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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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The meeting opened at 2.15 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Father Matt McManus, St Peter's, Ardrossan, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill – Business Motion:** Alasdair Morgan, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4371— That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time indicated (that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended, other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called, or otherwise not in progress):

Groups 1 and 2:	40 minutes
Groups 3 to 6:	1 hour and 5 minutes
Groups 7 to 9:	1 hour and 40 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

**4. Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 7 (For 68, Against 38, Abstentions 0)
- 8 (For 68, Against 38, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 27 (For 38, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 36, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 33, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 39, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
- 28 (For 36, Against 65, Abstentions 1)
- 32 (For 14, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
- 29 (For 39, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
- 30 (For 41, Against 60, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 4, 5 and 6.

**5. Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Peter Peacock) moved S2M-4271—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

**6. Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Communities (Malcolm Chisholm) moved S2M-4318—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Parliament should consider those provisions of the Housing Corporation (Delegation) etc. Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 30 March 2006, which will legislate in devolved areas in respect of the past operation of the Housing Corporation in Scotland as outlined in LCM (6.1).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4366—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 17 May 2006

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 18 May 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Independents' Group Debate: The Implications of the Kerr Report: Future Needs of the NHS

*followed by* Procedures Committee Debate – 2nd Report 2006, Procedures relating to Crown appointments

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Health and Community Care;  
Environment and Rural Development

2.55 pm Enterprise and Culture Committee Debate – 5th Report 2006,  
Business Growth - the next 10 years

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 May 2006

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 May 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice  
(Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning;  
Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Police, Public Order and  
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

and (b) under Rule 11.2.4 of the Standing Orders that Decision Time on Wednesday 17 May 2006 shall begin at 5.30 pm.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 17, Abstentions 6).

**8. Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4365—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 17 November 2006.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**10. New Powers for Credit Unions:** The Parliament debated S2M-4052 in the name of Christine May—That the Parliament welcomes the extended facilities available to credit unions from April 2006 which will allow them to offer a wider range of services to their members; notes that these facilities will include insurance products, budgeting and savings accounts and flexible low-cost loans based on ability to pay; recognises the importance of the role played by credit unions in helping to alleviate poverty, prevent debt and its devastating consequences for many low income families, encourage saving and prudent borrowing and support regeneration in many communities across Scotland, such as Glenrothes and Levenmouth in Fife; further welcomes the additional support provided for approved credit unions to establish and administer these services; acknowledges that the credit union movement embodies and promotes the principles of mutualism and co-operation, and believes that the expansion of the credit union network in Scotland will play a vital part in enabling regeneration of many more communities.

**11. Motion without Notice:** Christine May moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Council Tax and Pensioner Poverty:** Mr John Swinney moved S2M-4363—That the Parliament recognises that the council tax is an unfair tax which is based neither on income nor on the ability to pay; further notes that the council tax, which has increased by over 60% since 1997, discriminates against those on a fixed income, particularly the elderly; notes that means-tested council tax benefit has failed to help many of the elderly, in particular older owner-occupiers, and calls for the abolition of the unfair council tax and its replacement by a local income tax based on the ability to pay.

The Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved amendment S2M-4363.4 to motion S2M-4363—

Leave out from first “council tax” to end and insert—

“Scottish Executive has established the independent inquiry into local government finance consistent with the Partnership Agreement of May 2003; notes that the Labour Party has submitted clear and detailed proposals to support changes to the council tax, and further notes that the Liberal Democrats have submitted clear and detailed proposals to support a local income tax and that the inquiry is due to report in the future.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 52, Abstentions 1).

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S2M-4363.1 to motion S2M-4363—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“notes that the council tax has increased by 60% since 1997 and that it is this large rise which has made the cost of local council services a punishing burden for so many Scottish households, especially pensioners; calls on the Scottish Executive to fund fully the centrally-driven policies which it imposes on local councils; further calls on the Executive to ensure that those who are entitled to council tax benefits are in receipt of them, and notes that in 2004-05 councils collected only 92.7% of council tax and that, if the Scottish councils improved their average collection rate to that of England, 96.5%, an extra £41.50 could be shaved off the average band D council tax in 2005-06.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 89, Abstentions 7).

Tommy Sheridan moved amendment S2M-4363.3 to motion S2M-4363—

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

“regrets the failure of the SNP and Liberal Democrat parties to vote for the replacement of the unfair council tax with an income-based alternative, when presented with such an opportunity during the February 2006 debate on the Council Tax Abolition and Service

Tax Introduction (Scotland) Bill; notes the failure of either the SNP or Liberal Democrat parties to propose any concrete legislative alternative to the council tax over the last seven years, and believes that the overwhelming majority of Scottish citizens support the replacement of the council tax with a system based on income and designed to tax the wealthy more and ordinary workers and pensioners less.”

Amendment S2M-4363.3 was pre-empted by S2M-4363.4.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that the Scottish Executive has established the independent inquiry into local government finance consistent with the Partnership Agreement of May 2003; notes that the Labour Party has submitted clear and detailed proposals to support changes to the council tax, and further notes that the Liberal Democrats have submitted clear and detailed proposals to support a local income tax and that the inquiry is due to report in the future.

**2. Scottish Enterprise:** Jim Mather moved S2M-4367—That the Parliament views the current financial position of Scottish Enterprise with mounting concern, given that the overspend is now estimated to be in excess of £60 million; is doubly concerned that this overspend will jeopardise jobs, skills and training, including those jobs of Scottish Enterprise employees; is disturbed to discover that Scottish Executive ministers were unaware of the true extent of the overspend for four months after it was first identified; criticises the failure to address this mismanagement at an earlier stage, and calls for urgent action to be taken to address the current problems facing Scottish Enterprise, for future guarantees that organisations must live within their established budgets and a recognition that the activity of enterprise agencies will never adequately compensate the people of Scotland for the lack of economic powers and the full means to manage the Scottish economy competitively and effectively in the interest of everyone in Scotland.

The Deputy Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning (Nicol Stephen) moved amendment S2M-4367.2 to motion S2M-4367—

Leave out from “views” to end and insert—

“recognises the important role of Scottish Enterprise in supporting the growth of the Scottish economy; endorses the strategic direction set by ministers for Scottish Enterprise in terms of business growth, regeneration and local development initiatives, training, skills and maximising international opportunities; welcomes the steps taken by the Scottish Executive to secure effective financial management by Scottish Enterprise in the future, in particular the commissioning of the robust report by KPMG and the commitment to the implementation of its recommendations; welcomes the additional non-cash resources to be made available to Scottish Enterprise, and confirms the important role that Scottish Enterprise will play in contributing to the growth of the Scottish economy.”

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S2M-4367.1 to motion S2M-4367—

leave out from “calls” to end and insert “believes that the time has come for Scottish Enterprise to be restructured, refocused and slimmed down, with the savings made being invested in transport infrastructure improvements and reductions in the business rate which would deliver real benefits to all businesses across Scotland.”

Amendment 4367.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 46, Abstentions 7). As a result, amendment S2M-4367.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 21, Abstentions 8).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the important role of Scottish Enterprise in supporting the growth of the Scottish economy; endorses the strategic direction set by ministers for Scottish Enterprise in terms of business growth, regeneration and local development initiatives, training, skills and maximising international opportunities; welcomes the steps taken by the Scottish Executive to secure effective financial management by Scottish Enterprise in the future, in particular the commissioning of the robust report by KPMG and the commitment to the implementation of its recommendations; welcomes the additional non-cash resources to be made available to Scottish Enterprise, and confirms the important role that Scottish Enterprise will play in contributing to the growth of the Scottish economy.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Public Services and Communities and on Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Drugs and Hidden Harm:** The Minister for Justice (Cathy Jamieson) moved S2M-4370—That the Parliament welcomes the publication by the Scottish Executive of *Hidden Harm - Next Steps: Supporting Children - Working With Parents*; acknowledges the wide range of work currently being undertaken to protect and support children living in substance-misusing families; recognises the serious risks and problems faced by many children in drug-abusing households and the incompatibility of serious and chaotic drug use with effective parenting; acknowledges the important role of the extended family in helping to safeguard and nurture children who have been affected by substance misuse, and supports the Executive’s commitment to further improvements in the way that agencies protect and support children in these circumstances.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S2M-4370.2 to motion S2M-4370—

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

“notes that in 2002 the current First Minister, formerly minister with responsibility for children, said that the Executive and relevant agencies had three years to get their collective act together on child protection; recognises that child protection issues generally, including the increasing number of cases where drugs misuse is a factor, are complex and need thought-through policy solutions and concerted action for delivery, and calls on the Executive to redouble its efforts to complete implementation of the child protection recommendations contained in the 2002 report, *It’s everyone’s job to make sure I’m alright*, which it committed to fulfil but which are still outstanding, and to ensure that it adopts a comprehensive policy approach to proposed legislation for child protection, adoption and fostering and children’s hearings which puts the child at centre stage and which addresses support for kinship care, listens to children and to professionals in the field and also addresses support services where current spend on children’s services by local authorities on average far exceeds GAE allocation to a disproportionate extent.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 64, Abstentions 24).

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S2M-4370.1 to motion S2M-4370—

Insert at end—

“but believes that progress will be impeded unless there is an increase in the availability of rehabilitation for those addicted parents, as well as a greater emphasis on educational and preventative measures to stop people getting involved with drugs in the first place.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 64, Abstentions 4).

Margo MacDonald moved amendment S2M-4370.3 to motion S2M-4370—

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

“and to that end guarantees to investigate properly alternative regimes that aim to reduce the harm done by drug abuse and stabilise the lifestyle of persistent drug abusers; acknowledges the important role of kinship carers in helping to safeguard and nurture children who have been affected by substance misuse and recognises this role by financially recompensing them to an agreed national standard, and supports the Executive’s commitment to further improvements in the way that agencies protect and support children in these circumstances.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 102, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Ensuring the Independence of Scottish National Statistics:** The Parliament debated S2M-4171 in the name of Jim Mather—That the Parliament, in light of the proposals from HM Treasury for the establishment of an independent UK Office for National Statistics, notes that no proposals

were made for Scotland; further notes that such proposals for Scotland are the responsibility of the Scottish Executive, and considers that, in light of previous statistical issues such as the loss of Objective 1 funding for the Highlands and Islands through statistical error, the Executive should take similar measures to place the production of Scottish statistics on a statutory basis, incorporating the National Statistics Code of Practice, and establish an independent Office of Scottish Statistics with independent governance answerable directly to the Scottish Parliament.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Alex Forsyth, Markinch Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Communities (Malcolm Chisholm) moved S2M-4270—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill.

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S2M-4270.1 to motion S2M-4270—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“recognises the need to restore public trust in the planning system; considers that a greater emphasis on consultation and public involvement is to be welcomed but does not negate the need to rebalance the rights which can be exercised in the system, such as the right to take part in public inquiries, the right to select the form in which a hearing takes place or more equal rights at the appeal stage; considers that a hierarchy for planning must be designed to give clarity over the categories of development to ensure that all interested parties know what to expect from the system; considers that a statutory national planning framework is a positive move but that the procedures for its approval and for public and parliamentary scrutiny must be greatly enhanced; is not satisfied that the Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill meets these requirements of restoring trust, rebalancing rights, giving clarity and enhancing scrutiny, and therefore does not agree to the general principles of the Bill.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 99, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 98, Against 11, Abstentions 2).

**3. Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy Minister for Communities (Johann Lamont) moved S2M-3961—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure or increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b)(iii) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 11, Abstentions 20).

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4409—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 24 May 2006

2.30 pm

Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Financial Resolution: Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
 5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business  
 Thursday 25 May 2006  
 9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill  
 11.40 am General Question Time  
 12 noon First Minister's Question Time  
 2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
 Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning;  
 Justice and Law Officers  
 2.55 pm Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Police, Public Order and  
 Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Interests of Members of the  
 Scottish Parliament Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
 5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business  
 Wednesday 31 May 2006  
 2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
 5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business  
 Thursday 1 June 2006  
 9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport; Finance and Public Services and Communities;
2.55 pm	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motions:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4407—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 9 June 2006; and

S2M-4408—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 29 September 2006.

The motions were agreed to.

**6. Membership of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4403—That the Parliament agrees that Mike Rumbles be appointed to replace Mr Andrew Arbuckle on the Local Government and Transport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4404—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Joint Inspections (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Aberdeen Crossrail:** The Parliament debated S2M-4279 in the name of Richard Baker—That the Parliament notes the economic, social and environmental benefits that Aberdeen Crossrail would bring to the city and other areas of the north east; welcomes the announcement by Network Rail in April 2006 that an additional £40 million is to be invested in the Scottish rail infrastructure network; considers that this additional investment should be

used to help develop projects like Aberdeen Crossrail; welcomes the Scottish Executive's "Transport for Tomorrow" consultation as a valuable chance to debate the future of the Executive's transport strategy, and believes that the Executive should, through that strategy, move beyond a feasibility study of the crossrail project and progress towards a commitment to construction with a clear timetable for completion.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. The Implications of the Kerr Report: Future Needs of the NHS:** The Parliament debated the implications of the Kerr Report: Future Needs of the NHS.

**2. Procedures Committee, *Procedures relating to Crown appointments*:** Donald Gorrie moved S2M-4380—That the Parliament notes the Procedures Committee's 2nd Report 2006 (Session 2), *Procedures relating to Crown appointments* (SP Paper 515) and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A to the report be made with effect from 19 May 2006.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 1, Abstentions 19).

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health and Community Care and on Environment and Rural Development were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Enterprise and Culture Committee, *Report on Inquiry into Business Growth*:** Alex Neil, on behalf of the Enterprise and Culture Committee, moved S2M-4405—That the Parliament notes the recommendations contained in the Enterprise and Culture Committee's 5th Report 2006 (Session 2): *Business Growth - the next 10 years* (SP Paper 520).

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

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

**8. RIP Cigarettes:** The Parliament debated S2M-4091 in the name of Mr Stewart Maxwell—That the Parliament acknowledges that deaths resulting from fires, of which there were 99 in 2004, are a major concern in Scotland; recognises that they are significantly higher in Scotland than the rest of the United Kingdom and that the majority of fire deaths in Scotland occur in the West of Scotland; notes with concern that smoking materials are one of the leading causes of fires in Scotland and that 50% of all smoking-related fire deaths occur in the West of Scotland; believes that the Scottish Parliament should commit to actively pursuing policies aimed at reducing the number of fire deaths in the West of Scotland and within Scotland as a whole;

recognises the role that Reduced Ignition Potential (RIP) cigarettes, commonly referred to as fire-safe cigarettes, could play in reducing damage to property as well as the overall number of fires, fire injuries and fire deaths; supports the implementation of a new fire safety law that would require all cigarettes sold in Scotland to be RIP cigarettes; welcomes the decision of the Chief Fire Officers' Association in Scotland to support the call for the introduction of fire-safe cigarettes; congratulates Canada and New York for introducing such laws and recognises that the introduction of fire-safe cigarettes would have a significant and positive impact on the number of fire fatalities in Scotland, and believes that the Scottish government should bring forward legislation to introduce this fire safety measure as soon as possible in the hope that Scotland can truly say RIP to fires caused by cigarettes.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Ms Neelam Bakshi of Glasgow's Hindu Community led Time for Reflection.

**2. Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Culture (Allan Wilson) moved S2M-4269—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 5, Abstentions 16).

**3. Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Culture (Allan Wilson) moved S2M-4383—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill, agrees—

(a) to any—

(i) increase in expenditure charged on; and

(ii) expenditure for new purposes or increase in expenditure for existing purposes payable out of, the Scottish Consolidated Fund in consequence of the Act; and

(b) to any charge imposed, and any payment required to be made, in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 5, Abstentions 16).

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4439—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 25 May 2006—

after,

2.55 pm                      Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill

delete,

*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*                      Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4440—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 31 May 2006

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                Stage 3 Proceedings: Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                Business Motion  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                Members' Business

Thursday 1 June 2006

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business  
11.40 am                      General Question Time  
12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
   Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport;  
   Finance and Public Services and Communities  
2.55 pm                      Executive Debate: Architecture  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                Members' Business

Wednesday 7 June 2006

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                Finance Committee Debate: 5th Report 2006, Cross-cutting  
   Expenditure Review of Deprivation  
*followed by*                Business Motion  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                Members' Business

Thursday 8 June 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Subordinate Legislation Committee Debate: 21st Report 2006, Inquiry into the Regulatory Framework in Scotland – Draft Report  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Environment and Rural Development;  
Health and Community Care

2.55 pm Executive Business  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4438—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 6 October 2006.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4436—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Office or Body as Specified Authority) Order 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4437—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Private Water Supplies (Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 98, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

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

**10. Sectarianism in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S2M-3906 in the name of Bill Butler—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Scottish

Executive's 18-point Action Plan on Tackling Sectarianism which will see the Executive support and expand the range of local and national initiatives that emerged from the National Summit on Sectarianism, held in February 2005; recognises that sectarianism is a problem throughout Scotland and that it must be confronted; realises the importance of supporting community-based projects, such as Glasgow City Council's Sense over Sectarianism campaign and the twinning of denominational and non-denominational schools, in challenging sectarian attitudes and improving young people's understanding of each others' cultural identities, and commends the efforts of the Executive, local authorities, charities such as Nil By Mouth, churches and community groups in highlighting the problems of bigotry and sectarianism which exist within communities and workplaces throughout Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4447—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time-limits indicated (each time-limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended, other than a suspension following the first division in the morning or afternoon being called, or otherwise not in progress):

Groups 1 to 6: 40 minutes  
Groups 7 to 10: 1 hour and 25 minutes  
Group 11: 1 hour and 55 minutes  
Group 12: 2 hours and 55 minutes  
Groups 13 to 19: 3 hours and 25 minutes.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**2. Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 130, 131, 132, 15, 133, 134, 135, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 136, 31, 137, 138, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 1, 2, 3, 4, 141, 142, 50, 51, 52, 53, 5, 6, 155, 7, 8, 54 and 157.

Amendment 160 was disagreed to (by division: For 3, Against 108, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 139, 195 and 159.

The following amendments were not moved: 140, 145, 143, 144, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154 and 156.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by

Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.

**6. Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:**  
The Parliament resumed consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 196, 197, 198, 161, 199, 162, 201, 202, 203, 163, 164, 9, 166, 167, 168, 10, 11, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 178, 66, 67, 68, 69, 179, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 180, 86, 87, 88, 89, 181, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 100, 101, 102, 188, 12, 13, 103, 189, 190, 105, 106, 191, 192, 14, 193, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128 and 129.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 208 (For 91, Against 16, Abstentions 0)
- 200 (For 92, Against 17, Abstentions 0)
- 207 (For 63, Against 44, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 204 (For 24, Against 84, Abstentions 1)
- 205 (For 24, Against 85, Abstentions 1)
- 165 (For 11, Against 95, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 206, 209 and 194.

**7. Motion without notice:** Ms Margaret Curran moved, without notice, a motion under 9.8.5A to extend the time-limits for groups 13 to 19 by 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:**  
The Minister for Justice (Cathy Jamieson) moved S2M-4268—That the Parliament agrees that the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

**9. Motion without Notice:** Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that S2M-4446 be taken at this meeting of Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.



**No. 7                      Wednesday 31 May 2006**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rt Reverend John Cunningham, Bishop of Galloway, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4471— That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time-limits indicated (each time-limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended, other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called or otherwise not in progress):

Groups 1 and 2:	30 minutes
Groups 3 to 6:	45 minutes
Groups 7 and 8:	1 hour 30 minutes
Groups 9 to 11:	1 hour 55 minutes
Groups 12 to 15:	2 hours 10 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

14	(For 96, Against 14, Abstentions 1)
15	(For 92, Against 16, Abstentions 0)
30	(For 86, Against 30, Abstentions 3)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1	(For 52, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
9	(For 43, Against 60, Abstentions 6)
2	(For 52, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
14A	(For 37, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
45	(For 8, Against 69, Abstentions 22)
4	(For 25, Against 92, Abstentions 1)
11	(For 31, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
12A	(For 19, Against 101, Abstentions 0)
12	(For 31, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
51	(For 50, Against 59, Abstentions 0)

- 13 (For 11, Against 88, Abstentions 6)
- 5 (For 37, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
- 53 (For 51, Against 60, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 6 and 8.

The following amendments were not moved: 3, 12B, 7 and 52.

**4. Motion without notice:** Ms Margaret Curran moved, without notice, a motion under 9.8.5A to extend the time-limits for groups 1 and 2 by 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Ross Finnie) moved S2M-4267—That the Parliament agrees that the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**6. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4466—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

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- 2.30 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by* Finance Committee Debate: 5th Report 2006, Cross-cutting Expenditure Review of Deprivation
- followed by* Business Motion
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by* Members' Business

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- 9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by* Subordinate Legislation Committee Debate: 21st Report 2006, Inquiry into the Regulatory Framework in Scotland – Draft Report
- followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by* Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill
- 11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Environment and Rural Development; Health and Community Care
2.55 pm	Executive Debate: Climate Change
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Wednesday 14 June 2006	
2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Final Stage Proceedings: Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 15 June 2006	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Justice and Law Officers; Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning
2.55 pm	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motions:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4467—That the Parliament agrees that the timetable for completion of consideration of the St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 29 September 2006;

S2M-4468—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 17 November 2006;

S2M-4469—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading Day (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 24 November 2006; and

S2M-4470—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Health Board Elections (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 26 January 2007.

The motions were agreed to.

**8. Substitution on Committees:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4478—That the Parliament agrees that Margaret Smith be appointed to replace Euan Robson as the Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Health Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**10. Fife's Coastline:** The Parliament debated S2M-4434 in the name of Andrew Arbuckle—That the Parliament recognises that Fife has some of the most beautiful coastline in Scotland; further recognises that the Scottish Executive has made efforts to clean up our coasts and seas, particularly through the Scottish Coastal Forum; recognises that the local tourism industry depends on Fife having clean beaches and seas; understands that there is much work still to be done and that some of our coastline is still littered with rubbish and other pollution, and considers that the Executive and other relevant public agencies should redouble their efforts in cleaning up the coastline and seas for our own quality of life, for tourism, for wildlife and for future generations.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Education:** Lord James Douglas-Hamilton moved S2M-4464—That the Parliament believes that creating a greater degree of school autonomy, devolving more powers to head teachers and giving greater say to parents and teachers in shaping the education system will raise standards; is therefore disappointed at the abolition of school boards which will dilute parental representation in schools; notes that Jordanhill School, Scotland's only remaining independently run but publicly funded school, has consistently been among the top-performing schools in Scotland and won the SQA "School of the Year" award; notes that teaching unions are voicing concerns over the Scottish Executive's discipline and mainstreaming policies, and calls on the Executive to introduce reforms to create a more diverse education system in Scotland to raise standards, tackle discipline and serve the needs and aspirations of all pupils.

