 1854

The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/59)
laid under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemption for Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2000/60)
laid under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984

The Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) (Charges) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/61)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

The Food Standards Act 1999 (Transitional and Consequential Provisions and Savings) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/62)

laid under the Food Standards Act 1999

16 March 2000

The Police Grant (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/73)
laid under the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

17 March 2000

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/74)
laid under the Superannuation Act 1972

The Local Government (Discretionary Payments and Injury Benefits) (Scotland)
Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/77)
laid under the Superannuation Act 1972

The National Lottery etc. Act 1993 (Amendment of Section 23) (Scotland) Order
2000 (SSI 2000/78)
laid under the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/79)
laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations
2000 (SSI 2000/80)
laid under the National Assistance Act 1948

The Crab Claws (Prohibition of Landing) Revocation (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI
2000/81)—
The Undersized Whiting (Revocation) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/82)—
laid under the Seafish (Conservation) Act 1967

The Genetically Modified and Novel Foods (Labelling) (Scotland) Regulations 2000
(SSI 2000/83)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

22 March 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 2000 (SI
2000/745)
laid under the Scotland Act 1998

28 March 2000

The Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/92)
laid under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

30 March 2000

The Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Butchers' Shops) Amendment (Scotland)
Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/93)
laid under the Food Safety Act 1990

31 March 2000

The Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/95)—

The Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/96)—

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

4 April 2000

The Radioactive Substances (Basic Safety Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/100)

laid under the European Communities Act 1972

5 April 2000

The Census (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/102)

laid under the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 as read with article 3(3) of the Scotland Act 1998 (Transitory and Transitional Provisions) (Statutory Instruments) Order 1999 superseding section 3(2) of the Census Act 1920

13 April 2000

The Repayment of Student Loans (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/110)

laid under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

19 April 2000

The Divorce etc. (Pensions) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/112)

laid under the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985

28 April 2000

The European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (SSI 2000/121)

laid under the European Communities Act 1992

3 May 2000

The Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (British Wool Marketing Board) Order 2000 (SI 2000/1113)

laid under the Scotland Act 1998

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—

3 September 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) Revocation (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/41)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

9 September 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) Partial Revocation (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/49)

laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

15 October 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) Partial Revocation (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/114)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

17 November 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) Partial Revocation (No.2) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/141)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

19 November 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.3) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 1999 (SSI 1999/144)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No.3) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 1999 (SSI 1999/145)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

1 December 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.3) (Scotland) Revocation Order 1999 (SSI 1999/159)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.2) (Scotland) Partial Revocation Order 1999 (SSI 1999/160)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

13 December 1999

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.2) Revocation (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/167)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.3) Revocation (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/168)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) Partial Revocation (No.3) (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/169)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No.4) Revocation (Scotland) Order 1999 (SSI 1999/170)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

20 January 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) Partial Revocation (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/13)
laid under the Food Protection Environment Act 1985

27 January 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) Partial Revocation (No.2) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/17)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) Revocation (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/18)—
The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (No.3) Revocation (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/19)—
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

3 February 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) Partial Revocation (No.3) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/21)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

10 February 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) Partial Revocation (No.4) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/24)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

29 February 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) Partial Revocation (No.5) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/36)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

17 March 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) Partial Revocation (No.6) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/75)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

27 April 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No.2) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2000 (SSI 2000/118)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

3 May 2000

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Partial Revocation (No.7) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/125)
laid under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

OTHER DOCUMENTS

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and were not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

8 July 1999

Land Reform: Proposals for Legislation (SE/1999/1)

13 July 1999

Highlands and Islands Airports Ltd. Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/18)

laid under the Civil Aviation Act 1992

19 July 1999

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/5)

laid under the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

20 July 1999

Trustees' Powers and Duties: Report by Law Commission and Scottish Law Commission (SE/1999/2)

laid under the Law Commission Act 1965

22 July 1999

Scottish Agricultural Science Agency Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/6)

laid under the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921

Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/11)

laid under the Government Trading Funds Act 1973

West of Scotland Water Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/15)—

North of Scotland Water Authority Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/16)—

East of Scotland Water Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/17)—

laid under the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

23 July 1999

Scottish Office Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/9)—

Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/12)—

laid under the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921

Statement of Guarantee: Tayside Primary Care National Health Service Trust (SE/1999/19)—

Statement of Guarantee: Highland Acute Hospitals National Health Service Trust (SE/1999/20)—

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

26 July 1999

Student Award Agency for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/10)

laid under the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921

27 July 1999

Historic Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99, Corporate Plan 1999-2002 (SE/1999/7)

laid under the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1921

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/3)

laid under the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report 1998-99 (SE/1999/4)

laid under the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

Registrar General for Scotland Annual Report 1999 (SE/1999/14)

laid under the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

2 August 1999

Gaelic Broadcasting Committee Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/23)
Comataidh Craolaidh Gaidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail & Cunntasan 1998-99

laid under the Broadcasting Act 1990

13 August 1999

Statement of Guarantee: Fife Primary Care National Health Service Trust (SE/1999/27)

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

19 August 1999

Seafish Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/28)

laid under the Fisheries Act 1981

23 August 1999

Statement of Guarantee: Forth Valley Primary Care National Health Service Trust (SE/1999/29)

laid under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Making the Right Moves: Rights and Protection for Adults with Incapacity (SE/1999/24)

25 August 1999

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland Report for 1998-99 (SE/1999/21)

10 September 1999

The National Museums Annual Report April 1998-March 1999 (SE/1999/13)
laid under the National Heritage (Scotland) Act 1997

The National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland Annual
Report 1998-99 (SE/1999/30)
laid under the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors Act 1997

21 September 1999

Company Directors: Regulating Conflicts of Interests and Formulating a Statement of
Duties - Report by the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission
(SE/1999/25)

1 October 1999

Memorandum of Understanding and supplementary agreements between the UK
Government, Scottish Ministers and the National Assembly for Wales (SE/1999/36)

Scottish Homes Annual Report 1998-99 (SE/1999/8)
laid under the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988

20 October 1999

National Galleries of Scotland Review 1994-97 (SE/1999/37)
laid under the National Heritage (Scotland) Act 1985

22 October 1999

Supply Estimates 1999-2000 for the year ended 31 March 2000: Scotland's Autumn
Supplementary Supply Estimates (SE/1999/22)

26 October 1999

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland Annual Report 1998-99
(SE/1999/31)

sportscotland Annual Review 1998-99 and the Scottish Sports Council Group Annual
Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1999 (SE/1999/41)

27 October 1999

Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd. Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/38)—
Caledonian MacBrayne Holdings Ltd. Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99
(SE/1999/39)—
David MacBrayne Ltd. Annual Report and Accounts 1998-99 (SE/1999/40)—
laid under the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

1 November 1999

sportscotland Lottery Fund Annual Report 1998-99 (SE/1999/43)

8 November 1999

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General – The Millennium Threat: Is Scotland
Ready? (SE/1999/44)
laid under the National Audit Act 1983

9 November 1999

Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report 1998-99 (SE/1999/48)—
Scottish Natural Heritage Facts and Figures 1998-99 (SE/1999/49)—
laid under the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991

16 November 1999

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 1998-99 (SE/1999/45)
laid under the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

17 November 1999

Scottish Transport Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 1999
(SE/1999/53)
laid under the Transport Act 1962 and the Transport Act 1968

18 November 1999

Scottish Charities Nominee Annual Report for the year ended 31 August 1999
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