The Deputy Minister for Education and Young People (Robert Brown) moved amendment S2M-4464.2 to motion S2M-4464—

Leave out from "believes" to end and insert—

"applauds the fact that the Scottish education system is recognised by international benchmarking exercises as being amongst the best in the world; recognises the commitment of the Scottish Executive to sustained improvement in education and the biggest school buildings modernisation programme in our history, unprecedented stability in industrial relations and increased numbers of teachers and classroom assistants; welcomes the educational legislation which has, for example, established a more individual and supportive framework for children with additional support needs and increased the opportunities for parental involvement in education; notes that the top-performing schools in Scotland have served a wide variety of communities and congratulates all the winners of the SQA "School of the Year" award; welcomes the measured comments of the EIS in relation to discipline policies of the Scottish Executive, and believes that the model for continued improvement for Scottish schools should build on current strength and success and tackle known challenges by fostering the leadership skills of head teachers and other teaching staff, reforming the curriculum, widening choice and reducing unnecessary paperwork, ensuring that teachers are freed up to teach, and pupils to learn, all with a view to equipping young people with the skills and values needed in the modern world."

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S2M-4464.1 to motion S2M-4464—

Leave out from "believes" to end and insert—

"supports greater choice within schools, rather than between schools, in order that pupils can benefit from breadth in the curriculum and believes that the agenda for education in Scotland should be focused on raising the levels of achievement for all and should include a review of the deployment of education resources at school level against the national resources provided, an analysis of over-assessment in schools and policies to drive forward the pursuit of excellence."

After debate, amendment S2M-4464.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 22, Abstentions 20). As a result, amendment S2M-4464.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 22, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament applauds the fact that the Scottish education system is recognised by international benchmarking exercises as being amongst the best in the world; recognises the commitment of the Scottish Executive to sustained improvement in education and the biggest school buildings modernisation programme in our history, unprecedented stability in industrial relations and increased numbers of teachers and classroom assistants; welcomes the educational legislation which has, for example, established a more individual and supportive framework for children with additional support needs and increased the opportunities for parental involvement in education; notes that the top-performing schools in Scotland have served a wide variety of communities and congratulates all the winners of the SQA “School of the Year” award; welcomes the measured comments of the EIS in relation to discipline policies of the Scottish Executive, and believes that the model for continued improvement for Scottish schools should build on current strength and success and tackle known challenges by fostering the leadership skills of head teachers and other teaching staff, reforming the curriculum, widening choice and reducing unnecessary paperwork, ensuring that teachers are freed up to teach, and pupils to learn, all with a view to equipping young people with the skills and values needed in the modern world.

**2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**3. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**4. Emergency Question:** An emergency question on the implications and possible consequences of the illness of the Lord President, Lord Hamilton was answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education, Tourism, Culture and Sport, and on Finance and Public Services and Communities were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Architecture:** The Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport (Patricia Ferguson) moved S2M-4477—That the Parliament appreciates the importance of architecture to many aspects of life in Scotland; recognises that both our new and historic buildings have a critical role to play in sustainable regeneration and in delivering successful urban and rural places; acknowledges the wide range of progress that has been made through partnership in implementing the commitments of the Scottish Executive’s

policy on architecture, and supports the Executive's intention to publish a renewed policy statement.

Michael Matheson moved amendment S2M-4477.2 to motion S2M-4477—

Leave out from “both” to end and insert—

“our buildings have a critical role to play in maintaining and enhancing the quality of Scotland's urban and rural communities; notes the progress made to date on the Scottish Executive's policy on architecture; acknowledges the important role that local authorities have in promoting good architectural design, and believes that future national architectural policy should place greater emphasis on local authorities developing their own local architectural policy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Mr Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S2M-4477.1 to motion S2M-4477—

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

“in this area by independent and voluntary organisations including the Lighthouse and An Lanntair; notes the importance of the efficient use of existing building stock, and believes that a strong economy and a fair planning system are integral to a successful built environment.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Robin Harper moved amendment S2M-4477.3 to motion S2M-4477—

Insert at end—

“; recognises the crucial role played by architectural policy in promoting environmental sustainability and social equality, and calls on the Executive to move in a measured way from guidance to regulation to provide a level playing field to encourage all constructors, developers and planning departments to work with architects to achieve the highest possible levels of sustainability, particularly in relation to procurement, refurbishment of existing buildings, energy efficiency, low-toxicity, recycling and re-use of materials and new build on a long-life, loose-fit basis.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 74, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 1, Abstentions 21).

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

**8. World Heritage Site Status for St Andrews:** The Parliament debated S2M-4344 in the name of Mr Ted Brocklebank—That the Parliament supports a campaign to encourage the UK Government to obtain from UNESCO World

Heritage Site status for St Andrews; recognises that St Andrews is the home of golf, the world's fastest-growing sport; further recognises that it is also the historic ecclesiastical capital of Scotland; believes that its cultural and educational contributions, in particular those of Scotland's oldest university, should be formally acknowledged; notes that St Andrews is regarded worldwide as unique, not only for its medieval town centre but also for its captivating and award-winning natural features; considers that the Scottish Executive should support St Andrews as an outstanding Scottish candidate for the UK Tentative List, and further notes that a consultation with every household in St Andrews showed 99% support for this move, as well as support from St Andrews Community Council, the University of St Andrews, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, the St Andrews Links Trust, St Andrews Preservation Trust, Scottish Enterprise Fife, the St Andrews Green Belt Forum, Action of Churches Together in St Andrews and cross-party political support from distinguished St Andrews graduates, including Lord Alton, Lord Forsyth, Mark Lazarowicz MP, Alex Salmond MP and many others.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Ms Emma Campbell, Former pupil of Currie High School, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Finance Committee Debate, *Cross-cutting Expenditure Review of Deprivation*:** Des McNulty, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved S2M-4482—That the Parliament notes the recommendations contained in the Finance Committee’s 5th Report, 2006 (Session 2): *Cross-cutting Expenditure Review of Deprivation* (SP paper 536).

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**3. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-4505—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

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2.00 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Ministerial Statement: Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Review of Rape and Sexual Offences
<i>followed by</i>	Final Stage Proceedings: Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members’ Business

Thursday 15 June 2006

9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Debate on an Executive Motion to treat the proposed Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill as an Emergency Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 1 Debate: proposed Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Justice and Law Officers; Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Public Service Reform

*followed by* Committee of the Whole Parliament: Stage 2 Debate on the proposed Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: proposed Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 June 2006

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 June 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Finance and Public Services and Communities;  
Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport

2.55 pm Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4503—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**6. Mental Health and Deaf and Deafblind People:** The Parliament debated S2M-3971 in the name of Mr Adam Ingram—That the Parliament acknowledges and supports the campaign by the Scottish Council on Deafness (SCoD) for equal access to mainstream and specialist mental health services for deaf and deafblind people in Scotland; notes the widespread lack of provision for deaf and deafblind people who have specific language and communication needs and that presently their rights under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Scotland Act 2003 and Disability Discrimination Act 2005 are not being met, leading to misdiagnosis and unsuitable treatments being applied; further notes with concern the complete lack of consultant psychiatrists in Scotland who are trained and experienced to work with deaf and deafblind people who have mental health problems and that the nearest available specialist mental health service for deaf and deafblind inpatients is Manchester whose outreach service, which is currently used by Scots deaf and deafblind people, is now under threat of closure; endorses the campaign for a specialist mental health service for deaf and deafblind people in Scotland, funded through the NHS, and SCoD's aim of providing support for training and recruiting of deaf and deafblind people to enable them to work with deaf and deafblind patients; backs SCoD's call for additional resourcing for mainstream psychiatric services in both hospital and community settings which would lead to greater accessibility for deaf and deafblind people with mental health problems, and recommends the establishment of a specialist Scottish centre for deaf and deafblind people with mental health problems in the south of Scotland or other suitable region.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Subordinate Legislation Committee, 21st Report 2006, Inquiry into the Regulatory Framework in Scotland - Draft Report:** Sylvia Jackson, on behalf of the Subordinate Legislation Committee, moved S2M-4502—That the Parliament notes the 21st Report 2006 (Session 2) of the Subordinate Legislation Committee, *Inquiry into the Regulatory Framework in Scotland - Draft Report* (SP Paper 564).

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT)

**2. Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill - Stage 3:** The Parliament resumed consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

Amendment 35 was agreed to without division.

**3. Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill – Stage 3:** Bill Butler moved S2M-4218—That the Parliament agrees that the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill be passed.

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

**4. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**5. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**6. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Environment and Rural Development, and on Health and Community Care were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**7. Climate Change:** The Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Ross Finnie) moved S2M-4507—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *Changing Our Ways: Scotland's Climate Change Programme* as a serious response to a serious challenge; notes the identification of the Scottish Share of carbon savings from devolved policies across the United Kingdom and the setting of the first ever Scottish Target to exceed that share; welcomes the commitment to report annually to Parliament on progress on implementing *Changing Our Ways* and, in the longer term, to submit the programme to an independent audit; recognises the importance that must be accorded to adapting to the unavoidable impacts of climate change, and agrees that mainstreaming climate thinking, through the carbon proofing of new policies and measures and through communication, is vital to ensuring an effective climate change response.

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S2M-4507.3 to motion S2M-4507—

Insert at end—

“recognises that Scotland requires many of the political powers currently reserved to the UK Government in order to build a low-carbon society and make a greater contribution to the global effort towards tackling climate change; regrets the ongoing delay in publishing the Scottish Executive’s energy efficiency strategy; calls for the establishment of a single high-profile public sector organisation to provide a one-stop shop for the promotion of energy efficiency across all sectors; urges Scottish Ministers when reporting annually to the Parliament to publish the carbon costs and savings that have resulted from their policies, and rejects the view that new nuclear power stations offer a solution to climate change.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 77, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S2M-4507.2 to motion S2M-4507—

Insert at end—

“and that all such measures must pass the test of economic sustainability.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

Mr Mark Ruskell moved amendment S2M-4507.4 to motion S2M-4507—

Leave out from “as a serious response” to end and insert—

“notes that CO2 emissions from Scotland have not fallen since the current First Minister took office; is concerned that Scotland’s emissions reduction since 1990 lags behind that of England; notes that according to the Scottish Executive about half of Scotland’s emissions reduction is due to the decline of heavy industry and not due to Executive policy measures; recognises that emissions from energy use and transport, accounting for over half of Scotland’s emissions, have been increasing since 1990; is concerned that there are devolved policy measures that will result in greenhouse gas emissions that have been ignored by the Executive’s Climate Change Programme, such as motorway building and subsidies for air transport which are likely to negate savings made under the Executive’s Scottish Share; warns the Executive that unless the Scottish Share applies to all policy measures and is part of an identifiable overall target for emissions reduction it will be meaningless; calls on the Executive to implement fully the recommendations of the Parliament’s Environment and Rural Development Committee’s *5th Report, 2005: Report on Inquiry into Climate Change*, including traffic reduction and energy efficiency targets; agrees with the Executive that mainstreaming climate thinking, through the carbon proofing of new policies and measures, is vital to ensuring an effective climate change response, and therefore calls on the Executive to implement carbon proofing immediately starting with all existing policies and projects.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 11, Against 77, Abstentions 23).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 101, Against 0, Abstentions 10).

**8. Membership of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4508—That the Parliament agrees that Eleanor Scott be appointed to replace Mr Mark Ruskell on the Environment and Rural Development Committee.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 3, 7 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Muscular Dystrophy “My Life” Campaign:** The Parliament debated S2M-4228 in the name of Cathie Craigie—That the Parliament notes that there are 3,000 people in Scotland with inherited neuromuscular disorders and muscular dystrophy; is concerned that in Cumbernauld & Kilsyth, whilst some constituents tell of good provision of electric wheelchairs and praise the staff delivering social services care, some have never received a full needs assessment of their home environment and can only experience care services delivered via an inflexible system weighted towards older people that does not accommodate the lifestyle that other young people are able to enjoy; notes that this is an example of the variation in standards and availability of care, service and equipment provision across Scotland; supports the work of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign in pioneering the search for treatments and cures for over 40 years, whilst also providing practical, professional and emotional support for people affected by neuromuscular conditions; in particular, supports the Muscular Dystrophy “My Life” campaign and its work in Scotland to encourage a co-ordinated approach by local authorities and NHS boards when assessing individuals’ needs and requirements, and considers the findings of the “My Life” expert group to be a model for future delivery of services to people affected by neuromuscular conditions.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Connie Pearce, Stonelaw High School, Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4544—That the Parliament agrees that, during the Final Stage of the Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Group 1:        45 minutes  
Group 2:        1 hour 20 minutes  
Group 3:        1 hour 40 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Solicitor General (Mrs Elish Angiolini) made a statement and answered questions on the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Review of Rape and Sexual Offences.

**4. Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill – Final Stage:** The Bill was considered at Final Stage.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 and 4.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

2        (For 59, Against 53, Abstentions 0)  
3        (For 61, Against 51, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 5 was disagreed to (by division: For 2, Against 114, Abstentions 1)

Amendment 19 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

**5. Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill Committee, *Appropriate Assessment on the River Tweed Special Area of Conservation*:** Tricia Marwick, on behalf of the Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill Committee, moved S2M-4450—That the Parliament notes the 1st Report, 2006 (Session 2) of the

Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill Committee, *Appropriate Assessment on the River Tweed Special Area of Conservation* (SP Paper 553), and agrees that the works proposed in the Bill will not adversely affect the integrity of the River Tweed Special Area of Conservation.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill – Final Stage:** Tricia Marwick, on behalf of the Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill Committee, moved S2M-4451—That the Parliament agrees that the Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 114, Against 1, Abstentions 1).

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4541—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 21 June 2006

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Preliminary Stage Debate: Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Financial Resolution: Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Thursday 22 June 2006

9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Finance and Public Services and Communities; Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport;
2.55 pm	Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Ministerial Statement: Legislative Programme

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 June 2006

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Health and Community Care;  
Environment and Rural Development

2.55 pm Executive Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

and (b) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for Question Times on 7 September 2006 ends at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 28 June.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4545—That the Parliament agrees that the timetable for completion of consideration of the Crofting Reform etc. Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 29 September 2006.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Suspension of Standing Orders:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4546—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing up to 30 minutes to debate motion S2M-4538 on

Thursday 15 June 2006, the second and third sentences of Rule 10.6.5 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**11. Carers Week 2006:** The Parliament debated S2M-4445 in the name of Cathy Peattie—That the Parliament notes that 12 to 18 June is Carers Week 2006; recognises the valuable work of national and local carers' organisations, such as Carers Scotland and the Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Carers Centre which this year celebrates its 10th anniversary; recognises the importance of supporting carers in employment and enabling them to fulfil their caring and work responsibilities without detriment to their own health and well-being; notes that the health of the Scottish economy depends on the health and well-being of unpaid carers and their ability to juggle work and care; further notes that recent research has shown that 58% of carers who provide a substantial amount of care give up work because of their caring responsibilities, and believes that the Scottish Executive, local government and employers should consider and support the adoption of flexible alternative care solutions and carer-friendly working arrangements to give more carers the opportunity to remain in, or take up, employment.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill – Emergency Bill:** The Minister for Justice (Cathy Jamieson) moved S2M-4536—That the Parliament agrees that the Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Justice (Cathy Jamieson) moved S2M-4542—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (Mr Tom McCabe) made a statement and answered questions on Public Service Reform.

The meeting closed at 3.28 pm.

A second meeting opened at 3.58 pm.

**7. Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Justice (Cathy Jamieson) moved S2M-4543—That the Parliament agrees that the Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4538—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2006 be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 56, Abstentions 1).

**9. Approval of SSIs:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4548—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Electronic Communications (Scotland) Order 2006 be approved; and

S2M-4549—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland as Specified Authority and Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2006 be approved.

The motions were agreed to.

**10. Establishment of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4552—That the Parliament agrees to establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill Committee;

Remit: To consider and report to the Parliament on the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill;

Duration: Until the Bill has received Royal Assent, falls or is withdrawn;

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

Membership: Phil Gallie, Janis Hughes, Alasdair Morgan, Cathy Peattie, Jeremy Purvis.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**12. Migrant Workers in the Highlands:** The Parliament debated S2M-4411 in the name of Maureen Macmillan—That the Parliament notes the increase in population in the Highlands over the last five years; welcomes the contribution made to these figures by migrant workers who are taking up job vacancies in Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey, Lochaber, Easter Ross and other parts of the Highlands; commends the initiatives of agencies in the Highlands to support the migrant workers, in particular noting the forthcoming "Information Day" in Inverness on 22 May 2006; expresses concern regarding the capacity available in the Highlands to support increasing numbers of migrant workers,

and notes that more needs to be done to give language and other support to the children of migrant workers in our schools.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

**No. 13      Wednesday 21 June 2006**

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** George Weigel, biographer of Pope John Paul II, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill – Preliminary Stage:** Margaret Jamieson, on behalf of the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, moved S2M-4550—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill and that the Bill should proceed as a Private Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

**3. Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Transport (Tavish Scott) moved S2M-4574—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9A.14.3(b)(ii) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4587—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 22 June 2006—

after,

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert,

*followed by*                      Ministerial Statement: Legislative Programme

and after,

2.55 pm                      Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill

delete,

*followed by*                      Ministerial Statement: Legislative Programme

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4588—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 28 June 2006

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Ministerial Statement: End-Year Flexibility  
*followed by*                      Executive Debate: Race Equality  
*followed by*                      Business Motion  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2006

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Executive Debate: International Development / Malawi  
11.40 am                      General Question Time  
12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
    Health and Community Care;  
    Environment and Rural Development  
2.55 pm                      Stage 1 Debate: Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Approval of SSIs:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4578—That the Parliament agrees that the draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 1) Order 2006 be approved;

S2M-4579—That the Parliament agrees that the draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) (No. 2) Order 2006 be approved; and

S2M-4580—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2006 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Main Road and Rail Transport Links to the Highlands:** The Parliament debated S2M-4515 in the name of Fergus Ewing—That the Parliament believes that the main trunk roads connections to the Highlands of Scotland, namely the A9 from Inverness to Perth, the A96 from Inverness to Aberdeen and the A82 from Inverness to Glasgow, should be the subject of major improvements, to be carried out in accordance with a long-term transport projects plan; believes that the rail links to Inverness are inadequate and should be improved; considers that a national consensus should be established to agree these objectives, and, in the case of the A96 and the A9, believes that the ultimate objective should be to dual these trunk routes.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4589—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2:	1 hour
Groups 3 to 5:	1 hour 50 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Ms Margaret Curran) made a statement and answered questions on the Legislative Programme.

**3. Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11.

Amendment 5 was disagreed to (by division: For 22, Against 62, Abstentions 18)

Amendment 12 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 13, 14, 15, 6, 7 and 8.

**4. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**5. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**6. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Public Services and Communities, Education and Young People, and Tourism, Culture and Sport were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**7. Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved S2M-4368—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Motion without Notice:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of the Standing Orders that Decision Time on Thursday 22 June 2006 be taken at 4.08 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**10. Royal Victoria Hospital Site:** The Parliament debated S2M-4530 in the name of Margaret Smith—That the Parliament welcomes NHS Lothian's decision to relocate the majority of its geriatric in-patient beds to the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh, as part of its Improving Care: Investing in Change programme, where modern facilities are better placed to provide quality care for older people; seeks the best possible provision of care for the elderly services in Lothian; acknowledges the current range of measures being put in place to ease parking and congestion problems for visitors and residents in the vicinity of the Western General; believes that the current site of the Royal Victoria Hospital remains ideally located for the provision of a range of care for the elderly services, including adapted housing, clinics, a care home and day-hospital facilities for the benefit of older people in north-west Edinburgh, and believes that NHS Lothian should consult fully and effectively with Edinburgh residents and key local groups such as Queensferry Churches Care in the Community Project, Pilton Elderly Project and the Almond Mains Initiative to determine their priorities and the perceived needs of older people in the capital and how the Royal Victoria site might be used to meet these needs.

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Graham Carter, President of the Methodist Conference, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (Mr Tom McCabe) made a statement and answered questions on 2005-06 Financial Governance and Outcomes.

**3. Race Equality:** The Minister for Communities (Malcolm Chisholm) moved S2M-4601—That the Parliament supports the development of a national strategy and action plan on race equality and welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the strategy; welcomes the significant funding provided to local projects through the Race Equality, Integration and Community Support Fund and Scottish Refugee Integration Fund and national projects like Show Racism the Red Card and Heartstone; supports Scottish Executive priorities to increase ethnic minorities' participation in the labour market, build more inclusive rural communities, provide better services to Scotland's Gypsies/Travellers, support refugee integration and continue to raise awareness of the issues through the One Scotland Many Cultures campaign, and supports the Executive's other work to help tackle racism and promote race equality in Scotland.

Christine Grahame moved amendment S2M-4601.1 to motion S2M-4601—

Insert at end—

“, condemns however the treatment of asylum seekers who after years in Scotland, often with children born in Scotland, can still be deported and while living here are prevented from seeking employment despite their wish to do so, and considers that this situation completely contradicts the Fresh Talent initiative and the culture of an inclusive Scotland which the Executive quite rightly seeks to promote.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 77, Abstentions 0).

Dave Petrie moved amendment S2M-4601.2 to motion S2M-4601—

Leave out from—“supports Scottish Executive priorities” to end and insert—

“welcomes the intention to support improved integration and understanding between all groups in the community, and urges the Scottish Executive to deliver tangible improvements in the lives of Scotland's diverse communities whilst ensuring resources are maximised and directed to best effect”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 96, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-4633—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 5.6.1(c) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of Members' Business on Thursday 29 June 2006.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-4626—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 29 June 2006—

(a) after,

9.15 am            Parliamentary Bureau Motions

delete,

*followed by*      Executive Debate: International Development / Malawi

and insert,

*followed by*      Stage 1 Debate: Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*      Legislative Consent Motion: Compensation Bill – UK Legislation

(b) after,

2.15 pm            Themed Question Time—  
Health and Community Care;  
Environment and Rural Development

delete,

2.55 pm            Stage 1 Debate: Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill

and insert,

2.55 pm            Executive Debate: International Development / Malawi

and (c) after,

5.00 pm            Decision Time

delete,

*followed by*            Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-4627—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 6 September 2006

2.00 pm            Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 September 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning;  
Justice and Law Officers;

2.55 pm Executive Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4628—That the Parliament agrees that the timetable for completion of consideration of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 24 November 2006.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Establishment of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4629—That the Parliament agrees to establish a sub-committee of the Justice 2 Committee as follows:

Name of Committee: Justice 2 Sub-Committee;

Remit: To inquire into and report to the Justice 2 Committee on—

- The extent of information which local communities should receive on child sex offenders within their locality;
- The way in which housing is allocated to sex offenders;
- Whether steps need to be taken to distinguish sexual offences against children from such offences against adults;

- Whether changes need to be made to the way in which sexual offences against children are considered and disposed of by the courts, and in particular, whether adequate sentencing options exist.

Duration: Until the end of December 2006.

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

Membership: Jackie Baillie, Alex Fergusson, John Home Robertson, Mr Kenny MacAskill, Jeremy Purvis.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Suspension of Standing Orders:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4631—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of debating motion S2M-4634 (Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM(S2) 8.1) relating to the Compensation Bill - UK legislation) on Thursday 29 June 2006, the second sentence of Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Parliamentary Direction Under Rule 11.8.3—**Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4630—That the Parliament directs that, for the purposes of its consideration of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2, the Communities Committee may vote using the electronic voting system, in accordance with Rule 11.8.3 of Standing Orders.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Membership of Committees:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4615—That the Parliament agrees that Chris Ballance be appointed to replace Robin Harper on the Procedures Committee; and

S2M-4616—That the Parliament agrees that Robin Harper be appointed to replace Eleanor Scott on the Audit Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**12. Substitutions on Committees:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4617—That the Parliament agrees that Mr Mark Ruskell be appointed to replace Eleanor Scott as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Environment and Rural Development Committee;

S2M-4618—That the Parliament agrees that Eleanor Scott be appointed to replace Chris Ballance as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Audit Committee;

S2M-4619—That the Parliament agrees that Shiona Baird be appointed to replace Robin Harper as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Finance Committee; and

S2M-4620—That the Parliament agrees that Chris Ballance be appointed to replace Shiona Baird as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Communities Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSIs:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4621—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006 be approved.

The amendment was agreed ((DT) by division: For 106, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

**14. Approval of SSIs:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4622—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Human Organ and Tissue Live Transplants (Scotland) Regulations 2006 be approved;

S2M-4623—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Supplementary Provisions) Order 2006 be approved; and

S2M-4624—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2006 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**15. Designation of Lead Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4625—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Transport Committee be designated as lead committee, and that the Procedures Committee be designated as secondary committee, in consideration of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 as noted above.

**17. Birth of James Clerk Maxwell:** The Parliament debated S2M-4337 in the name of Alex Fergusson—That the Parliament acknowledges the 175th

anniversary of the birth of James Clerk Maxwell on 13 June 2006; recognises his great achievement in discovering the nature of electromagnetic waves which opened the way to the invention of television, radio, radar and the mobile phone; applauds his work on colour perception which enabled the successful development of colour television and colour photography, and believes that he is worthy of greater recognition throughout Scotland, given the acknowledgement of Albert Einstein, who said that “the special theory of relativity owes its origins to Maxwell’s equations of the electromagnetic field”, and of Ivan Tolstoy, who wrote “Maxwell’s importance in the history of scientific thought is comparable to Einstein’s (whom he inspired) and to Newton’s (whose influence he curtailed)”.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport (Patricia Ferguson) moved S2M-4612—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 0, Abstentions 14).

**2. Compensation Bill - UK Legislation:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-4634—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Parliament should consider those provisions of the Compensation Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 2 November 2005, which will legislate in the devolved area of damages law in respect of joint and several liability, as laid out in LCM(S2) 8.1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health and Community Care and on Environment and Rural Development were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. International Development and Co-operation with Malawi:** The Parliament debated the subject of International Development and Co-operation with Malawi.

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

**No. 17                      Wednesday 6 September 2006**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Roddy MacRae, Glenelg and Kintail Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4752—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 6 September 2006

2.00 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Executive Debate: Future of Scotland  
*followed by*                      Business Motion  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Thursday 7 September 2006

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Executive Debate: Education First  
11.40 am                      General Question Time  
12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning;  
Justice and Law Officers;  
2.55 pm                      Stage 1 Debate: Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Wednesday 13 September 2006

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      SPCB Motion on the Reappointment of the Deputy Ombudsmen  
*followed by*                      Stage 1 Debate: Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Financial Resolution: Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill

<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 14 September 2006	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish National Party Business
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport; Finance and Public Services and Communities
2.55 pm	Stage 1 Debate: Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Financial Resolution: Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Wednesday 20 September 2006	
2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Health Committee Debate: 10th Report 2006, Care Inquiry
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<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 21 September 2006	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Environment and Rural Development; Health and Community Care
2.55 pm	Executive Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Future of Scotland:** The First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell) moved S2M-4746—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Futures Project work; recognises the key achievements of the past four years; acknowledges the importance, over the next 20 years, of securing the benefits from our older population, developing and maintaining a strong niche in the global economy and, above all else, promoting a thirst for knowledge and a passion for learning to help secure opportunity for all; notes the opportunities that exist for Scotland, within the United Kingdom, to build on the stability of the current constitutional arrangements, while using devolution to secure a competitive advantage and give Scots a better quality of life, and agrees that the best way for Scottish government to achieve this ambition and deliver a healthy, prosperous and sustainable future for the people of Scotland is to bring its devolved powers fully to bear rather than focussing on arguments over separation from the United Kingdom.

Nicola Sturgeon moved amendment S2M-4746.2 to motion S2M-4746—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“and agrees with its assessment that many key economic drivers are outwith the influence of devolved government and that as a devolved nation Scotland may find it increasingly difficult to assert influence within an enlarged European Union; considers that Scotland needs an ambitious government that will tackle barriers to individual fulfilment, such as child poverty and educational under-achievement, rising graduate debt, the unfairness of the council tax and the burden of rates on small businesses; further considers that a new Scottish government must be ready to fight Scotland’s corner on issues such as Trident and nuclear power and not run for cover, like the current one, when matters of UK foreign policy require to be challenged, and believes that, to create a competitive, growing economy that will generate wealth, boost employment and raise living standards for all Scotland badly needs the same powers of independence that other countries take for granted.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 82, Abstentions 13).

Annabel Goldie moved amendment S2M-4746.1 to motion S2M-4746—

Leave out from “welcomes” to “four years” and insert—

“notes that since devolution the gap between the poor and the rich has widened, waiting lists and times are going up, crime is getting worse, council tax has increased by 60% and economic growth is lagging behind England; recognises that these problems are not the fault of devolution, but are the fault of the Labour and Liberal Democrat Scottish Executive; believes that, to make devolution work, more power and

responsibility need to be returned to people and local communities, real public sector reform needs to be instigated and better value for money needs to be provided;”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 103, Abstentions 0).

Shiona Baird moved amendment S2M-4746.3 to motion S2M-4746—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“acknowledges that ensuring a sustainable future for Scotland is the central responsibility of government and that none of the elements of sustainability: social justice, economic progress and environmental protection, can be viewed in isolation; rejects the concept that sustainable development simply means business as usual with a symbolic “green thread” running through it; accepts that the development of a truly sustainable Scotland requires a fundamental reassessment of our current needs within the context of increasingly pressing environmental limits and a recognition that the current inequalities of wealth and power within Scotland must be challenged; notes that our current economy, based as it is on the profligate consumption of fossil fuels and other finite resources, can never be described as sustainable and that a just transition to a low carbon economy is imperative for social, environmental and economic reasons; believes that Scotland is well placed to make such a transition and to develop a society characterised by social justice, respect for environmental limits and an economy fit for the long-term future, and calls on MSPs from all parties to act now for all our futures instead of for short-term political gain.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 9, Against 91, Abstentions 21).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Motions:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4737—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 29 September 2006;

S2M-4751—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 15 December 2006; and

S2M-4753—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 24 November 2006.

The motions were agreed to.

**5. Rule 9.6.3A:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4747—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 9.6.3A that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Legal

Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill on the fourth sitting day after the publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Committee Remit:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4748—That the Parliament agrees that the remit of the Communities Committee be amended to—

To consider and report on matters relating to housing and area regeneration, poverty, voluntary sector issues, charity law; matters relating to the land use planning system and building standards; such other matters as fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Communities; and health promotion and nutrition in schools.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 103, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

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

**8. Passengers Before Profits - Greater Accountability in Public Transport:** The Parliament debated S2M-4577 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament reiterates its strong view that decent local bus services are vital to all Scotland's communities and its belief that such services are integral to cutting road congestion and safeguarding the environment; welcomes the significant investment in bus infrastructure, including better terminuses, priority bus lanes and fast track traffic management systems which have received Scottish Executive support throughout Scotland; expresses significant concern that withdrawal of services is continuing resulting in, for example, a much poorer after-hours service in Glasgow, undermining investment and attempts to deliver more integrated and accessible health care and other public services, as well as leaving many areas of both urban and rural Scotland without adequate services, and believes that the Executive and Transport Scotland, in return for the increased investment, should ensure greater accountability of the bus industry for services across Scotland, should undertake speedily a review of how quality bus partnerships are operating and should consider seriously all possible options which could prevent the loss or absence of vital services, including new and greater forms of regulation such as franchise agreements or allowing the new Regional Transport Partnerships the power to determine routes and timetables, so as to guarantee all Scottish communities the bus links which they need and deserve.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Education First:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Peter Peacock) moved S2M-4755—That the Parliament welcomes the priority given to improving education standards by the Scottish Executive and the achievements delivered by schools, local authorities and other partners in taking forward the comprehensive modernisation of our schools and ensuring that Scotland’s education system is amongst the best in the world; recognises that the Executive’s investment in new and refurbished schools, increased teacher numbers, reducing class sizes, strong parental involvement, stable industrial relations and more targeted support for children with additional support needs is providing the right environment for real and lasting change for Scotland’s children; believes that the education of all Scotland’s children and young people is fundamental to securing a more productive, integrated and successful Scotland in which all our young people can compete in a global economy and all our 16 to 19-year-olds are in education, employment or training, and calls on all those in the Parliament to focus on Scotland’s future and put the education of our children before divisive arguments about separating Scotland from the rest of the United Kingdom.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S2M-4755.3 to motion S2M-4755—

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

“continuing excellence within Scotland’s distinct and independent education system, appreciated internationally for its pioneering work in quality improvement; recognises the challenges faced by schools, education authorities and other partners to modernise the school estate, to drive up standards and to tackle deep-seated problems such as persistent under-performance among disadvantaged pupils; notes that the Scottish Executive’s promises to cut class sizes and adequately resource additional support needs remain unfulfilled; supports requests from school leaders for more funding for schools to be devolved, real cuts in class sizes, nursery teachers to remain in nursery classes and for the introduction of free school meals in the early years; calls for the replacement of PPP funding for school modernisation by not-for-profit trust funding; believes that the education of all Scotland’s children and young people is fundamental to securing a more productive, integrated and successful Scotland in which all our young people can participate fully, and looks forward to further strengthening of our distinctive education system using the enhanced powers and resources at the command of an independent parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 78, Abstentions 4).

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton moved amendment S2M-4755.2 to motion S2M-4755—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

"believes that the Scottish Executive is failing too many valued members of school staff in that incidences of physical and verbal assault remain commonplace in Scottish

classrooms to the extent that, according to the Educational Institute of Scotland, "Teachers continue to regard the matter of indiscipline and how to solve it as their number one priority"; believes that special schools should have an important and secure place in Scotland's educational system and should not be under threat; believes that the Executive is failing parents by abolishing tried and tested school boards against the overwhelming weight of public opinion, and therefore calls on the Executive to reconsider its decision to abolish school boards, give stronger support to special schools and ensure that head teachers have the authority to permanently exclude persistently disruptive pupils".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 100, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 46, Abstentions 9).

**2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.

**5. Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-4713—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 115, Against 1, Abstentions 2).

**6. Membership of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4758—That the Parliament agrees that Carolyn Leckie be appointed to replace Frances Curran on the Equal Opportunities Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**8. C-me West Lothian:** The Parliament debated S2M-4387 in the name of Mrs Mary Mulligan—That the Parliament congratulates West Lothian Council, NHS Lothian, Lothian and Borders Police and the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration for launching the C-me information-sharing system which, at a time when there is a great deal of concern about child protection issues, is an example of agencies working together to create a clear picture of a child's

needs through sharing relevant background information and will improve the delivery of services to children throughout West Lothian.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** David McNeish, Citizens Advice Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Deputy Scottish Public Services Ombudsman:** John Scott, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved—

S2M-4770—That the Parliament nominates Lewis Shand Smith to Her Majesty The Queen for reappointment as Deputy Scottish Public Services Ombudsman from 30 September 2006 until 29 September 2007;

S2M-4771—That the Parliament nominates Carolyn Hirst to Her Majesty The Queen for reappointment as Deputy Scottish Public Services Ombudsman from 30 September 2006 until 29 September 2007; and

S2M-4772—That the Parliament nominates Eric Drake to Her Majesty The Queen for reappointment as Deputy Scottish Public Services Ombudsman from 30 September 2006 until 29 September 2007.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

- 3. Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Peter Peacock) moved S2M-4711—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 103, Against 8, Abstentions 8).

- 4. Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy Minister for Education and Young People (Robert Brown) moved S2M-4310—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b)(iii) of Rule 9.12 of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4787—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 20 September 2006

2.30 pm

Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Health Committee Debate: 10th Report 2006, Care Inquiry  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
 5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business  
 Thursday 21 September 2006  
 9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business  
 11.40 am General Question Time  
 12 noon First Minister's Question Time  
 2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
 Environment and Rural Development;  
 Health and Community Care  
 2.55 pm Preliminary Stage Debate: Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill  
*followed by* Financial Resolution: Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
 5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business  
 Wednesday 27 September 2006  
 2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
 5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business  
 Thursday 28 September 2006  
 9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business  
 11.40 am General Question Time  
 12 noon First Minister's Question Time  
 2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
 Justice and Law Officers;

	Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning
2.55 pm	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4779—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Automated Registration of Title to Land (Electronic Communications) (Scotland) Order 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Designation of Lead Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4780—That the Parliament agrees that the Communities Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Leisure Facilities in Penicuik:** The Parliament debated S2M-4419 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament notes with concern the proposed closure of Ladywood Leisure Centre, Queensway Leisure Centre and the Jackson Street Centre and the threat to Penicuik Town Hall, all valuable resources for Penicuik's people; notes that the consultation by Midlothian Council was initiated after the decision to make the closures and is only directed at the transition of provision to the Penicuik High School development; considers that, while the facilities being provided adjacent to Penicuik High School are to be welcomed, these will not meet the requirement for those facilities which are to be closed nor will have the capacity to accommodate all activities; further considers that these closures will impact on the community's health and well-being, will remove the provision of services to the young in keeping them off the streets and to mothers and elderly people in providing a point of social contact, and considers that the Scottish government should enter into discussions with local community groups, including the community council, to assist in identifying options to ensure that these facilities remain open.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Health:** Shona Robison moved S2M-4784—That the Parliament does not accept the case put forward for the downgrading of the accident and emergency unit at Monklands Hospital and calls on the Scottish Executive to re-examine its decision to approve this downgrading.

The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care (Lewis Macdonald) moved amendment S2M-4784.2 to motion S2M-4784—

Leave out from “does” to end and insert—

“reaffirms its support for *Delivering for Health* as the basis for service change in NHS Scotland; commends its commitment to shifting the balance of care to provide more safe and sustainable local services including the separation of scheduled and unscheduled care; notes the commitment of local communities to their health services and natural concerns when long-established services are changed, and remains committed to an NHS Scotland which responds to changes in the demands placed upon it.”

Karen Whitefield moved amendment S2M-4784.3 to motion S2M-4784—

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

“supports the need to modernise our National Health Service as outlined in *Delivering for Health*; acknowledges the investment and commitment of the Scottish Executive to improve health services across the country, and calls on the Scottish Executive to reverse its decision to approve the downgrading of accident and emergency services at Monklands.”

After debate, amendment S2M-4784.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 3). As a result, amendment S2M-4784.3 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 45, Abstentions 11).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament reaffirms its support for *Delivering for Health* as the basis for service change in NHS Scotland; commends its commitment to shifting the balance of care to provide more safe and sustainable local services including the separation of scheduled and unscheduled care; notes the commitment of local communities to their health services and natural concerns when long-established services are changed, and remains committed to an NHS Scotland which responds to changes in the demands placed upon it.

**2. Access to Higher Education:** Fiona Hyslop moved S2M-4788—That the Parliament recognises the opportunities made available to young people accessing higher education in Scotland and the importance to the Scottish

economy of having a highly educated workforce; notes with concern, however, that debt and the fear of debt are having an adverse affect on Scots applying to universities; believes that access to university should be based on the ability to learn, not the ability to pay, and calls for replacement of the current expensive and inefficient student loans system by a fairer grant system and for the problem of student loan graduate debt, which is a drag on the economy, to be addressed.

The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning (Allan Wilson) moved amendment S2M-4788.2 to motion S2M-4788—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“applauds the substantial growth of investment and participation in the higher education sector in Scotland in the last seven years, the growing opportunities made available to young people and others wishing to access higher education in Scotland, the increase in participation rates in higher education of those from disadvantaged backgrounds over the same period and the vital importance of having a skilled and highly educated workforce to the Scottish economy; welcomes the facts that 72,000 students have benefited from young student bursaries since the reintroduction of student grants in 2001, that Scottish students have had their fees abolished by the Scottish Executive and that the Executive continues to oppose top-up fees, but notes with concern that the £1.7 billion costs of replacing all student loans with grants and writing off student debt threatens the continued success and expansion of higher education institutions and diverts effort and resources from encouraging wider participation from under-represented groups.”

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S2M-4788.3 to motion S2M-4788—

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

“the growing levels of student debt and bankruptcies among graduates; believes that an extension to the current student loans scheme with larger non-means-tested loans available at low commercial rates of interest would reduce student reliance on unsecured bank overdrafts and credit card borrowings and provide additional funds for higher education, and calls on the Scottish Executive to introduce such a scheme in preference to the current unsatisfactory arrangements and unrealistic and unaffordable proposals to replace loans with grants.”

After debate, amendment S2M-4788.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 54, Abstentions 0). As a result, S2M-4788.3 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament applauds the substantial growth of investment and participation in the higher education sector in Scotland in the last seven years, the growing opportunities made available to young people and others wishing to access higher education in Scotland, the increase in participation rates in higher education of those from disadvantaged backgrounds over the same period and the vital importance of having a skilled and highly educated workforce to the Scottish economy; welcomes the facts that 72,000 students have benefited from young student

bursaries since the reintroduction of student grants in 2001, that Scottish students have had their fees abolished by the Scottish Executive and that the Executive continues to oppose top-up fees, but notes with concern that the £1.7 billion costs of replacing all student loans with grants and writing off student debt threatens the continued success and expansion of higher education institutions and diverts effort and resources from encouraging wider participation from under-represented groups.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport, and on Finance and Public Services and Communities were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Justice (Cathy Jamieson) moved S2M-4712—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**7. Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-4717—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

- (a) any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b)(i) of Rule 9.12 of the Parliament's Standing Orders, and
- (b) any expenditure or increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b)(ii) or (iii) of that Rule,

arising in consequence of the Act.

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

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

**9. Farmers Weekly's Local Food is Miles Better Campaign:** The Parliament debated S2M-4590 in the name of John Scott—That the Parliament supports the *Farmers Weekly's* Local Food is Miles Better campaign; believes that buying locally grown food is an excellent way for consumers to reconnect with farmers and develop a better understanding of

where their food comes from; recognises that producing and buying food locally from farmers' markets and farm shops can help the environment, boost the local economy and restore trust in food production; further recognises that locally produced food is likely to be fresher, healthier and have higher vitamin levels, and considers that all food retail outlets, in Ayrshire and throughout Scotland, should promote, label and stock more locally produced food to cut food miles and carbon emissions in order to protect our environment and support our farmers.

**10. Motion without Notice:** Mr Mark Ruskell moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.01 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

**No. 21      Wednesday 20 September 2006**

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Gurudeo Singh Saluja, Westhill, Aberdeenshire, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Health Committee, Care Inquiry:** Janis Hughes moved S2M-4795—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health Committee's 10th Report, 2006 (Session 2): *Care Inquiry* (SP Paper 594).

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

**3. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-4815—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 27 September 2006

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 1 Debate: Crofting Reform etc. Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Financial Resolution: Crofting Reform etc. Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Thursday 28 September 2006

9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish National Party Business
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Justice and Law Officers; Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning
2.55 pm	Ministerial Statement: Right to Buy
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 1 Debate: St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 4 October 2006

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 5 October 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Finance and Public Services and Communities;  
Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport

2.55 pm Executive Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved—S2M-4816—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 10 November 2006.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-4817—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 24 November 2006;

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-4818—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of

the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 3 November 2006

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-4819—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 12 January 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4814—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Fundable Bodies (Scotland) Order 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**10. Maternity Services in Aberdeenshire:** The Parliament debated S2M-4689 in the name of Mike Rumbles—That the Parliament notes with disappointment the decision of NHS Grampian to recommend to the Minister for Health and Community Care the closure of maternity units at Aboyne, Huntly, Fraserburgh and Banff; commends campaigners who have fought to retain these units on the positive way in which they have engaged in the board's consultation process on the issue; continues to agree that these units are an excellent example of health services being delivered locally as advocated by Professor David Kerr in his report, *Building a Health Service Fit for the Future*; further agrees that expectant mothers should have the option of giving birth locally, at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary or in the home, and believes that the Minister should reject the board's recommendation and retain these units to give expectant mothers a genuine choice.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. A Greener, Fairer Scotland:** Miss Annabel Goldie moved S2M-4810— That the Parliament notes that, along with global poverty and terrorism, climate change is one of the three great challenges facing mankind; recognises that there needs to be a greater shared responsibility among government, business, individuals and families to meet this challenge; believes that combating the threat of climate change will require fresh ideas and radical thinking and, therefore, that the concept of decentralised energy should be seriously pursued; recognises that if we are going to achieve a sustainable Scotland we need to address culture and attitudes to raise awareness and encourage the public to be proactive and to assume personal responsibility for contributing to a sustainable Scotland, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Executive to expand the Scottish community and householder renewables initiative to incentivise households, communities and small businesses to install modern energy creating and saving technologies as an important first step.

The Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Ross Finnie) moved amendment S2M-4810.3 to motion S2M-4810—

Leave out from “mankind” to end and insert—

“the planet; recognises that the Scottish Executive has already embodied fresh ideas, radical thinking and a uniquely Scottish approach in its response to this challenge in *Changing our Ways: Scotland’s Climate Change Programme*, and welcomes the significant initiatives that the Executive has taken to increase the level of renewable energy generation, improve the energy efficiency of new buildings, boost microrenewables, reduce energy poverty and increase investment in public transport, the introduction of Strategic Environmental Assessment and the promotion of sustainable development across its policies.”

After debate, amendment S2M-4810.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 49, Abstentions 3).

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S2M-4810.1 to motion S2M-4810—

Insert at end—

“believes that the building of new nuclear power stations would undermine Scotland’s efforts to tackle climate change, and recognises that, to make an effective contribution towards the global campaign to tackle global warming, our Parliament requires the powers of other independent nations including responsibility for energy and fiscal policy.”

After debate, amendment S2M-4810.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 81, Abstentions 10).

Shiona Baird moved amendment S2M-4810.2 to motion S2M-4810—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“recognises the seriousness of climate change and the grave threat which it poses to humanity; notes the reality, as evidenced in the latest report from the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, that it is vital to implement a major new programme of action to cut carbon emissions within the next four years if we are to play our part in keeping global temperatures below dangerous levels, and calls on the Scottish Executive to adopt a target for a 3 per cent year-on-year overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and to take action to achieve this target including reducing road traffic levels, bold energy efficiency measures, promoting micropower technologies and decentralised energy generation, the rapid expansion of renewable energy and the carbon proofing of all Executive decisions and policies to ensure a consistent rather than contradictory approach to emissions reduction.”

After debate, amendment S2M-4810.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 82, Abstentions 25).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 52, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that, along with global poverty and terrorism, climate change is one of the three great challenges facing the planet; recognises that the Scottish Executive has already embodied fresh ideas, radical thinking and a uniquely Scottish approach in its response to this challenge in *Changing our Ways: Scotland's Climate Change Programme*, and welcomes the significant initiatives that the Executive has taken to increase the level of renewable energy generation, improve the energy efficiency of new buildings, boost micro-renewables, reduce energy poverty and increase investment in public transport, the introduction of Strategic Environmental Assessment and the promotion of sustainable development across its policies.

**2. General Question Time:** General Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Environment and Rural Development, and on Health and Community Care were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**5. Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill – Preliminary Stage:** Scott Barrie moved S2M-4809—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill and that the Bill should proceed as a Private Bill.

David McLetchie moved amendment S2M-4809.1 to motion S2M-4809—

Insert at end—

“but, in doing so, considers that inadequate information has been provided to the Parliament on the funding of the project and on alternative methods of establishing a rail link to Edinburgh Airport, and requests that further information is provided by the promoter and the Scottish Executive on these matters in the course of the Consideration Stage.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 30, Abstentions 20).

**6. Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Transport (Tavish Scott) moved S2M-4796—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9A.14.3(b)(ii) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 29, Abstentions 3).

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

**8. Elgin Bypass:** The Parliament debated S2M-4632 in the name of Maureen Macmillan—That the Parliament notes the continued strong public support for an Elgin bypass; believes that a bypass is necessary to relieve the increasing problem of congestion in and around Elgin; welcomes the Moray 2020 strategy which recognises that, in order to enhance the area to attract inward investment, government dispersals and growing businesses, local transport links need to be transformed, and therefore believes that both Moray Council and the Scottish Executive should give a commitment to re-examine the case for an Elgin bypass.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Colonel Ruth Flett, Salvation Army, Wick, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Crofting Reform etc. Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Ross Finnie) moved S2M-4710—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Crofting Reform etc. Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 17, Abstentions 1).

- 3. Crofting Reform etc. Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Rhona Brankin) moved S2M-4562—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Crofting Reform etc. Bill, agrees to any expenditure or increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b)(iii) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 95, Against 17, Abstentions 1).

- 4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4857—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 28 September 2006—  
after,

*followed by*                      Stage 1 Debate: St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill

insert,

*followed by*                      Financial Resolution: Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*                      Standards and Public Appointments Committee Motion on Breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament

The motion was agreed to.

- 5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4867—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing the Parliament to meet at 9.00 am on Wednesday 25 October 2006, Rule 2.2.3 be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

- 6. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4866—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 4 October 2006

- 2.00 pm                      Time for Reflection
- followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by*                      Environment and Rural Development Committee Debate – 8th Report 2006, Report on an Inquiry into the Food Supply Chain
- followed by*                      European and External Relations Committee Debate – 3rd Report 2006, Report on an Inquiry into Possible Co-operation Between Scotland and Ireland
- followed by*                      Business Motion
- followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm                      Decision Time
- followed by*                      Members' Business

Thursday 5 October 2006

- 9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by*                      Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
- 11.40 am                      General Question Time
- 12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time
- 2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
Finance and Public Services and Communities;  
Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport
- 2.55 pm                      Procedures Committee Debate – 4th Report 2006, Motions and Decisions, and 5th Report 2006, Consultation Report on Parliamentary Time
- followed by*                      Legislative Consent Motion: Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill – UK Legislation
- followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm                      Decision Time
- followed by*                      Members' Business

Wednesday 25 October 2006

- 9:00 am                      Time for Reflection
- followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by*                      Education Committee Debate – 7th Report 2006, Early Years
- followed by*                      Local Government and Transport Committee Debate – 10th Report 2006, Report on Inquiry into Freight Transport in Scotland
- 2.30 pm                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Independents' Group Business  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 26 October 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business  
11.40 am General Question Time  
12 noon First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Health and Community Care;  
Environment and Rural Development;  
2.55 pm Executive Business  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

and b) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for Question Times on 26 October 2006 should end at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 4 October 2006.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4868—That the Parliament agrees that the timetable for completion of consideration of the Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 3 November 2006; and

S2M-4869—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 15 December 2006.

The motions were agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4858—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Community Right to Buy (Definition of Excluded Land) (Scotland) Order 2006 be approved;

S2M-4859—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Transfer of Functions to the Shetland Transport Partnership Order 2006 be approved;

S2M-4860—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Transfer of Functions to the South-West of Scotland Transport Partnership Order 2006 be approved; and

S2M-4861—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2006 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**10. Glasgow Crossrail Scheme:** The Parliament debated S2M-4688 in the name of Bill Butler—That the Parliament welcomes the progress that has been made to modernise Scotland’s rail infrastructure, the most recent example of which was the agreement to the general principles of the Bill to establish the Glasgow Airport Rail Link (GARL) on 21 June 2006; notes the points contained in the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill Committee’s preliminary stage report which highlight the national and local economic and transport benefits of the proposed Glasgow Crossrail scheme if introduced in conjunction with the GARL project; recognises the added value which the proposed crossrail scheme would bring not only to Glasgow but to Scotland’s rail transport infrastructure; acknowledges that the establishment of the scheme would bridge the missing link in Scotland’s rail network; realises that the scheme would further strengthen Glasgow’s bid to host the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and believes that the compelling economic and transport case for Glasgow Crossrail is such that the Scottish Executive should commit to the implementation of the project.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Trident:** Roseanna Cunningham moved S2M-4864—That the Parliament believes that there is no justification for the renewal or replacement of the Trident nuclear weapons system.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S2M-4864.5 to motion S2M-4864—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“notes that decisions pertaining to national defence, such as any future replacement of Trident, are reserved to the Westminster parliament; notes that the United Nations Security Council plays a vital role in working for peace and security on a global basis; welcomes the United Kingdom’s role within both the United Nations and NATO; notes that the General Election manifestos for 2005 of the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties called for the retention of an independent nuclear deterrent; believes that there should be the widest possible debate on the future security of Scotland, the United Kingdom and the wider world, covering all options on Trident, including non-replacement; notes the comments of the UK Government that no decisions on replacing Trident have yet been taken; welcomes the significant reductions in the UK’s nuclear weapons arsenal; is committed to the goal of the global elimination of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, and wishes to see the United Kingdom continue to work both bilaterally and through the United Nations to urge states not yet party to non-proliferation instruments to become so, to remain committed to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and to make further progress toward significant reductions in the nuclear arsenals of the major nuclear powers.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 57, Abstentions 4).

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S2M-4864.3 to motion S2M-4864—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“wishes to see the worldwide elimination of nuclear weapons; notes the UK Government’s commitment, made in June 2005, to reach a decision on the replacement of the Trident system by the end of the current Westminster Parliament; further notes that the Secretary of State for Defence stated in June 2005 that “no decision on any replacement for Trident has been taken, either in principle or otherwise”; calls on the UK Government to ensure that there is a full public debate on the issue; further calls on the UK Government to press for a new round of multilateral arms reduction talks, and believes that the United Kingdom’s current minimum nuclear deterrent should be retained for the foreseeable future until sufficient progress has been made towards the global elimination of nuclear weapons.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 86, Abstentions 15).

Chris Ballance moved amendment S2M-4864.4 to motion S2M-4864—

Insert at end—

“but also recognises the concerns of workforce unions, such as the GMB, and therefore calls on the Scottish Executive to prepare Scotland for a weapons of mass destruction-free future by producing a plan for the redeployment of workers, such as at Faslane and Coulport, for peaceful purposes.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 74, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 72, Abstentions 2).

**2. Small Businesses:** Jim Mather moved S2M-4863—That the Parliament recognises the critically important role that small businesses play in delivering economic growth and local services and confirms the need to deliver specific tangible measures to bolster the competitiveness of Scottish small businesses, such as the SNP’s recent Small Business Bonus Scheme which would result in 120,000 small businesses being freed from the burden of business rates, and also recognises that, in implementing such schemes, it will help to increase the viability of individual small businesses and contribute to creating the growth that would allow Scotland’s living standards to converge on the higher living standards enjoyed elsewhere, thereby encouraging yet more small business start-ups, creating many more jobs, widening the tax base, increasing local economic vibrancy and improving local services and confidence across Scotland.

The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning (Allan Wilson) moved amendment S2M-4863.2 to motion S2M-4863—

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

“central role that small businesses play in delivering both economic growth and local services and welcomes the success that the Scottish Executive has had in supporting the growth in the total employment and overall number of small businesses and new business start-ups in Scotland since 1999; welcomes the benefit that small firms gain from a range of grant schemes that encourage the development of new products and processes, the creation or safeguarding of jobs and becoming more energy efficient, and also welcomes the Executive’s Small Business Rates Relief Scheme that results in around 70% of non-domestic rate subjects in Scotland receiving rates relief of up to 50% and the decision to equalise the poundage with England from 1 April 2007, which demonstrates our determination to deliver the right conditions for all businesses to grow by encouraging yet more small business start-ups, creating more jobs, widening the tax base, increasing local economic activity and improving local services across Scotland.”

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S2M-4863.1 to motion S2M-4863—

Leave out from “confirms” to end and insert—

“believes that there is a need for government to create a business environment which will improve the competitiveness of Scottish small businesses; further believes that any detailed proposals to reduce the business rate burden for small businesses should be properly costed and the source of such monies identified; notes the impact of excessive regulation and poor levels of investment in infrastructure on the capacity of small

businesses to grow; calls on the Scottish Executive to bring forward policies to create a more business-friendly environment in Scotland, and notes that the introduction of a local income tax as proposed by the SNP and the Liberal Democrats would directly penalise hundreds of thousands of unincorporated small businesses throughout Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S2M-4863.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 44, Abstentions 9). As a result, amendment S2M-4863.1 was pre-empted.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 23, Abstentions 31).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the central role that small businesses play in delivering both economic growth and local services and welcomes the success that the Scottish Executive has had in supporting the growth in the total employment and overall number of small businesses and new business start-ups in Scotland since 1999; welcomes the benefit that small firms gain from a range of grant schemes that encourage the development of new products and processes, the creation or safeguarding of jobs and becoming more energy efficient, and also welcomes the Executive’s Small Business Rates Relief Scheme that results in around 70% of non-domestic rate subjects in Scotland receiving rates relief of up to 50% and the decision to equalise the poundage with England from 1 April 2007, which demonstrates our determination to deliver the right conditions for all businesses to grow by encouraging yet more small business start-ups, creating more jobs, widening the tax base, increasing local economic activity and improving local services across Scotland.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Justice and Law Officers and on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Communities (Malcolm Chisholm) made a statement and answered questions on Right to Buy.

**7. St Andrew’s Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** Dennis Canavan moved S2M-4827—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the St Andrew’s Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill.

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

**8. Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-4872—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish

Parliament resulting from the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b)(ii) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Breach of the Code of Conduct for MSPs:** Brian Adam, on behalf of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee, moved S2M-4846—That the Parliament notes the 2nd Report, 2006 (Session 2) of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee, *Complaint against Mike Pringle MSP* (SP Paper 636) and agrees to impose the sanction recommended in the report that Mike Pringle MSP be excluded from all meetings of the Parliament and all meetings of its committees for the first five sitting days immediately after this motion is agreed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 6, Abstentions 18).

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

**11. Withdrawal of Alimta for Mesothelioma Patients:** The Parliament debated S2M-4742 in the name of Shona Robison—That the Parliament regrets that the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence's (NICE) final appraisal determination on Alimta does not recommend Alimta for the treatment of mesothelioma except as part of ongoing or new clinical trials; is concerned that the drug could potentially be withdrawn if NICE repeats that opinion in its final report due to be published in October 2006; realises that, in practice, NICE's decisions ordinarily supersede Scottish advice which could lead to the withdrawal of this drug for Scottish sufferers; recognises that such a move would have a devastating effect on mesothelioma sufferers here in Scotland given that Alimta has been shown to be effective in increasing life expectancy and improving the quality of life of patients; is aware that NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (QIS) will be reviewing its decision to offer the drug in Scotland in light of the NICE recommendation; therefore urges NHS QIS to recognise the contextual differences in Scotland, such as in epidemiology, with a large concentration of mesothelioma cases in Dundee and other post-industrial areas of Scotland; furthermore recognises the existing advice from the Scottish Medicines Consortium that Alimta should be freely available in Scotland, and therefore believes that the Scottish Executive should guarantee the availability of Alimta to existing and future sufferers of mesothelioma in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

**No. 25      Wednesday 4 October 2006**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Leith Fisher, Wellington Church, Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Environment and Rural Development Committee – *Inquiry into the Food Supply Chain*:** Sarah Boyack, on behalf of the Environment and Rural Development Committee, moved S2M-4884—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Environment and Rural Development Committee’s 8th Report, 2006 (Session 2): *Report on an Inquiry into the Food Supply Chain* (SP Paper 595).

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

**3. European and External Relations Committee – *Inquiry into the Possible Co-operation between Scotland and Ireland*:** Dennis Canavan, on behalf of the European and External Relations Committee, moved S2M-4899—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the European and External Relations Committee’s 3rd Report, 2006 (Session 2): *Report on an Inquiry into Possible Co-operation between Scotland and Ireland* (SP Paper 607).

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

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4907—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 25 October 2006

9:00 am	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Education Committee Debate – 7th Report 2006, Early Years
<i>followed by</i>	Local Government and Transport Committee Debate – 10th Report 2006, Report on Inquiry into Freight Transport in Scotland
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Tourists Boards (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Independents’ Group Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members’ Business

Thursday 26 October 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Green Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Health and Community Care;  
Environment and Rural Development;

2.55 pm Executive Debate: Coastal and Marine National Parks  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 November 2006

2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 2 November 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning;  
Justice and Law Officers;

2.55 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motions:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4908—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 19 January 2007; and

S2M-4909—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the St Andrew's Day Public Holiday (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 17 November 2006.

The motions were agreed to.

**6. Designation of Lead Committees:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4910—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice 2 Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Civil Appeals (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1;

S2M-4911—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice 2 Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1; and

S2M-4912—That the Parliament agrees that the Communities Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Education (School Meals etc.) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4913—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Construction Contracts (Scotland) Exclusion Amendment Order 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. No Need to Shout...Just Learn to Sign!:** The Parliament debated S2M-4843 in the name of Cathie Craigie—That the Parliament notes Learn to Sign Week from 2 to 8 October 2006; commends the work of the British Deaf Association and supports its objective of building a nation where British Sign Language (BSL), with its Scottish dialect, is a shared communication medium for both deaf and hearing communities; welcomes its 2006 UK-wide campaign, "No need to shout...just learn to sign!", which aims to encourage people to learn BSL; applauds the work of the Scottish Deaf Association (SDA) in raising awareness of deaf issues in our schools, further education

establishments and workplaces, and considers that the Scottish Executive should be encouraged to support the efforts of the SDA.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Scotland's Duty to its Senior Citizens:** Miss Annabel Goldie moved S2M-4901—That the Parliament believes that our senior citizens represent a valuable and under-acknowledged repository of skill, wisdom and experience and that they should be both respected and, where the need arises, cared for by both society and government to enable them to live in dignity and security in their old age; is therefore greatly concerned that the council tax has risen by 60% since 1997, resulting in many pensioners struggling to pay their bills, and believes that the Scottish Conservatives' proposal for a 50% discount for all pensioner households would greatly alleviate the burden; is further concerned that the policy of free personal care, which was supported by all parties in the Parliament, is still not being universally or timeously implemented throughout Scotland, and therefore calls on the Scottish Executive, local authorities and all other relevant agencies to unite in securing the immediate and complete implementation of this policy in Scotland.

Malcolm Chisholm moved amendment S2M-4901.4 to motion S2M-4901—

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

“recognises the enormous contribution that our senior citizens make to Scottish society; supports action to challenge ageism, widen opportunities for older people and ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect; acknowledges the improvement to older people's quality of life through groundbreaking policies such as free personal and nursing care, free bus travel and the central heating programme, and welcomes the continuing commitment of the Scottish Executive to recognising, valuing and supporting Scotland's older people through the development of its Strategy for a Scotland with an Ageing Population.”

Christine Grahame moved amendment S2M-4901.3 to motion S2M-4901—

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

“expresses concern, therefore, that free personal care is not being delivered equitably, with waiting lists being operated in some regions, and believes that the Scottish Executive must take immediate action to eradicate these practices; also believes that pensioner poverty cannot be tackled without the abolition of the council tax and its substitution by the fairer system of a local income tax; is alarmed at the devastating fuel cost increases which must lead to increasing vulnerability of our older people to cold-related illnesses and early mortality, and, while welcoming legislation to end age discrimination, calls on the Executive to inquire into elder abuse.”

Colin Fox moved amendment S2M-4901.2 to motion S2M-4901—

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

“believes that Scotland's primary duty to its senior citizens is to lift them out of the poverty and deprivation that so many endure and that the effect of Conservative policies of the 1980s and 1990s, in particular the introduction of the hated council tax

and the abandonment of the link between pensions increases and the increase in average earnings, has meant that their standard of living has significantly fallen; therefore calls for the abolition of the council tax, under which many pensioners pay up to 25% of their overall income on one bill, and its replacement with a system based on ability to pay, where the poor and low-paid are exempt and the tax obligation increases as income increases, and further believes that the restoration of the link between average earnings and pensions would ensure that Scotland's senior citizens do not continue to fall behind the rest of the population and secure the right to live in dignity in retirement."

John Swinburne moved amendment S2M-4901.1 to motion S2M-4901—

Leave out from "is therefore" to end and insert—

"and that the Scottish Executive should immediately take action to increase the income of every pensioner household in Scotland in a legal manner which is entirely compliant with the provisions of the Scotland Act 1998 and thereby follow up on that excellent social experiment by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown MP, in 2005 which should result in the first drop in winter-related deaths in Scotland in recent years."

After debate, amendment S2M-4901.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 42, Abstentions 7). As a result, amendments S2M-4901.3, S2M-4901.2 and S2M-4901.1 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 40, Abstentions 11).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the enormous contribution that our senior citizens make to Scottish society; supports action to challenge ageism, widen opportunities for older people and ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect; acknowledges the improvement to older people's quality of life through groundbreaking policies such as free personal and nursing care, free bus travel and the central heating programme, and welcomes the continuing commitment of the Scottish Executive to recognising, valuing and supporting Scotland's older people through the development of its Strategy for a Scotland with an Ageing Population.

**2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Public Services and Communities, and on Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**5. Procedures Committee – *Motions and decisions and Consultation Report on Parliamentary Time:*** Donald Gorrie moved S2M-4870—That the Parliament notes the Procedures Committee's 4th Report 2006, (Session 2),

*Motions and decisions* (SP Paper 589) and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A to the report be made with effect from 6 October 2006.

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

The Parliament also debated the Procedures Committee's 5th Report 2006, Consultation Report on Parliamentary Time.

**6. Law Officers:** The First Minister moved S2M-4924—That the Parliament agrees that it be recommended to Her Majesty that Elish Angiolini be appointed as the Lord Advocate and that John Beckett QC be appointed as Solicitor General for Scotland.

Miss Annabel Goldie moved amendment S2M-4924.1 to motion S2M-4924—

Leave out from “and that” to end.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 97, Abstentions 3).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 0, Abstentions 15).

**7. Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill - UK Legislation:** The Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (George Lyon) moved S2M-4887—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill introduced in the House of Commons on 11 January 2006, that relate to the implementation of European Union obligations and which are within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, or which confer executive powers on the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 5, Abstentions 7).

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

**9. Knife Crime Education:** The Parliament debated S2M-4708 in the name of Alex Johnstone—That the Parliament encourages all efforts to reduce knife crime; notes that educational programmes and courses on the dangers of carrying a knife have been shown to have been successful in the past, and congratulates Mr Mark Davies from Angus on using his experiences as a door supervisor and martial artist to put together a new course which educates our young people on the dangers and possible consequences of carrying a knife.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Katie McAdam, Barnardo's Youthbuild Project, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Education Committee Debate, Report on Inquiry into Early Years:** Iain Smith, on behalf of the Education Committee, moved S2M-4931—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Education Committee's 7th Report, 2006 (Session 2): *Early Years* (SP Paper 596).

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

**3. Local Government and Transport Committee, Report on Inquiry into Freight Transport in Scotland:** Bristow Muldoon, on behalf of the Local Government and Transport Committee, moved S2M-4926—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Local Government and Transport Committee's 10th Report, 2006 (Session 2): *Report on Inquiry into Freight Transport in Scotland* (SP Paper 619).

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

**4. Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport (Patricia Ferguson) moved S2M-4919—That the Parliament agrees that the Tourist Boards (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 2, Abstentions 15).

**5. Scotland International:** The Parliament debated the subject of Scotland International.

**6. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5000—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of the Standing Orders that Decision Time on Thursday 2 November 2006 shall begin at 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5001—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 1 November 2006

2.30 pm

Time for Reflection

<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	European and External Relations Committee Debate: 4th Report 2006, Inquiry into the Scottish Executive's plans for future structural funds programmes 2007-13
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 2 November 2006	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish National Party Business
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning; Justice and Law Officers;
2.55 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.30 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Wednesday 8 November 2006	
2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 9 November 2006	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport; Finance and Public Services and Communities;
2.55 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Business Motions:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5002—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Crofting Reform etc. Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 15 December 2006; and

S2M-5003—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 12 January 2007.

The motions were agreed to.

**9. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-4992—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Membership of Committees:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-4993—That the Parliament agrees that Mr Jamie Stone be appointed to replace Euan Robson on the Communities Committee; and

S2M-4994—That the Parliament agrees that Euan Robson be appointed to replace Mr Jamie Stone on the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10 as noted above.

**12. The Caithness Economy Post-Dounreay:** The Parliament debated S2M-4888 in the name of Jamie Stone—That the Parliament notes the severe

economic and social challenges for the far north presented by the accelerated run-down and decommissioning at Dounreay and considers that the Scottish Executive should work with the UK Government and other key players to ensure that a costed and funded strategy is put in place as soon as possible so that suitable replacement industries and jobs can be established for the years to come.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Young People and Families:** Robin Harper moved S2M-4999—That the Parliament recognises that children and young people are shaped by their relationships and experiences at home, in their schools and communities, by the physical space they find themselves in and by their economic circumstances; understands the absolute importance of these factors at the centre of healthy development; acknowledges that families and young people need support from time to time and that communities, public services, local authorities and the Scottish Executive share a responsibility to meet this need; regrets, however, that public debate in Scotland has increasingly reduced children and young people to simplistic stereotypes, either as innocents to be protected or as problems to be contained; in particular regrets that the tone of debate on antisocial behaviour has distracted attention and resources from the need to address the wider issues in young people’s lives; believes that where problems such as youth disorder have arisen local communities are best placed to decide on the appropriate response; therefore rejects the idea of forcing local authorities to use specific antisocial behaviour measures against their better judgement, and calls on the Executive to develop a comprehensive strategy for supporting families and young people.

The Deputy Minister for Education and Young People (Robert Brown) moved amendment S2M-4999.2 to motion S2M-4999—

Leave out from “that children and young people” to end and insert—

“the vital importance of all young people being able to fulfil their potential; pays tribute to the contribution young people across Scotland make to their families and communities; knows the importance of the family in providing support and guidance for young people; welcomes the fact that child poverty has been reduced by over a quarter in Scotland, that the Scottish Executive has introduced universal nursery education for all three to four-year-olds, that the Executive has seen record levels of investment in schools and teachers, that more of our young people are going on to higher and further education, that youth unemployment is at a record low and that more parents are in work and have access to support and childcare; recognises further that some parents require extra support to bring up children, that decent families and young people need to be safe and protected in their homes and communities, that young people supported by and having access to good quality youth work opportunities have an important role to play in improving their communities, and reiterates the determination of this Parliament to stand up to antisocial behaviour, to end child poverty and to provide every child and young person with the best possible start in life.”

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S2M-4999.1 to motion S2M-4999—

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

“believes that the most important duties of the Executive towards young people are to provide them with better opportunities for education and employment, a safe environment with affordable housing in which to live and public services which are efficient and effective, and calls for a greater focus from the Executive on delivering

improvements in public services and providing opportunities for young people, families, and everyone else in Scotland.”

After debate, amendment S2M-4999.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S2M-4999.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 29, Abstentions 24).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the vital importance of all young people being able to fulfil their potential; pays tribute to the contribution young people across Scotland make to their families and communities; knows the importance of the family in providing support and guidance for young people; welcomes the fact that child poverty has been reduced by over a quarter in Scotland, that the Scottish Executive has introduced universal nursery education for all three to four-year-olds, that the Executive has seen record levels of investment in schools and teachers, that more of our young people are going on to higher and further education, that youth unemployment is at a record low and that more parents are in work and have access to support and childcare; recognises further that some parents require extra support to bring up children, that decent families and young people need to be safe and protected in their homes and communities, that young people supported by and having access to good quality youth work opportunities have an important role to play in improving their communities, and reiterates the determination of this Parliament to stand up to antisocial behaviour, to end child poverty and to provide every child and young person with the best possible start in life.

**2. Climate Change and Road Transport:** Mr Mark Ruskell moved S2M-5005—That the Parliament welcomes growing public and parliamentary recognition of the threat posed by climate change; notes that cuts in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions of 60% to 90% are necessary to stabilise climate change within a generation; notes that transport, excluding aviation, accounts for 19% of Scotland’s climate change emissions, over 97% of which comes from road transport, and that road traffic is predicted to grow a further 27% by 2021; recognises that without reducing traffic levels it will be impossible to reduce Scottish greenhouse gas emissions to a level consistent with the need to address climate change; further recognises the need for urgent political action within the next four years to achieve year-on-year reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and calls on the Scottish Executive to set year-on-year overall greenhouse gas reduction targets and interim targets to reduce road traffic levels.

The Minister for Transport (Tavish Scott) moved amendment S2M-5005.3 to motion S2M-5005—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“supports the Scottish Executive’s record investment of 70% of the transport budget in public transport; notes the significant investment in Scotland’s bus services, which rely

upon a modern road infrastructure, and in the rail network, where the Executive has already opened the Larkhall to Milngavie line, all with the aim of improving the environment; further supports the Executive's investment to reduce road deaths and casualties, improve safety on roads outside schools, and provide attractive, integrated and affordable public transport alternatives, and welcomes the Executive's climate change programme and sustainable development campaign."

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S2M-5005.2 to motion S2M-5005—

Leave out from "within a generation" to end and insert—

"recognises that a range of measures are required to reduce transport emissions, including a clean transport fuels strategy and provision of sustainable alternatives to road transport, and further recognises that the energy sector accounts for the greatest proportion of emissions and that Scotland has enormous potential to develop cleaner and renewable energy to reduce our carbon footprint."

Ted Brocklebank moved amendment S2M-5005.1 to motion S2M-5005—

Leave out from first "notes" to end and insert—

"believes that, along with global poverty and terrorism, climate change is one of the three greatest challenges facing mankind today and therefore supports David Cameron MP's call for a Climate Change Bill to be included in this year's Queen's Speech to establish year-on-year targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by at least 60% by 2050 and to establish an independent monitor to report to the UK Parliament on Britain's progress in meeting those annual targets and to audit government policy to assess whether we remain on track to hit future targets; acknowledges, however, that ongoing investment in the Scottish road network remains vital for public safety, cutting congestion and to protect both small businesses and remote rural communities in particular; further acknowledges that more must be done to encourage modal shift from road to rail for both passenger and freight traffic, and therefore calls on the Scottish Executive to ensure that those road and rail projects of greatest importance be prioritised for investment, specifically a new Forth crossing, the refurbishment of Waverley Station, the completion of the central belt motorway network and the upgrading of many important trunk routes alongside increased efforts to move more freight from road to rail."

After debate, amendment S2M-5005.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 54, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendments S2M-5005.2 and S2M-5005.1 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 30, Abstentions 24).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Executive's record investment of 70% of the transport budget in public transport; notes the significant investment in Scotland's bus services, which rely upon a modern road infrastructure, and in the rail network, where the Executive has already opened the Larkhall to Milngavie line, all with the aim of improving the environment; further supports the Executive's investment to reduce road deaths and casualties, improve safety on roads outside schools, and provide attractive, integrated and affordable public transport

alternatives, and welcomes the Executive's climate change programme and sustainable development campaign.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health and Community Care and on Environment and Rural Development, were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Coastal and Marine National Parks:** The Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Ross Finnie) moved S2M-5008—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Executive's commitment to manage Scotland's coastline and seas in a sustainable way; welcomes the Executive's public consultation on proposals to establish Scotland's first Coastal and Marine National Park, and notes that the Executive will take account of the views expressed in response to the consultation before taking decisions on how to progress the proposals.

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S2M-5008.2 to motion S2M-5008—

Leave out from "supports" to end and insert—

"notes that coastal and marine national parks may have a role to play in the future but that at the present time there are many other more pressing priorities facing our coastal communities; further notes that, according to Scottish Environment Link, there are already over 85 Acts of Parliament that apply to Scotland's waters and yet a further layer of bureaucracy would not be helpful or popular and would only add to the existing complexity of marine and coastal management in Scotland; calls for a review of the governance of the marine environment before additional legislation is considered; believes that the creation of coastal and marine national parks should not be considered until other priorities are addressed and there is evidence that there is sufficient demand within local communities, and calls for the Scottish Parliament to have additional powers to help protect and promote our marine environment."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 90, Abstentions 5).

Ted Brocklebank moved amendment S2M-5008.1 to motion S2M-5008—

Insert at end—

"and, in particular, urges the Executive to carefully consider the impact of a Coastal and Marine National Park on local fishermen, the aquaculture industry and all whose livelihoods are directly dependent on the sea."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 42, Against 71, Abstentions 7).

Eleanor Scott moved amendment S2M-5008.3 to motion S2M-5008—

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

“expects the Executive to take account of all stakeholders’ views with no one sector having primacy; recognises that very many livelihoods depend on our safeguarding our coastal and marine environment; expects local management of marine resources to underpin the organisation of any future coastal and marine national park, and believes that location should not be a barrier to the siting of a marine national park.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 82, Abstentions 22).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 26, Abstentions 5).

**7. Membership of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5014—That the Parliament agrees that Kate Maclean be appointed to replace Cathie Craigie on the Procedures Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Aberdeen’s Bid for the National Energy Technologies Institute:** The Parliament debated S2M-4904 in the name of Richard Baker—That the Parliament notes the current and future importance of the energy sector to the north east’s economy; recognises that Aberdeen and the north east are home to a unique cluster of skills and expertise in energy exploration and development; notes the success of the Intermediary Technology Institute for Energy which is based in Aberdeen and works closely with the network of intermediary technology institutes throughout Scotland and also sources academic research across the United Kingdom and worldwide; believes that this successful model based in Aberdeen shows that the city has a unique potential to be the hub for a Scottish bid for the UK Energy Technologies Institute; notes both the location of leading oil and gas operators and contractors in Aberdeen and the work of the Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group, and welcomes the efforts to ensure that the UK Energy Technologies Institute is located in Aberdeen so that the north east remains a global leader in the energy industry.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Cardinal Keith O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5060—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 1 November 2006—

after,

*followed by*                      European and External Relations Committee Debate: 4th Report 2006, Inquiry into the Scottish Executive's plans for future structural funds programmes 2007-13

insert,

*followed by*                      Ministerial Statement – Severe weather in the north of Scotland

The motion was agreed to.

**3. European and External Relations Committee, *Report on an Inquiry into the Scottish Executive's Plans for Future Structural Funds Programmes 2007-13*:** Linda Fabiani, on behalf of the European and External Relations Committee, moved S2M-5013—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the European and External Relations Committee's 4th Report, 2006 (Session 2): *Report on an Inquiry into the Scottish Executive's plans for future structural funds programmes 2007-13* (SP Paper 611).

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Rhona Brankin) made a statement and answered questions on severe weather in the north of Scotland.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5061—That the Parliament agrees that—

(a) for the purposes of allowing the meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 2 November 2006 to continue beyond 5.30 pm, the word "Wednesday" in Rules 2.2.4 and 2.2.5(c) be suspended and that the word "Thursday" be substituted for it in each place, and that Rule 2.2.5(a) be suspended;

(b) under Rule 2.2.4 thus varied, the meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 2 November 2006 may continue to 7.00 pm; and

(c) Decision Time on Thursday 2 November 2006 shall begin at 6.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5062—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 8 November 2006

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                Executive Debate: Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)  
*followed by*                Business Motion  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                Members' Business

Thursday 9 November 2006

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                Scottish Socialist Party Business  
11.40 am                      General Question Time  
12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport;  
Finance and Public Services and Communities;  
2.55 pm                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                Executive Debate: Violence Against Women  
*followed by*                Education Committee Motion – Report on Draft National Plan for Gaelic  
*followed by*                Local Government and Transport Committee Motion – Provision of Rail Passengers Services (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                Members' Business

Wednesday 15 November 2006

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                Business Motion

<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 16 November 2006	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Environment and Rural Development; Health and Community Care;
2.55 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5051—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Social Work Inspections (Scotland) Regulations 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Membership of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5052—That the Parliament agrees that Mr Stewart Maxwell be appointed to replace Michael Matheson on the Enterprise and Culture Committee; and

S2M-5053—That the Parliament agrees that Michael Matheson be appointed to replace Mr Stewart Maxwell on the Justice 2 Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**9. Substitution on Committees:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5054—That the Parliament agrees that Dave Petrie be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Designation of Lead Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5059—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice 1 Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**12. Public Inquiries into Wind Farm Proposals in the Ochil Hills:** The Parliament debated S2M-4648 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham—That the Parliament notes the large number of planning applications to construct wind farms in the Ochil Hills, with six consecutive public inquiries scheduled between October 2006 and March 2007; considers that all appropriate expert evidence must be made available to such public inquiries; notes the Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development's parliamentary answer on 8 June 2006 confirming that both Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) have adequate resources to make representations to public local inquiries, and considers that SNH, SEPA and Historic Scotland should provide witnesses to all pertinent public inquiries so that the burden of providing evidence to such inquiries does not fall disproportionately on communities.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. The Scottish Executive Budget Review:** Mr John Swinney moved S2M-5063—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Executive to publish the Howat review of the Executive’s budget before the conclusion of Stage 1 of this year’s budget process.

The Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Services Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved amendment S2M-5063.1 to motion S2M-5063—

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

“notes that preparation for the 2007 Spending Review, including the provision of advice to Scottish Ministers by the Budget Review Group, is ongoing and further notes the Scottish Executive’s intention to publish a comprehensive suite of documents including the completed Howat review as part of the Spending Review package.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that preparation for the 2007 Spending Review, including the provision of advice to Scottish Ministers by the Budget Review Group, is ongoing and further notes the Scottish Executive’s intention to publish a comprehensive suite of documents including the completed Howat review as part of the Spending Review package.

**2. The Financial Powers of the Parliament:** Jim Mather moved S2M-5055—That the Parliament recognises the need for an open, inclusive and objective debate about the financial powers that it requires to have in order to maximise accountability, efficient government, economic growth, public services, infrastructure development and good social outcomes in Scotland and further encourages the business community, the trade unions, the public sector, the voluntary sector, academia and wider civic Scotland to participate in this debate, the objective of which must be to make Scotland a more prosperous country, able to deliver social justice to its people.

Richard Baker moved amendment S2M-5055.3 to motion S2M-5055—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“believes that the arguments for further fiscal autonomy are being used as a cover for the debate on independence; calls on those MSPs who support a separate Scotland to give an honest explanation of what a separate Scotland would mean for our economy,

and further believes that we should continue to use the powers of the Scottish Parliament to deliver better health, education, lower crime and economic growth.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S2M-5055.1 to motion S2M-5055—

Leave out from “powers” to end and insert—

“and non-financial powers that it requires to have in order to maximise accountability, efficient government, economic growth, public services, infrastructure development and good social outcomes in Scotland and further encourages the business community, the trade unions, the public sector, the voluntary sector, academia and wider civic Scotland to participate in this debate, the objective of which must be to make Scotland a more prosperous country, able to deliver social justice to its people, and notes that a more effective and accountable devolved Scottish Parliament would strengthen the United Kingdom.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 99, Abstentions 0).

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S2M-5055.2 to motion S2M-5055—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“believes that the Scottish Parliament needs significant new powers that follow federal principles; calls for a significant increase in the taxation powers of the Parliament in order to improve competitiveness and accountability, increase transparency, encourage more efficient allocation of resources and allow the Parliament to have greater fiscal levers to influence the direction of the Scottish economy; notes that full fiscal autonomy does not exist in any developed economy in the world and rejects the argument for such autonomy as a cloak for independence which would damage Scotland and our economy; calls for the establishment of a second constitutional convention during the next session of the Parliament to improve the home rule settlement in order to deliver real benefits to the people of Scotland; calls on all political parties and civic Scotland to participate in the new convention; believes that the new convention should also consider the case for additional legislative powers for Scotland and new procedures to improve joint working between the Scottish and UK Parliaments, and calls for the new legislative and fiscal powers of the Scottish Parliament to be enshrined in a written constitution for the United Kingdom.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by

Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.

**5. Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5058— That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Group 1:	50 minutes
Group 2:	1 hour 20 minutes
Groups 3 to 5:	1 hour 45 minutes
Groups 6 and 7:	2 hours 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 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, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 131, 132, 133, 134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173 and 174.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 75, Against 37, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 73, Against 39, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 5 (For 37, Against 73, Abstentions 1)
- 29 (For 32, Against 73, Abstentions 1)
- 35 (For 32, Against 72, Abstentions 0)
- 100A (For 34, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
- 105 (For 37, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
- 135 (For 34, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
- 157 (For 38, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 27 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 129 and 130.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 3 and 4.

**7. Scottish Commission for Human Rights Bill:** The Deputy Minister for Education and Young People (Robert Brown) moved S2M-4920—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 41, Abstentions 0).

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

**9. Clydesdale Parks:** The Parliament debated S2M-4811 in the name of Karen Gillon—That the Parliament welcomes the decision by the Heritage Lottery Fund to award over £1.3 million to help renovate Castlebank Park and Delves Park in Lanark; congratulates South Lanarkshire Council on its ambitious proposals to significantly improve access, interpretation and learning opportunities at the two historic parks; believes that restoration of the 18th century walled garden, the reinstatement of the glasshouses and the development of a multi-sports play area will attract many new visitors and increase community involvement in local history, gardening and other activities, and looks forward to the parks playing an important role in celebrations such as Lanimer Day, the medieval fayre and other special events in the future.

The meeting closed at 6.32 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Malcolm Rooney, Glens and Kirriemuir Old Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Supporting Positive Transitions from School Towards Work:** The Deputy First Minister and Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning (Nicol Stephen) moved S2M-5098—That the Parliament acknowledges that the transition to adulthood is an important stage in people’s lives; welcomes the fact that the vast majority of young people successfully engage in education, volunteering, training and employment opportunities; agrees that supporting all young people to utilise these opportunities in the transition from school towards work is a national priority, and endorses the leadership of the Scottish Executive, working with schools, colleges, voluntary organisations and employers in Scotland through the NEET strategy, in seeking a successful and positive outcome for all young people.

Alex Neil moved amendment S2M-5098.3 to motion S2M-5098—

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

“regrets the poor performance of the current Scottish Executive which has led to far more of our young people, compared with their European peers, not in education, employment or training; calls for a fresh approach to engage schools, colleges, voluntary organisations and employers in Scotland to recognise the importance of early intervention for children, particularly those from socially disadvantaged backgrounds, to realise their potential in later life and so secure the opportunities that other young Scots enjoy, and recognises that, for Scotland to achieve a situation where every 16 to 19-year-old can have the opportunity to secure a place in education, employment, training or volunteering, it will require a concerted national effort and support from all sectors in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 64, Abstentions 13).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S2M-5098.1 to motion S2M-5098—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“is therefore deeply concerned that so many young people in Scotland remain disengaged from education, employment or training; is further concerned by recent remarks from CBI Scotland that companies are having “to invest an unacceptably high proportion of the £2 billion they commit to training annually on what is effectively remedial education”; acknowledges, however, that voluntary agencies across Scotland are working hard to engage young people who are NEET; congratulates the Smith Group, which is dedicated to empowering such agencies already involved in this work; welcomes the Scottish Executive’s financial support provided to many of these agencies but, in light of the extreme difficulties voluntary organisations routinely face in terms of accessing secure funding, calls on it to reduce the bureaucracy involved in

applying for funds and to ensure that long-term funding is available for successful and proven projects.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

Rosemary Byrne moved amendment S2M-5098.2 to motion S2M-5098—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“is concerned about the numbers of young people not in education, employment or training; recognises that there is a need to address the reasons why schools are failing these young people and to take immediate action to address these problems by reducing class sizes, offering a broader curriculum and engaging more with young people, their parents and their communities, and calls on the Scottish Executive to offer fully supported and resourced modern apprenticeships based on the needs of young people and communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 37, Against 77, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 19, Abstentions 30).

**3. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5106—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 15 November 2006

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members’ Business

Thursday 16 November 2006

9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Environment and Rural Development;

Health and Community Care;  
2.55 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 November 2006

2.15 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time  
*followed by* Executive Business  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 23 November 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business  
11.40 am General Question Time  
12 noon First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Justice and Law Officers;  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning  
2.55 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

and (b) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for Question Times on 11 January 2007 ends at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 20 December 2006.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5102—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of

the Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 2 February 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Office of the Clerk:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5103—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk will be closed on 27, 28 and 29 December 2006.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Community Health:** The Parliament debated S2M-5045 in the name of Mark Ballard—That the Parliament recognises the great importance of community health projects in tackling the health problems that our nation faces; believes that community, independent and voluntary sector organisations addressing health inequalities play a crucial role in meeting the Scottish Executive's targets on health improvement; in particular, congratulates the Edinburgh Community Food Initiative on 10 years of working to remove barriers to a healthy diet by consistently developing innovative and effective programmes such as the Snack Attack project; notes that the future of this project, like many others, depends on its ability to continue to identify, secure and manage a wide variety of short-term funding sources; notes with concern the sense of fragility across the sector due to the uncertainty inherent in the funding system, and considers that the Executive should show much greater support to community health projects and act to reduce the financial insecurity that they are forced to face.

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Housing Stock Transfer:** Frances Curran moved S2M-5104—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Executive to embark on a programme of council house building; believes that the chronic shortage of affordable new homes has led to a huge increase in house prices in Scotland; notes that the average cost of a new home is now £130,000 and thus excludes more than one third of Scots from owning their own homes; demands that the UK Treasury releases the funds already identified to provide the necessary social housing that local circumstances demand; believes that tenants across Scotland have repeatedly rejected housing stock transfer, seeing it as plain and simple privatisation; believes in the fullest democratic control and management of council homes by tenants; welcomes the decision of Midlothian Council to build 1,000 new houses; calls on the tenants of both Highland and Inverclyde councils to follow the example of council tenants in Edinburgh, Stirling and Renfrewshire and reject privatisation of their housing stock; believes that the promises made to Glasgow tenants by Glasgow Housing Association have not been kept, and believes that stock transfer, the Executive’s flagship housing policy, is now in tatters.

The Deputy Minister for Communities (Johann Lamont) moved amendment S2M-5104.4 to motion S2M-5104—

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

“commends the initiatives by the Scottish Executive to increase the quantity of affordable housing in Scotland through its increased investment programme, which will deliver over 16,500 new affordable homes for rent and nearly 5,000 for low-cost home ownership by 2008, and through its Homestake low-cost home ownership scheme and its use of the planning system to increase supply; supports the principle of housing transfer to community ownership to improve the quality of existing housing where this has the support of the tenants; agrees that transfer has the potential to deliver a substantial package of benefits for tenants, including increased investment in their homes, rent guarantees and a much greater say in how their homes are managed, and recognises that transfer is indeed now delivering substantial new investment for tenants, as confirmed by Audit Scotland.”

Tricia Marwick moved amendment S2M-5104.2 to motion S2M-5104—

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

“recognises the failure of the Scottish Executive to adequately fund Scottish housing and its refusal to consider any other funding options than large-scale voluntary transfer; deplores the lack of real choice offered to Scottish tenants; condemns the Executive’s failure to deliver the promise of second-stage transfer to the tenants of Glasgow Housing Association, and calls on the Minister for Communities to make immediate representations to the UK Treasury for the write-off of local authorities’ capital housing debt without preconditions.”

Bill Aitken moved amendment S2M-5104.1 to motion S2M-5104—

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

“supports the transfer of local government housing to communities run by locally accountable housing associations, co-operatives and companies and notes the recent Audit Scotland report which concluded that the handover of more than 100,000 council homes to new landlords since 1998 has brought more investment in properties and promoted tenant control as well as facilitating increased repairs and maintenance and the building of new homes and keeping rent increases down; therefore urges all tenants to seriously consider voting for the stock transfer of their homes, but notes, however, that the Scottish Executive now needs to address urgently the issues preventing the second stage transfer in Glasgow and to publish what it and the City of Edinburgh Council now plan to do for the future of Edinburgh’s housing stock, with a view to assisting in future investment for vital affordable housing.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5104.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 44, Abstentions 7). As a result, amendments S2M-5104.2 and S2M-5104.1 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 45, Abstentions 8).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends the initiatives by the Scottish Executive to increase the quantity of affordable housing in Scotland through its increased investment programme, which will deliver over 16,500 new affordable homes for rent and nearly 5,000 for low-cost home ownership by 2008, and through its Homestake low-cost home ownership scheme and its use of the planning system to increase supply; supports the principle of housing transfer to community ownership to improve the quality of existing housing where this has the support of the tenants; agrees that transfer has the potential to deliver a substantial package of benefits for tenants, including increased investment in their homes, rent guarantees and a much greater say in how their homes are managed, and recognises that transfer is indeed now delivering substantial new investment for tenants, as confirmed by Audit Scotland.

**2. Funding Equal Pay:** Carolyn Leckie moved S2M-5105—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Executive has a responsibility, which includes the allocation of appropriate funding to assist local authorities, in agreement with the trade unions, to achieve equal pay and maintain public services.

The Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved amendment S2M-5105.4 to motion S2M-5105—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“recognises that closing the equal pay gap will benefit all Scots, Scotland’s workplaces and Scotland’s economy; agrees that it is the responsibility of local authorities as independent bodies to implement the single status pay agreement which they themselves negotiated, and encourages employers and unions to make every effort to reach an agreement that is fair and equitable and protects the staff concerned, council taxpayers and the services that local authorities deliver.”

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S2M-5105.1 to motion S2M-5105—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“calls on the Scottish Executive to facilitate discussions between COSLA, local authorities and trade unions to deliver a fair and speedy resolution to the equal pay and single status issue and to ensure that the implications of such agreement are reflected in the 2007-08 local authority financial settlement.”

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S2M-5105.2 to motion S2M-5105—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“supports the principles of the Equal Pay Act 1970; condemns the failure of local authorities and trades unions to reach agreement on the implementation of single status; recognises the importance of protecting taxpayers at all levels from the consequences of this failure, and calls on the Scottish Executive to exert pressure on local authorities and trades unions to reach an agreement fair to employees and taxpayers.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5105.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 36, Abstentions 15).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that closing the equal pay gap will benefit all Scots, Scotland’s workplaces and Scotland’s economy; agrees that it is the responsibility of local authorities as independent bodies to implement the single status pay agreement which they themselves negotiated, and encourages employers and unions to make every effort to reach an agreement that is fair and equitable and protects the staff concerned, council taxpayers and the services that local authorities deliver.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport, and on Finance and Communities were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Violence Against Women:** The Minister for Communities (Malcolm Chisholm) moved S2M-5109—That the Parliament is pleased to reaffirm its commitment to the cause of ending violence against women; supports the 16th year of the United Nations’ 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign and its focus this year on activists; pays tribute to the many paid and unpaid women across Scotland, for example at the Scottish Domestic Abuse Helpline, local women’s aid groups, rape crisis centres and other voluntary sector projects, who have given their time, energy and commitment

over the years to raising the profile of domestic abuse, rape and sexual assault and other forms of male violence against women, as well as offering support to those who experience it; congratulates both Scottish Women's Aid and Glasgow Rape Crisis Centre on reaching their 30th anniversaries; welcomes the progress made over the last 30 years including recent developments which recognise the impacts that domestic abuse has on children, and supports the Scottish Executive in its efforts to tackle violence against women in all its forms.

Christine Grahame moved amendment S2M-5109.2 to motion S2M-5109—

Insert at end—

“notes that in 2004-05 there were only 234 refuge places in Scotland and calls on the Executive to provide increased funding to support additional places which will also take into account rurality and remoteness, and further calls on the Executive to review the operation of the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001.”

After debate, the amendment was, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

Carolyn Leckie moved amendment S2M-5109.1 to motion S2M-5109—

Insert at end—

“and, in so doing, expresses continuing concern at the despairingly low conviction rates for rape and sexual offences and the continuing humiliation that the majority of women complainants face through the courts allowing examination of victims' sexual history and character, and believes that the efforts of the Executive to address male violence against women must be supported by effective change in the criminal justice system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 78, Abstentions 23).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**7. Education Committee, *Draft National Plan for Gaelic*:** Iain Smith, on behalf of the Education Committee, moved S2M-5093—That the Parliament notes the contents of the Education Committee's 11th Report, 2006 (Session 2): *Draft National Plan for Gaelic* (SP Paper 657).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Local Government and Transport Committee, *Provision of Rail Passenger Services (Scotland) Bill*:** Bristow Muldoon, on behalf of the Local Government and Transport Committee, moved S2M-5018—That the Parliament does not agree to the general principles of the Provision of Rail Passenger Services (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

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

**10. Scotland's Historical Places and Artefacts:** The Parliament debated S2M-5027 in the name of Christine May—That the Parliament recognises the support given by the Scottish Executive to conserve Scotland's heritage; believes that a knowledge of the buildings, monuments, historic sites and ancient artefacts in Scotland contributes to our knowledge of ourselves as a nation; welcomes the recent announcements on funding to protect ancient battlefields and historic buildings and to support local projects; further welcomes the statutory protection given to listed buildings and ancient monuments; considers that the voluntary register of historic sites maintained by most local authorities is a welcome source of information on Scotland's history and peoples; congratulates the Council for Scottish Archaeology and national, local authority and community historical, archaeological and museum groups which work tirelessly to research, identify and conserve places such as the Henge at Balfarg in Glenrothes and the Bronze Age burial cist at Sillerhole in Leven and display artefacts in both national and local museums such as Lower Methil Heritage Centre; believes that opportunities exist to give further protection through legislative measures; welcomes the offer by the Deputy Minister for Communities to discuss such opportunities in the context of the current planning Bill, and believes that all MSPs and ministers should consider what further support can be given to protect Scotland's historical places and artefacts.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.15 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Dr Conrad Harvey, Buddhist Faith Representative, NHS Scotland Spiritual Care Committee, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5154—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of the Standing Orders that Decision Time on Wednesday 15 November 2006 shall begin at 6.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5156—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, each time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in any morning or afternoon during which the Stage is taking place being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2:	45 minutes
Groups 3 to 7:	1 hour 50 minutes
Groups 8 and 9:	2 hours 25 minutes
Groups 10 to 15:	3 hours 25 minutes (this will conclude Wednesday's session)
Groups 16 and 17:	3 hours 55 minutes
Group 18:	4 hours 55 minutes
Groups 19 to 23:	5 hours 50 minutes
Groups 24 to 26:	6 hours 30 minutes
Groups 27 to 30:	6 hours 55 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 38, 39, 40, 20, 2, 21, 3, 4, 5, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 6, 7, 8, 23, 9, 10, 71, 72, 12, 24, 25 and 26.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

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| 93 | (For 39, Against 80, Abstentions 4) |
| 43 | (For 41, Against 80, Abstentions 2) |

44 (For 18, Against 104, Abstentions 1)  
 96 (For 56, Against 65, Abstentions 2)  
 97 (For 40, Against 81, Abstentions 2)  
 98 (For 33, Against 82, Abstentions 1)  
 47 (For 31, Against 85, Abstentions 2)  
 108 (For 40, Against 79, Abstentions 1)  
 50 (For 8, Against 74, Abstentions 1)  
 51 (For 16, Against 100, Abstentions 1)  
 52 (For 17, Against 102, Abstentions 1)  
 22 (For 35, Against 73, Abstentions 8)  
 69 (For 16, Against 99, Abstentions 1)  
 118 (For 33, Against 58, Abstentions 1)  
 74 (For 18, Against 78, Abstentions 24)  
 75 (For 17, Against 78, Abstentions 25)  
 77 (For 15, Against 100, Abstentions 2)

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 109 and 114.

The following amendments were not moved: 94, 95, 46, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 113, 112, 115, 119, 120 and 76.

The Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rule 9.8.4C.

The Parliament ended consideration of the Bill for the day amendment 77 having been disposed of.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5155—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 22 November 2006

2.15 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 1 Debate: Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Financial Resolution: Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 1 Debate: Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Thursday 23 November 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Preliminary Stage Debate: Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill  
*followed by* Financial Resolution: Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill  
11.40 am General Question Time  
12 noon First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Justice and Law Officers;  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning  
2.55 pm Stage 1 Debate: Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Financial Resolution: Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 29 November 2006

2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Final Stage: Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 30 November 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill  
11.40 am General Question Time  
12 noon First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Finance and Public Services and Communities;  
Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport  
2.55 pm Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm

Decision Time

*followed by*

Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Membership of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5151—That the Parliament agrees that Margaret Smith be appointed to replace Nora Radcliffe on the Equal Opportunities Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Substitution on Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5150—That the Parliament agrees that Stewart Stevenson be appointed to replace Mr Stewart Maxwell as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Motion without notice:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved, without notice, a motion under Rule 11.2.4 of Standing Orders that Decision Time on Wednesday 15 November 2006 shall begin at 5.52 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**10. World Diabetes Day 2006:** The Parliament debated S2M-5099 in the name of Mr David Davidson—That the Parliament expresses its support for World Diabetes Day 2006 on 14 November and the launch of the year-long campaign to raise awareness of the impact of diabetes among disadvantaged and vulnerable groups; notes the campaign's message that every person with diabetes, or at risk of diabetes, deserves the best quality of education, prevention and care that is possible; is concerned that people on the lowest incomes are around twice as likely as those on the highest incomes to develop type 2 diabetes and that the prevalence of diabetes in the most deprived areas is over two-thirds higher than in the most affluent; further notes that black and minority ethnic groups are at least five times more likely to develop diabetes than their Caucasian counterparts and are more likely to live in more deprived areas; recognises the developing epidemic of diabetes in young people in Scotland, and believes that the Scottish Executive should ensure that the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups are fully addressed in the roll-out of the Scottish Diabetes Framework: Action Plan and that resources for diabetes awareness, screening and early intervention treatment to reduce long-term costs to the NHS are made available to all of Scotland's NHS boards.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Parliament resumed consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 13, 32, 33, 87, 14 and 15.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

121	(For 35, Against 74, Abstentions 1)
79	(For 36, Against 76, Abstentions 1)
80	(For 35, Against 77, Abstentions 1)
83	(For 35, Against 75, Abstentions 1)
84	(For 35, Against 77, Abstentions 1)
123	(For 45, Against 74, Abstentions 1)
124	(For 29, Against 78, Abstentions 7)
125	(For 35, Against 77, Abstentions 2)
127	(For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 7)
126	(For 34, Against 78, Abstentions 2)
85	(For 14, Against 95, Abstentions 1)
129	(For 35, Against 77, Abstentions 1)
130	(For 33, Against 76, Abstentions 1)
131	(For 36, Against 77, Abstentions 1)
132	(For 37, Against 77, Abstentions 1)
133	(For 36, Against 75, Abstentions 1)
142	(For 37, Against 70, Abstentions 1)
144	(For 37, Against 72, Abstentions 1)
146	(For 17, Against 94, Abstentions 3)
147	(For 38, Against 73, Abstentions 2)

Amendment 136 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 128, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 141, 140, 143 and 145.

**2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Environment and Rural Development, and on Health and Community Care were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**5. Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Parliament resumed consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 16, 17, 18, 35, 36, 90, 159, 92, 91, 160 and 161.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 34 (For 112, Against 1, Abstentions 5)
- 89A (For 110, Against 1, Abstentions 5)
- 89 (For 112, Against 0, Abstentions 6)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 149 (For 37, Against 78, Abstentions 1)
- 150 (For 20, Against 71, Abstentions 27)
- 151 (For 37, Against 78, Abstentions 2)
- 152 (For 19, Against 68, Abstentions 25)
- 153 (For 38, Against 74, Abstentions 1)
- 155 (For 37, Against 72, Abstentions 2)
- 156 (For 53, Against 60, Abstentions 1)

The following amendments were not moved: 148, 154, 157 and 158.

**6. Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Communities (Malcolm Chisholm) moved S2M-4921—That the Parliament agrees that the Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Christine Grahame moved amendment S2M-4921.1 to motion S2M-4921—

Insert at end—

“but, in so doing, expresses regret at the inclusion of Part 9 on business improvement districts as it represents an additional onerous burden both financially and bureaucratically on already overburdened small businesses.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 42, Against 76, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 13, Abstentions 1).

**7. Appointment of Minister:** The First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell) moved S2M-5158—That the Parliament agrees that Hugh Henry be appointed as a Minister.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell) moved S2M-5159—That the Parliament agrees that Des McNulty be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

**10. National Bed Assessment:** The Parliament debated S2M-4525 in the name of Jean Turner—That the Parliament notes that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde now has responsibility for a population of approximately one million; considers, therefore, that an urgent assessment is required of all numbers of beds, including high dependency and intensive care beds and those set aside for barrier nursing, since availability of every type of bed is crucial to the best clinical decisions and nursing care, as well as to the smooth and easy flow of the patient journey from one area of a hospital to another as their medical condition changes for better or worse; recognises that not having appropriate beds of any kind, in any speciality at any one time, can mean that a patient may have to stay in intensive care longer than necessary and thus block a bed for a patient who should be transferred from a high-dependency bed or theatre to an intensive care unit bed; acknowledges that delays to admission from casualty, accident and emergency or trauma departments may also be due to a lack of all types of beds being available, thus resulting in the discharge of patients in the evening in order to free a bed for an emergency admission; recognises that important elective procedures and operations may have to be cancelled at short notice as a result of no appropriate bed being available because of a general bed shortage, and therefore, in light of an increasingly ageing population with more complex conditions and in anticipation of a further rise of medical admissions including all types of infections, in particular MRSA, winter and summer vomiting viruses which often close wards, considers that work should be done to address our present problems within such a large NHS board and as a result decrease waiting times and lists.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.15 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Father Ed Hone, St Patrick's, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.
2. **SPCB Question Time:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
3. **Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Transport (Tavish Scott) moved S2M-5043—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill.

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

4. **Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Transport (Tavish Scott) moved S2M-5176—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure or increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b)(iii) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** Karen Whitefield moved S2M-5169—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 4, Abstentions 18).

6. **Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5203—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 29 November 2006

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Final Stage: Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 30 November 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
 Finance and Public Services and Communities;  
 Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport

2.55 pm Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Bankruptcy and Diligence etc.  
 (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 December 2006

2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 December 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
 Health and Community Care;  
 Environment and Rural Development

2.55 pm Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Adoption and Children  
 (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5202—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 26 January 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSIs:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5200—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 3) Order 2006 be approved; and

S2M-5201—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Fund for Farepak Victims:** The Parliament debated S2M-5107 in the name of Dr Elaine Murray—That the Parliament welcomes the setting up of a fund by the Department of Trade and Industry to recompense Farepak victims, such as those in Dumfries; notes that retailers are being asked to make contributions; notes also that MPs are being asked to contribute a day's salary to the fund, and considers that MSPs should do likewise.

**11. Motion without Notice:** Dr Elaine Murray moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.11 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.11 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill - Preliminary Stage:** Phil Gallie, on behalf of the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill Committee, moved S2M-5168—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill and that the Bill should proceed as a Private Bill.

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

**2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Justice and Law Officers and on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.

**5. Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care (Lewis Macdonald) moved S2M-5042—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Health and Community Care (Lewis Macdonald) moved S2M-4377—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b)(iii) of Rule 9.12 of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Transport (Tavish Scott) moved S2M-5174—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9A.14.3(b)(ii) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Membership of Committees:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5213—That the Parliament agrees that Marilyn Livingstone be appointed to replace Ms Wendy Alexander on the Education Committee;

S2M-5214—That the Parliament agrees that Gordon Jackson be appointed to replace Des McNulty on the Finance Committee; and

S2M-5215—That the Parliament agrees that Janis Hughes be appointed to replace Gordon Jackson on the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

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. School Bus Safety:** The Parliament debated S2M-4833 in the name of Alex Neil—That the Parliament notes that in certain local authority areas in Ayrshire and elsewhere there is a concern about the need to tighten up the rules and guidelines regarding the safety of buses carrying children to school and, in particular, believes that the regulations should be changed so that it is mandatory for a supervising adult to accompany primary school children travelling on a school bus whether the bus is a single or double decker.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

**No. 37      Wednesday 29 November**

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Patricia Sawo, East African Co-ordinator of the African Network of Religious Leaders Living with HIV and AIDS, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill – Final Stage:** Margaret Jamieson, on behalf of the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, moved S2M-5161—That the Parliament agrees that the Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

**3. St Andrew’s Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** Dennis Canavan moved S2M-5113—That the Parliament agrees that the St Andrew’s Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5237—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 30 November 2006—

after,

2.55 pm                      Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill

insert,

*followed by*                      Executive Motion: Membership of the Committee of the Regions

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5238—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 6 December 2006

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection

*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*                      Executive Debate: Civic Participation – Trade Union Engagement with Scotland’s Civic Society

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 December 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Health and Community Care;  
Environment and Rural Development

2.55 pm Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Adoption and Children  
(Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Executive Debate: Fisheries

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 13 December 2006

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 14 December 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning; Justice and Law Officers
2.55 pm	Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 104, Against 13, Abstentions 4).

**6. Business Motions:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5239—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 19 January 2007; and

S2M-5240—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 19 January 2007.

The motions were agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5233—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Budget (Scotland) Act 2006 Amendment Order 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Ending Child Poverty in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S2M-5172 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament agrees that it is unacceptable that children living in severe poverty in Scotland are missing out on basic necessities such as fresh, nutritious food, new clothes and shoes and having a warm home in the winter; welcomes Save the Children's campaign to end child poverty, which highlights the effects for children and their families of living in severe and persistent poverty; acknowledges the

progress made by the Scottish Executive in lifting 100,000 children in Scotland out of poverty and helping children in the Dumbarton constituency and across Scotland to improve their life chances, and believes that more needs to be done and that the Executive should prioritise the needs of the very poorest children and continue to work with the UK Government in implementing solutions, such as child seasonal grants, proposed as part of the Save the Children campaign.

**10. Motion without Notice:** Christine Grahame moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.10 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5251— That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, each time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 9: 40 minutes  
Groups 10 to 13: 1 hour 20 minutes  
Groups 14 to 16: 2 hours  
Groups 17 to 19: 2 hours 50 minutes  
Groups 20 to 31: 3 hours 20 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 90, 91, 13, 14, 15, 16, 64, 17, 18, 29, 30, 31, 65, 19, 20, 21, 22, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 95, 97, 49, 50, 1, 66, 2, 3, 117, 121, 130, 51, 67, 68, 69, 4 and 5.

Amendment 12 was agreed to (by division) (For 77, Against 12, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

93 (For 39, Against 65, Abstentions 1)  
206 (For 20, Against 84, Abstentions 0)  
52 (For 20, Against 84, Abstentions 0)  
148 (For 28, Against 74, Abstentions 1)  
149 (For 29, Against 74, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were not moved: 94, 96, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146 and 147.

The Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rules 9.8.4A(a) and 9.8.4A(c).

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Public Services and Communities and on Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Parliament resumed consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 155, 156, 55, 157, 159, 6, 7, 56, 57, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 172, 173, 71, 58, 174, 8, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 26, 27, 28, 81, 82, 175, 83, 9, 10, 59, 60, 84, 85, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 23, 24, 86, 11, 25, 178, 179, 181, 87, 88, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 89, 37, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201 and 202.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

208 (For 73, Against 31, Abstentions 3)  
209 (For 78, Against 36, Abstentions 0)  
53 (For 103, Against 8, Abstentions 1)  
210 (For 80, Against 35, Abstentions 0)  
211 (For 79, Against 36, Abstentions 0)  
54 (For 108, Against 4, Abstentions 2)  
212 (For 73, Against 32, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

150 (For 40, Against 74, Abstentions 0)  
151 (For 34, Against 70, Abstentions 2)  
152 (For 37, Against 74, Abstentions 2)  
153 (For 39, Against 76, Abstentions 0)  
154 (For 52, Against 58, Abstentions 0)  
70 (For 44, Against 67, Abstentions 2)  
171 (For 35, Against 74, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 158, 176, 61, 177, 207, 62, 63, 180, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 203, 204 and 205.

The Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rules 9.8.4A(a) and 9.8.4A(c).

**7. Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning (Allan Wilson) moved S2M-5044—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Membership of Committee of the Regions:** The Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved S2M-5236—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Executive’s proposal to nominate as a representative of the Parliament Maureen Watt MSP as alternate member on the UK delegation to the Committee of the Regions for the session from 2006 to 2010.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**10. Pioneering Co-location of Borders College and Heriot Watt University Borders Campus:** The Parliament debated S2M-5146 in the name of Jeremy Purvis—That the Parliament welcomes the signing of the ground-breaking co-location agreement, on Friday 17 November 2006, between Borders College and Heriot Watt University to bring about a combined further and higher education campus in the Borders at Netherdale in Galashiels; recalls the concerns about the proposed relocation of the School of Textiles and Design by the university from the Borders campus to Edinburgh in 2004 but congratulates the group established to work with the university in successfully retaining the internationally renowned school at the Borders campus, and welcomes the extensive funding package from the Scottish Executive and EU structural funds, totalling £27.7 million for the redevelopment of the campus and a further £3.7 million being granted to fund a new community college in Hawick, to provide state-of-the-art learning facilities for the Borders and establish a “university college” model and creative, world-class learning facilities.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend John MM Lafferty, Stevenston, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Civic Participation - Trade Union Engagement with Scotland's Civic Society:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Ms Margaret Curran) moved S2M-5269—That the Parliament recognises the strength and constructive nature of its partnership with civic Scotland; recalls that this began in the Constitutional Convention when a wide range of civic organisations, including trade unions, came together with the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties to develop the blueprint for devolution; notes that this partnership is evolving as the Parliament and civic society work together to achieve social justice, and acknowledges the importance of the Executive working in partnership with organisations such as the Scottish Trades Union Congress, other non-governmental organisations and civic partners in Scotland.

Bill Aitken moved amendment S2M-5269.1 to motion S2M-5269—

Leave out from “its” to end and insert—

“a partnership with civic Scotland, but stresses that such a partnership should be on as wide a basis as possible including the private sector and business and enterprise groups in order that a more balanced approach be taken towards the governance of Scotland and the achievement of social justice.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 77, Abstentions 22).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 98, Against 0, Abstentions 15).

**3. Council Tax:** Derek Brownlee moved S2M-5258—That the Parliament notes the recommendations of the Independent Local Government Finance Review Committee report but opposes its central recommendation of a “local property tax”; agrees that the 60% increase in council tax levels since Labour came to power has left those on low incomes struggling to pay their council tax bills, especially our pensioner households, and therefore calls for a 50% discount on council tax for all pensioner households aged 65 and over in Scotland, as proposed by the Scottish Conservatives.

The Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved amendment S2M-5258.3 to motion S2M-5258—

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

“that the Scottish Executive established the independent inquiry into local government finance consistent with the Partnership Agreement of May 2003; notes that individuals and political parties made representations to this inquiry which published its findings in November 2006, and notes that the Executive will consider the report in its entirety and will respond to the committee’s findings in due course.”

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S2M-5258.1 to motion S2M-5258—

Leave out from—

“a 50% discount” to end and insert “the council tax to be abolished and replaced by a local income tax based on the ability to pay.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5258.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72, Against 40, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S2M-5258.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 73, Against 40, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Executive established the independent inquiry into local government finance consistent with the Partnership Agreement of May 2003; notes that individuals and political parties made representations to this inquiry which published its findings in November 2006, and notes that the Executive will consider the report in its entirety and will respond to the committee’s findings in due course.

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5281—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 7 December 2006—

after,

2.55 pm Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill

delete,

*followed by* Executive Debate: Fisheries

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5282—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 13 December 2006

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Local Government Finance Settlement 2007-08

*followed by* Executive Debate: Fisheries

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 14 December 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning;  
Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 December 2006

10.00 am Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Equal Opportunities Committee Debate: 2nd Report 2006, Removing Barriers and Creating Opportunities

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Finance Committee Debate: 7th Report 2006, Inquiry into Accountability and Governance

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Justice 2 Committee Motion – Civil Appeals (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 December 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish National Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time  
Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport;  
Finance and Public Service and Communities

2.55 pm Finance Committee Debate: Stage 2 of the 2007-08 Budget  
Process  
*followed by* Procedures Committee Debate: 6th Report 2006, Public Bills and  
Substitution; 7th Report 2006, Members' Interests (Parliamentary  
Determinations and Resolutions); 8th Report 2006, Consolidation  
Bill Procedure; 9th Report 2006, Rule 10.3.2 (the "20-day rule")  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motions:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved—

S2M-5274—That the Parliament agrees that the timetable for completion of consideration of the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 19 January 2007; and

S2M-5275—That the Parliament agrees that the timetable for completion of consideration of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 22 December 2006.

The motions were agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5283—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of Standing Orders that Decision Time on Wednesday 20 December 2006 shall begin at 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSIs:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5276—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Amendment Order 2006 be approved; and

S2M-5277—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Registration Services (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Order 2006 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**9. Substitution on Committees:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5278—That the Parliament agrees that Mr Alasdair Morrison be appointed to replace Janis Hughes as the Labour Party substitute on the Finance Committee; and

S2M-5279—That the Parliament agrees that Marilyn Livingstone be appointed to replace Ms Wendy Alexander as the Labour Party substitute on the European and External Relations Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. Threat to the Rural Post Office Network in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S2M-4876 in the name of Mr John Swinney—That the Parliament notes the public concern over the future of the rural post office network in Perthshire, Angus and other parts of rural Scotland; notes that the UK Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) provides a subsidy to the rural post office network in Scotland that is scheduled to be removed in 18 months' time; notes that, while the DTI provides this subsidy, other UK government departments such as the Department for Work and Pensions, the Department for Transport and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport are taking decisions that reduce the volume and value of transactions that can be undertaken at post offices, thereby damaging the profitability of these post offices; recognises that if the rural post office network is not supported there will be severe economic loss and loss of amenity in countless communities in Perthshire, Angus and rural Scotland, and considers that the Scottish Executive should make representations to the UK Government to provide a stable level of support that guarantees the viability of the rural post office network.

**12. Motion without Notice:** Mr John Swinney moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.04 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5285— That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended, other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage in the morning and afternoon being called, or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 5: 1 hour 5 minutes  
Group 6: 1 hour 50 minutes  
Groups 7 to 10: 2 hours 20 minutes  
Groups 11 to 17: 3 hours 5 minutes  
Groups 18 to 20: 3 hours 25 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 80, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 81, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 82, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 83, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 100 and 103.

Amendment 84 was agreed to (by division) (For 59, Against 51, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

4A (For 36, Against 71, Abstentions 0)  
4B (For 37, Against 71, Abstentions 0)  
86 (For 55, Against 58, Abstentions 1)  
94 (For 8, Against 101, Abstentions 1)  
95 (For 11, Against 98, Abstentions 1)  
96 (For 12, Against 95, Abstentions 1).

Amendments 97 and 98 were not moved.

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

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health and Community Care and on Environment and Rural Development were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Parliament resumed consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 34, 35, 36, 115, 37, 120, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 122, 123, 47, 124, 48, 125, 49, 126, 50, 52, 153, 53, 55, 128, 129, 131, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 61, 62, 141, 142, 63, 143, 144, 64, 65, 145, 146, 147, 66, 148, 149, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 154, 73, 74, 151, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 and 152.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 51 (For 35, Against 65, Abstentions 7)
- 54 (For 34, Against 64, Abstentions 9)
- 133 (For 38, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 135 (For 44, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 108 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 116, 117, 119, 121 and 150.

**7. Motion without notice:** Ms Margaret Curran moved, without notice, a motion under Rule 9.8.5A to extend the time-limits for groups 8 to 10 by 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer consequently used his discretion under Rule 9.8.5B to move Decision Time on Thursday 7 December 2006 to 5.30 pm.

**8. Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-5041—That the Parliament agrees that the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 101, Against 6, Abstentions 6).

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

**10. A Century of Change:** The Parliament debated S2M-5188 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament recognises the launch of “Edinburgh’s

Volunteers: A Century of Change”, an exhibition which celebrates the history of volunteers in Edinburgh and the Lothians and outlines the development of volunteering in this area over the centuries; considers that all MSPs should visit the exhibition, which is located at the Museum of Edinburgh on the Royal Mile until 3 March 2007 and includes photographs, objects and oral histories about volunteers; recognises the collaboration of the Living Memory Association and the Volunteer Centre Edinburgh to provide tremendous assistance in the creation of this exhibition, and further notes the importance of volunteer contributions to enriching the lives of the people of Edinburgh and the Lothians over the last century.

The meeting closed at 6.16 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Father Daniel Fitzpatrick, St Charles, Paisley, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (Mr Tom McCabe) made a statement and answered questions on the Local Government Finance Settlement 2007-08.

**3. Fisheries:** The Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Ross Finnie) moved S2M-5303—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Executive in its efforts to negotiate the best possible outcome from the EU Fisheries Council in December 2006, an outcome that delivers sustainable fisheries and a fair deal for Scotland’s fishermen and fishing communities.

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S2M-5303.2 to motion S2M-5303—

Insert at end—

“calls for a deal that provides Scotland’s fishing communities with a sustainable share of fishing opportunities and adequate time at sea to allow the industry’s quota to be caught and demands that any deal to the contrary is rejected; notes with regret that the failed Common Fisheries Policy continues to deliver remote, inflexible and draconian fisheries management that results in ongoing instability and uncertainty for our catching and fish processing sectors, and believes that, since over two-thirds of UK fish landings are in Scotland, Scotland’s fisheries minister should be designated as the official lead minister for the United Kingdom in EU negotiations.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 86, Abstentions 2).

Mr Ted Brocklebank moved amendment S2M-5303.1 to motion S2M-5303—

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

“urges the Minister for Environment and Rural Development to resist all attempts to reduce nephrops and cod quotas and to press for increased haddock and monkfish quotas to secure a sustainable future for our remaining fishermen and particularly for the beleaguered processing sector and for the coastal communities dependent on fish, but ultimately believes that the only solution for Scottish fishing is to bring back control and management of the industry to Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 40, Against 71, Abstentions 5).

Mr Mark Ruskell moved amendment S2M-5303.3 to motion S2M-5303—

Insert at end—

“and affirms that this outcome can best be achieved by shifting to long-term ecosystem-based management plans aimed towards achieving maximum sustainable yield, by making use of bycatch quotas and more technical measures in order to reduce discards and mortality in fisheries with high bycatch levels, by making innovative use of the European Fisheries Fund to support fishermen and associated communities and by supporting bottom-up approaches including the use of regional advisory councils, and urges the Executive to ensure that Scottish fishermen’s adaptability and sacrifices are not undermined by short-term pressures.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 102, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran moved S2M-5312—That the Parliament agrees that—

(a) for the purposes of allowing the meeting of the Parliament on 14 December 2006 to continue beyond 5.30 pm, that the word “Wednesday” in Rules 2.2.4 and 2.2.5(c) be suspended and that the word “Thursday” be substituted for it in each place, and that Rule 2.2.5(a) be suspended; that under Rule 2.2.4 thus varied, the meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 14 December 2006 may continue to 7.00 pm, and that Decision Time on Thursday 14 December 2006 shall begin at 6.00 pm; and

(b) that Rule 5.6.1(c) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of Members’ Business on Thursday 21 December 2006.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran moved S2M-5313—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 20 December 2006

10.00 am	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Equal Opportunities Committee Debate: 2nd Report 2006, Removing Barriers and Creating Opportunities
2.00 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Finance Committee Debate: 7th Report 2006, Inquiry into Accountability and Governance
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 1 Debate: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Financial Resolution: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Justice 2 Committee Motion – Civil Appeals (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 December 2006

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish National Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

*followed by* Members' Business

2.15 pm Themed Question Time  
Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport;  
Finance and Public Services and Communities

2.55 pm Procedures Committee Debate: 6th Report 2006, Public Bills and  
Substitution; 7th Report 2006, Members' Interests (Parliamentary  
Determinations and Resolutions); 8th Report 2006, Consolidation  
Bill Procedure; 9th Report 2006, Rule 10.3.2 (the "20-day rule")

*followed by* Finance Committee Debate: Stage 2 of the 2007-08 Budget  
Process

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 10 January 2007

10.00 am Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 11 January 2007

9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Environment and Rural Development; Health and Community Care
2.55 pm	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Approval of SSIs:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5308—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Office or Body as Specified Authority) (Scottish Legal Complaints Commission) Order 2006 be approved;

S2M-5309—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 2006 be approved; and

S2M-5310—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Bus User Complaints Tribunal Regulations Revocation Regulations 2006 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**8. Stone of Destiny's Return to Scone Palace:** The Parliament debated S2M-5229 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament celebrates the 700th anniversary of the inauguration of King Robert the Bruce to the Scottish throne, which took place at Scone Palace in 1306; congratulates Scone Palace for holding a series of events throughout 2006 to commemorate the 700th anniversary; notes that 30 November 2006, St Andrew's Day, is the 10th anniversary of the Stone of Destiny being returned to Scotland, and

believes that it is now time for the Stone of Destiny to be brought back to Scone Palace, its rightful home.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:**

Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-5318—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, each time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in each of the morning and the afternoon being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 5:	45 minutes
Groups 6 to 9:	1 hour and 15 minutes
Group 10:	2 hours
Groups 11 and 12:	2 hours and 25 minutes
Groups 13 to 17:	3 hours
Groups 18 to 20:	3 hours and 35 minutes
Groups 21 to 23:	3 hours and 55 minutes
Groups 24 to 29:	4 hours and 20 minutes
Groups 30 to 34:	4 hours and 45 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 33, 35, 2, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3, 4A, 4, 41, 43, 45, 49, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 60, 61, 63 and 65.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

29	(For 88, Against 15, Abstentions 0)
47	(For 81, Against 20, Abstentions 0)
48	(For 79, Against 22, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

8	(For 32, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
19	(For 31, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
1	(For 41, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
28	(For 37, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
34	(For 37, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
36	(For 36, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
39	(For 34, Against 71, Abstentions 0)

- 40 (For 34, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
- 46 (For 16, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 64 (For 34, Against 73, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 9, 10, 17, 25 and 38.

The following amendments were not moved: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 37, 3A, 3B, 3C, 237, 42, 44, 57, 59 and 62.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.

**6. Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Parliament resumed consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 75, 76, 77, 79, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 88, 89, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 103, 106, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 125, 128, 133, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 142, 143, 144, 145, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 226, 227, 174, 176, 180, 182, 185, 186, 188, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222 and 223.

Amendment 72 was agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 5 (For 33, Against 71, Abstentions 1)
- 71 (For 37, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 30, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
- 80 (For 36, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
- 130 (For 35, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
- 175 (For 13, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
- 181 (For 11, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 184 (For 14, Against 84, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 7, 74, 84, 90, 93, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 108, 109, 111, 117, 124, 126, 127, 129, 131, 132, 134, 139, 141, 146, 238, 177, 178, 179, 183, 187 and 211.

**7. Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Johann Lamont) moved S2M-5223—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Motion without notice:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved, without notice, a motion under 11.2.4 of Standing Orders that Decision Time on Thursday 14 December be taken at 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**10. The Carbon Trust:** The Parliament debated S2M-5207 in the name of Nora Radcliffe—That the Parliament notes the recent successful parliamentary reception held by the Carbon Trust; values the role the trust plays in Scotland in helping organisations to reduce carbon emissions, develop low-carbon technologies and respond to climate change; notes the positive views about the Carbon Trust in Scotland expressed by representatives of RHI Refractories in Clydebank and Ocean Power Delivery, two of the many Scottish companies that have received support from the Carbon Trust; notes that Aberdeen City Council pioneered the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme which Aberdeenshire Council is also using; notes with interest that organisations that take steps to reduce carbon emissions not only help the environment but can also benefit financially from more efficient use of energy, and believes that everyone concerned with reducing carbon emissions and improving business efficiency should be encouraged to spread the good word about what the Carbon Trust can do to help organisations, both large and small, across all sectors in Scotland to ensure that our nation's carbon footprint on the world is as small as possible.

The meeting closed at 6.06 pm.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

**1. Time for Reflection:** The Most Reverend Dr Idris Jones, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Equal Opportunities Committee, *Removing Barriers and Creating Opportunities*:** Margaret Smith, on behalf of the Equal Opportunities Committee, moved S2M-5293—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Equal Opportunities Committee's 2nd Report, 2006 (Session 2): *Removing Barriers and Creating Opportunities* (SP Paper 677).

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

**3. Finance Committee, *Report on Inquiry into Accountability and Governance*:** Mr John Swinney, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved S2M-5320—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations of the 7th Report, 2006 (Session 2) of the Finance Committee, *Inquiry into Accountability and Governance* (SP Paper 631).

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 2, Abstentions 7).

**4. Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Rhona Brankin) moved S2M-5224—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill.

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

**5. Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Rhona Brankin) moved S2M-5264—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure or increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b)(ii) or (iii) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

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

**6. Civil Appeals (Scotland) Bill:** Mr David Davidson, on behalf of the Justice 2 Committee, moved S2M-5246—That the Parliament does not agree to the general principles of the Civil Appeals (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 36, Abstentions 0).

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5352—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 10 January 2007

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Executive Debate: Finance  
*followed by*                      Business Motion  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Thursday 11 January 2007

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

11.40 am                      General Question Time

12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
Environment and Rural Development;  
Health and Community Care

2.55 pm                      Stage 1 Debate: Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*                      Financial Resolution: Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm                      Decision Time

*followed by*                      Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5353—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 19 January 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5348—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Office of the Clerk:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5354—That the Parliament agrees that from 3 January to 2 April 2007 the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except on Saturdays and Sundays.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 as noted above.

**12. Rise in Alcohol-Related Crime Figures in the Highlands and Islands:** The Parliament debated S2M-5280 in the name of Maureen Macmillan—That the Parliament notes with concern the serious rise in alcohol-related crime figures, released by Northern Constabulary, which show a year-on-year increase in drunkenness, drink-driving, serious assaults and alcohol-related deaths; notes in particular the increase in the number of people being arrested for drunkenness, including the charge of being drunk and incapable; commends the work of CrossReach in Inverness, which provides a purpose-built residential service designed to care for people who have difficulty in managing their alcohol and/or drug abuse and which also provides a “designated place”, thereby offering an alternative to custody for those who have been arrested for public drunkenness offences; welcomes the campaign being launched by Northern Constabulary alongside the Highland Drug and Alcohol Action Team’s festive drinking campaign which it is hoped will prevent drinkers ending up in police cells and hospital wards over Christmas and New Year, and endorses the “Don’t push it” campaign being run by the Scottish Executive asking Scots to take responsibility for themselves and to think first before they encourage others to have “just another drink”.

The meeting closed at 6.11 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Trident:** Nicola Sturgeon moved S2M-5355—That the Parliament notes the publication by the UK Government of its White Paper on the future of the Trident nuclear missile system on Monday 4 December 2006; recognises the need for a full debate to explore the military, economic and political consequences of Trident renewal and believes that a convincing case can be made, in military, economic and political terms, for the non-replacement of Trident, and calls on the UK Government not to go ahead at this time with the proposal in the White Paper.

Maureen Macmillan moved amendment S2M-5355.5 to motion S2M-5355—

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

“that the UK Government has initiated a debate on the future of the independent nuclear deterrent force and urges everyone in Scotland to take part in it; recognises that the decisions on national defence are rightly reserved to Westminster; considers that any government has a primary duty to protect the security of its people and that this includes a credible policy on national defence and international security; believes in a shared objective of a world without nuclear weapons and supports further reductions in the global nuclear arsenal; further believes that, in seeking a world free from nuclear weapons, we should utilise and develop our international engagement at every level including at the EU, the United Nations including the UK’s seat on the Security Council, NATO and the G8; notes with concern the plans of the SNP to take Scotland out of the collective security arrangements of the UK and NATO and to establish separate armed forces for Scotland with greatly diminished capabilities either to contribute to international peacekeeping operations or even to defend Scottish interests, and rejects those policies on the grounds that they would threaten the security of Scotland, diminish our armed forces and destroy jobs.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 56, Abstentions 20).

Phil Gallie moved amendment S2M-5355.2 to motion S2M-5355—

Leave out from “and believes” to end.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 103, Abstentions 0).

Mr Jim Wallace moved amendment S2M-5355.3 to motion S2M-5355—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“rejects the case made by the UK Government in its White Paper on the future of the Trident nuclear missile system published on 4 December 2006 that the decision on a replacement for Trident needs to be made in early 2007 and calls on the UK Government not to go ahead with the proposals in the White Paper at this time.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 72, Abstentions 2).

**2. Post Offices:** Mr John Swinney moved S2M-5349—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the reductions in the post office network proposed by the UK Government and calls on the Scottish Executive to make representations to the UK Government to ensure that Scotland retains a comprehensive and accessible post office network.

Sylvia Jackson moved amendment S2M-5349.4 to motion S2M-5349—

Leave out from “expresses” to end and insert—

“believes that it is necessary to look carefully at the UK Government’s proposals for the future of the post office network in full and the consultation paper itself to ensure that the special needs of Scotland’s remoter communities are properly taken into account; welcomes the Scottish Executive’s proposal to apply four criteria to this assessment, namely whether there will be an acceptable level of future services, especially in remote rural and disadvantaged communities, whether there is a recognition that post offices do not occupy a purely commercial role in our communities, but have an important social role to play, whether there is proper consultation with affected local communities and whether there will be a continuation of Post Office efforts to promote innovative means of service delivery; believes that it is important that the vital social and economic role of post offices has been acknowledged; is pleased to see the commitment of £1.7 billion to support the network and to pay for restructuring and that the annual social network payment will remain in place meantime, and is encouraged by the push for outreach locations for remote communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 60, Abstentions 10).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S2M-5349.1 to motion S2M-5349—  
After first “Government” insert—

“notes that decisions taken by the UK Government have themselves contributed to the losses being made by the post office network and that it is therefore disingenuous for ministers to justify the extensive scaling down of the network on the basis that it is losing money; believes that the UK Government should seek to bring new business opportunities to the network rather than merely manage its decline”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 6).

Euan Robson moved amendment S2M-5349.3 to motion S2M-5349—

Leave out from “expresses” to end and insert—

“believes that the post office network plays a crucial role in Scotland; notes that this is a reserved issue and supports the Liberal Democrats’ rejection of the recommendation of

the UK Government's post office network consultation paper that a further 2,500 post office branches be closed across the United Kingdom."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 90, Abstentions 10).

Carolyn Leckie moved amendment S2M-5349.2 to motion S2M-5349—

after second "Government" insert "to begin paying post offices adequately for the government services they provide, to return services that it has withdrawn, such as issuing television licenses, to post offices, to begin the development of post office accounts as a banking facility for those living in deprived and rural communities and to consider providing assistance to communities in deprived urban and rural areas to open community post offices to prevent the loss of vital local services, and thus".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 41, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Respect Your Life, Not a Knife:** The Parliament debated S2M-5117 in the name of Andrew Welsh—That the Parliament notes that 27 November 2006 is the sixth anniversary of the tragic death of 10-year-old Damilola Taylor, a young immigrant from Nigeria who moved to the United Kingdom with his sister and his mother, while his father stayed behind, in order to make better lives for themselves, and who three months later was murdered in London, England, on his way home from his local library; conveys its deepest sympathies to his surviving family and congratulates them on ensuring that this young man's legacy lives on in the Damilola Taylor Trust, a not-for-profit organisation that has launched a campaign to reduce knife violence by getting secondary schools to encourage students to sign a pledge wall stating that they will not carry weapons; agrees that the goals of the campaign, namely to commit young people not to carry weapons and to demonstrate to those who do that the majority of young people do not want to carry weapons, are both laudable and practical; congratulates local organisations in Scotland, such as the Community Alcohol Free Environment (CAFE Project) initiative in Angus and other local organisations that are trying to bring the campaign to Scotland, and considers that the Scottish Executive should offer its full assistance and support to encouraging the spread of this community-led initiative to schools throughout Scotland to spread the "Respect your Life, Not a Knife" message.

**6. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport, and on Finance and Public Services and

Communities were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**7. Procedures Committee Reports:** Donald Gorrie, on behalf of the Procedures Committee, moved S2M-5311—That the Parliament notes the Procedures Committee's 6th Report, 2006 (Session 2), *Public Bills and Substitution* (SP Paper 652), 7th Report, 2006 (Session 2), *Members' Interests (Parliamentary Determinations and Resolutions)* (SP Paper 659), 8th Report, 2006 (Session 2), *Consolidation Bill Procedure* (SP Paper 676) and 9th Report, 2006 (Session 2), *Rule 10.3.2 (the "20-day rule")* (SP Paper 685) and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A to each of these reports be made with effect from 22 December 2006.

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

**8. Finance Committee – Report on Stage 2 of the 2007-08 Budget Process:** Ms Wendy Alexander moved S2M-5319—That the Parliament notes the 9th Report, 2006 (Session 2) of the Finance Committee, *Stage 2 of the 2007-08 Budget Process* (SP Paper 695) and refers the report and its recommendations to the Scottish Executive for consideration.

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

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

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Sister Andrea Fraile, Sisters of the Gospel of Life, Glasgow led Time for Reflection.

**2. Public Service Investment:** The Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (Mr Tom McCabe) moved S2M-5378—That the Parliament recognises that there have been continuing record levels of public investment in Scotland, as indicated in the most recent publication of *Government Expenditure and Revenue in Scotland 2004-05*; further recognises the record levels of finance provided to local government which mean that by 2007-08 core funding will have increased by almost £3.2 billion, or 57.9% compared with 1999-2000, and believes that this position is a result of being part of the United Kingdom.

Mr John Swinney moved amendment S2M-5378.2 to motion S2M-5378—

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

“notes the fact that council tax has increased by 60% since 1997 at a time when the Scottish Executive has reduced the local authority share of Executive spending; welcomes the fact that the Executive has at last begun to address the funding pressures in Scottish local authorities in the most recent financial settlement; notes that *Government Expenditure and Revenue in Scotland* was devised as part of a Tory scare-mongering campaign that has been continued by Labour; notes that there are fundamental errors in the publication making this an unreliable, discredited source of information, and believes that Scotland will only reach her full potential with the normal powers of an independent parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 78, Abstentions 5).

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S2M-5378.1 to motion S2M-5378—

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

“notes the publication of *Government Expenditure and Revenue in Scotland 2004-05*; recognises that levels of taxation and public spending in Scotland have reached record levels; believes that the Scottish Executive has failed to deliver value for money for taxpayers, and calls on the Executive to place more emphasis on delivering public services more efficiently.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 70, Abstentions 7).

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

**3. Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5388—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 17 January 2007

2.00 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Stage 1 Debate: Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Financial Resolution: Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Legislative Consent Motion: Consumers, Estates Agents and Redress Bill – UK Legislation  
*followed by*                      Legislative Consent Motion: Further Education Bill – UK Legislation  
*followed by*                      Business Motion  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
6.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Thursday 18 January 2007

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Stage 3 Proceedings: Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill  
11.40 am                      General Question Time  
12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
Justice and Law Officers;  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning  
2.55 pm                      Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Wednesday 24 January 2007

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Stage 1 Debate: Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 25 January 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting Reform etc. Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Finance and Public Service and Communities;  
Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport

2.55 pm Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting Reform etc. Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 98, Against 16, Abstentions 1).

**4. Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5387—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 16 February 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Rule 9.6.3A:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5381—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 9.6.3A that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill on the fourth sitting day after the publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Designation of Lead Committee:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5382—That the Parliament agrees that the Subordinate Legislation Committee should report on the draft Scottish

Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2007 and that the Order should be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Substitution on Committees:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5383—That the Parliament agrees that Ms Rosemary Byrne be appointed as the Solidarity Group substitute on the Local Government and Transport Committee; and

S2M-5384—That the Parliament agrees that Tommy Sheridan be appointed as the Solidarity Group substitute on the Education Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Bring Back Our Buses Campaign:** The Parliament debated S2M-5327 in the name of Colin Fox—That the Parliament notes that several vital community bus services in the Edinburgh area have been cut or made virtually unaffordable through fare increases over the last year; applauds the efforts of the South Queensferry Bus Users' Group in campaigning for affordable fares and of the "Bring Back our Buses" campaign in calling for the retention of frequent services on the 13, 18, 38 routes and the reinstatement of full services on the 67, 20 and 60 routes, which are much used by OAPs and other vulnerable members of excluded communities in Blackhall, Ratho, Dumbiedykes, Wester Hailes and Pilton, and believes that local authorities should be allowed to regulate bus routes and timetables to ensure that marginalised communities are able to access services and amenities.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Education with specific reference to Skills Academies:** Murdo Fraser moved S2M-5386—That the Parliament believes that our education system should provide children with opportunities to flourish along the lines of their own particular aptitudes and inclinations; notes that for many children over the age of 14 this could predominantly involve activity in a practical or vocational sphere, rather than in a traditional academic one, and welcomes the proposal to establish skills academies, be they stand-alone or attached to schools or colleges, depending on what is most appropriate for a local area, as centres of excellence to extend opportunities to access vocational education to students from the age of 14.

The Deputy Minister for Education and Young People (Robert Brown) moved amendment S2M-5386.4 to motion S2M-5386—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“welcomes the priority given to improving education standards by the Scottish Executive, local authorities, schools and other partners; recognises that the Executive’s investment in new and refurbished schools, increased teacher numbers, reducing class sizes, strong parental involvement and stable industrial relations is providing the right environment for real and lasting change for Scotland’s children; welcomes the new opportunities that are being developed through A Curriculum for Excellence and Determined to Succeed, including enabling young people across Scotland aged 14 to 16 to undertake vocational learning in further education colleges as part of the school-based curriculum; believes that a strong and relevant education system is fundamental to securing a smart, successful Scotland in which all our 16 to 19 year-olds are in education, employment or training, and calls for steadily improving opportunities for young people to achieve success in education including, particularly, opportunities to study a wider range of vocational options.”

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S2M-5386.2 to motion S2M-5386—

Leave out from “for many children” to end and insert—

“most political parties have recognised the need for more vocational experiences for pupils over 14 since 2003 and is concerned about lack of progress in providing this to date; agrees with the position of the Schools and Colleges Review and the Parliament’s Education Committee in its recent Pupil Motivation inquiry that all children should have vocational opportunities and that these should not be restricted by assessment of academic ability at the age of 14; acknowledges that the real challenge is to provide opportunities and choice for all pupils, working together with schools and colleges, and notes the concerns of skills and trades organisations that the proposal for skills academies provided for pupils with lack of academic ability, as proposed recently by the First Minister, is not what is required by them to meet current and future skills demand.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5386.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 45, Abstentions 8). As a result, amendment S2M-5386.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 45, Abstentions 8).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the priority given to improving education standards by the Scottish Executive, local authorities, schools and other partners; recognises that the Executive’s investment in new and refurbished schools, increased teacher numbers, reducing class sizes, strong parental involvement and stable industrial relations is providing the right environment for real and lasting change for Scotland’s children; welcomes the new opportunities that are being developed through A Curriculum for Excellence and Determined to Succeed, including enabling young people across Scotland aged 14 to 16 to undertake vocational learning in further education colleges as part of the school-based curriculum; believes that a strong and relevant education system is fundamental to securing a smart, successful Scotland in which all our 16 to 19 year-olds are in education, employment or training, and calls for steadily improving opportunities for young people to achieve success in education including, particularly, opportunities to study a wider range of vocational options.

**2. Health with specific reference to Accident and Emergency Unit Provision:** John Scott moved S2M-5389—That the Parliament does not accept the case put forward for the closure of accident and emergency units at Ayr Hospital and Monklands Hospital; recognises the real dangers of the proposals for accident and emergency provision in Greater Glasgow, and calls on the Scottish Executive to re-examine its decision to approve these closures.

The Minister for Health and Community Care (Mr Andy Kerr) moved amendment S2M-5389.3 to motion S2M-5389—

Leave out from “does not” to end and insert—

“reaffirms its view that Delivering for Health provides a coherent and consensual basis for service change in NHS Scotland; notes the support expressed in previous debates by Members from across the Parliament and health stakeholders for key aspects of the policy, including promoting local access to services and balancing local delivery with the need to have centres of excellence that provide high-quality, modern, specialist care, focusing on primary care services, separating scheduled and unscheduled care and providing community casualty units; commends the progress being made to implement the key directions set out in Delivering for Health; supports the unparalleled investment in health and health improvement made by the Scottish Executive; welcomes the requirement for investment in primary care and in community casualty services before changes are made to existing accident and emergency services; commends the hard work and outstanding commitment of NHS staff to new and flexible ways of working needed to provide modern and responsive services; supports the principle of a modern, well-resourced NHS in Scotland, free at the point of need, and believes that any necessary changes in the NHS in Scotland should be based on the needs of local communities.”

Shona Robison moved amendment S2M-5389.2 to motion S2M-5389—

Insert at end—

“particularly in the light of recent events at Wishaw General Hospital which was forced to close its doors to all but the most severe emergency cases.”

Carolyn Leckie moved amendment S2M-5389.1 to motion S2M-5389—

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

“further expresses concern that hospitals are showing the strain caused by insufficient capacity with, for example, Wishaw General closing to admissions; believes that PFI costs are sucking resources from the NHS, and calls on the Scottish Executive to reverse the closure decisions and conduct an urgent review of NHS capacity with reference to meeting actual need and to abandon the wasteful PFI policy to fund capital projects.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5389.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendments S2M-5389.2 and S2M-5389.1 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament reaffirms its view that Delivering for Health provides a coherent and consensual basis for service change in NHS Scotland; notes the support expressed in previous debates by Members from across the Parliament and health stakeholders for key aspects of the policy, including promoting local access to services and balancing local delivery with the need to have centres of excellence that provide high-quality, modern, specialist care, focusing on primary care services, separating scheduled and unscheduled care and providing community casualty units; commends the progress being made to implement the key directions set out in Delivering for Health; supports the unparalleled investment in health and health improvement made by the Scottish Executive; welcomes the requirement for investment in primary care and in community casualty services before changes are made to existing accident and emergency services; commends the hard work and outstanding commitment of NHS staff to new and flexible ways of working needed to provide modern and responsive services; supports the principle of a modern, well-resourced NHS in Scotland, free at the point of need, and believes that any necessary changes in the NHS in Scotland should be based on the needs of local communities.

**3. General Question Time:** General Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Environment and Rural Development, and on Health and Community Care were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Justice (Cathy Jamieson) moved S2M-5336—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 2, Abstentions 28).

**7. Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Johann Lamont) moved S2M-5346—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure—

- (a) charged on the Scottish Consolidated Fund; and
- (b) payable out of that Fund for existing purposes,

in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Appointment of Minister:** The First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell) moved S2M-5390—That the Parliament agrees that Rhona Brankin be appointed as a Minister.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell) moved S2M-5391—That the Parliament agrees that Sarah Boyack be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Substitution on Committees:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5395—That the Parliament agrees that Carolyn Leckie be appointed as the Scottish Socialist Party substitute on the Justice 2 Committee;

S2M-5396—That the Parliament agrees that Frances Curran be appointed as the Scottish Socialist Party substitute on the Equal Opportunities Committee; and

S2M-5397—That the Parliament agrees that Colin Fox be appointed as the Scottish Socialist Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**12. Neighbourhood Services:** The Parliament debated S2M-5332 in the name of Margaret Jamieson—That the Parliament congratulates East Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran on the establishment of the North West Kilmarnock Primary Care Neighbourhood Services Centre, an ambitious multi-agency partnership project delivering world-class public services for local communities through the co-location of interconnected public bodies at a single site where those who need them most can access them, exemplifying the practice of building public services around the people who use them.

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Maureen McIntyre, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-5338—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill.

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

**3. Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Deputy Minister for Education and Young People (Robert Brown) moved S2M-5363—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b)(iii) and any charge or payment of a kind referred to in paragraph 4 of Rule 9.12 of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

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

**4. Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (Mr Tom McCabe) moved S2M-5334—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 1, Abstentions 10).

**5. Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill – UK Legislation:** The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning (Allan Wilson) moved S2M-5398—That the Parliament endorses the principle of giving consumers an effective voice as set out in the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 16 November 2006, and agrees that the relevant provisions to achieve this end in the Bill should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Further Education and Training Bill – UK Legislation:** The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning (Allan Wilson) moved S2M-5399—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Further Education and Training Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 20 November 2006, relating to the devolved matters of training and employment, to alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers in respect of services to share

information and assistance in relation to employment and training, and in respect of industrial training levies, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 30, Abstentions 1).

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5422—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 24 January 2007

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i> (Scotland) Bill	Stage 1 Debate: Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition)
<i>followed by</i>	Financial Resolution: Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i> 2007	Debate on the draft Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Thursday 25 January 2007

9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting Reform etc. Bill
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Finance and Public Services and Communities; Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport
2.55 pm	Standards and Public Appointments Committee 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Reports 2006: Determinations required under the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill
<i>followed by</i> 2007	Debate on the draft Scottish Local Government Elections Order
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 31 January 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 1 February 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Health and Community Care;  
Environment and Rural Development

2.55 pm Executive Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Membership of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5420—That the Parliament agrees that Peter Peacock be appointed to replace Sarah Boyack on the Environment and Rural Development Committee.

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

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

**10. Dennistoun Dispersal Order:** The Parliament debated S2M-5368 in the name of Paul Martin—That the Parliament welcomes the success of the dispersal order in the Dennistoun area of Glasgow; notes that the dispersal order has been widely welcomed by residents who live in the Dennistoun area; recognises the importance of ensuring that the legal remedies provided by the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 are enforced; congratulates Strathclyde Police E Division on its commitment to ensuring that

the dispersal order introduced on 13 October 2006 is a success, and believes that steps should be taken to ensure that a comprehensive exit plan is in place after the dispersal notice expires, that there is a local plan to ensure that local youth diversionary activities are in place and that an independent evaluation is carried out.

The meeting closed at 6.48 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5423—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage in the morning and afternoon being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3:	50 minutes
Groups 4 to 8:	1 hour 45 minutes
Group 9:	2 hours 5 minutes
Groups 10 to 11:	2 hours 55 minutes
Groups 12 to 15:	3 hours 25 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39, 67, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

10	(For 31, Against 65, Abstentions 2)
11	(For 32, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
12	(For 32, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
1	(For 15, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
35	(For 28, Against 67, Abstentions 3)
65	(For 40, Against 54, Abstentions 1)
66	(For 11, Against 91, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 7, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 36, 40, 8 and 9.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Justice and Law Officers and on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Scottish Law Officers and by the Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Johann Lamont) moved S2M-5337—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**7. Motion without Notice:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that the Parliament agrees under Rule 11.2.4 of the Standing Orders that Decision Time on Thursday 18 January 2007 be taken at 3.51 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**9. Home Smart:** The Parliament debated S2M-5079 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament welcomes the *home smart* campaign by the Scottish Council for Single Homeless (SCSH) and its aim of ensuring that school leavers understand the issues surrounding homelessness and how to avoid it; commends those schools in the Central Scotland region which have committed themselves to participate; values the contribution made by organisations like SCSH in tackling homelessness, and calls for a renewed effort to end homelessness.

The meeting closed at 4.26 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Linda Todd, National Director, the Leprosy Mission Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-5339—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S2M-5339.3 to motion S2M-5339—

Insert at end—

"but, in so doing, regrets that provision for the piloting of free and nutritious school meals on a universal basis in public sector nurseries and the early years of primary school has not been included in the Bill, nor the flexibility to introduce this at a later date, as a key element in tackling health and nutrition of children and improving the uptake of school meals in the longer term."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 77, Abstentions 2).

Frances Curran moved amendment S2M-5339.4 to motion S2M-5339—

Insert at end—

"and, in so doing, urges the Scottish Executive to consider the crucial research by Hull City Council, announced on 22 January 2007, which shows how free healthy school meals can assist take up and improve learning and behaviour; acknowledges evidence already given to the Communities Committee which supports free healthy school meals, and considers that amendments should be brought forward at Stage 2 which would introduce free healthy school meals for all state school children, including those in nurseries."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 77, Abstentions 23).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 0, Abstentions 6).

**3. Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill – Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-5410—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure for existing purposes payable, in consequence of the Act, out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 106, Against 4, Abstentions 2).

**4. The Draft Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2007:** The Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved S2M-5442—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2007 be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

**5. Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5461—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 31 January 2007

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Stage 1 Debate: Health Board Elections (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Legislative Consent Motion: Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill  
– UK Legislation  
*followed by*                      Business Motion  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Thursday 1 February 2007

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Scottish Green Party Business  
11.40 am                      General Question Time  
12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
Health and Community Care;  
Environment and Rural Development  
2.55 pm                      Stage 1 Debate: Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma)  
(Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Legislative Consent Motion: Statistics and Registration Services Bill  
– UK Legislation  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Wednesday 7 February 2007

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                Executive Business  
*followed by*                Business Motion  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                Members' Business

Thursday 8 February 2007

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                Executive Business  
11.40 am                      General Question Time  
12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning;  
Justice and Law Officers  
2.55 pm                      Executive Business  
*followed by*                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5462—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 2 March 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSIs:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5452—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Farm Woodland Premium Schemes and SFGS Farmland Premium Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Scheme 2007 be approved; and

S2M-5453—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**8. Substitution on Committees:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5455—That the Parliament agrees that Mr Andrew Arbuckle be appointed to replace Jeremy Purvis as the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party substitute on the Environment and Rural Development Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Rule 10.6.5:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5463—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing up to 30 minutes to debate motion S2M-5454 in relation to the draft Local Government Elections Order 2007 on Thursday 25 January 2007, the second and third sentences of Rule 10.6.5 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month:** The Parliament debated S2M-5406 in the name of Patrick Harvie—That the Parliament notes that February is LGBT History Month and that events will be taking place around Scotland to celebrate the lives of Scottish LGBT people, past and present; congratulates the many organisations that have contributed to LGBT History Month, including voluntary organisations, religious groups, businesses and the Scottish Executive; regrets that LGBT history, from the horrors of the gulags and gas chambers to the achievements of LGBT people in all spheres of life, often remains unwritten and unspoken; believes that this represents a cultural loss to the whole of society; further believes that young LGBT people in particular have a right to learn about their cultural heritage in all its forms, and hopes therefore that many communities, including schools, will participate in LGBT History Month this year and in the future.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Crofting Reform etc. Bill – Business Motion:** Alasdair Morgan, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5464—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Crofting Reform etc. Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 5: 55 minutes  
Groups 6 and 7: 1 hour 15 minutes  
Groups 8 to 11: 1 hour 35 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Crofting Reform etc. Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 42, 43, 5, 6, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 50, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 38, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Amendment 1 was agreed to by division: (For 97, Against 3, Abstentions 0).  
The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

39 (For 45, Against 55, Abstentions 0)  
28 (For 15, Against 87, Abstentions 0)  
32 (For 16, Against 85, Abstentions 0)  
34 (For 16, Against 87, Abstentions 0)  
40 (For 44, Against 58, Abstentions 0)  
41 (For 14, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 26, 33 and 35.

The following amendments were not moved: 29, 30, 31, 36, 37, 38A and 2.

**3. Crofting Reform etc. Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Ross Finnie) moved S2M-5335—That the Parliament agrees that the Crofting Reform etc. Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 5, Abstentions 20).

**4. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**5. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**6. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance, Public Service Reform and Communities and on Education and Young People, Tourism, Culture and Sport, were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**7. Determinations required under the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006:** Brian Adam, on behalf of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee, moved—

S2M-5431—That the Parliament notes the Standards and Public Appointments Committee's 5th Report, 2006 (Session 2), *Determinations required under the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 - Determination required under Section 4* (SP Paper 706), and agrees that the determination set out in Annexe A to the report be made with effect from 4 April 2007;

S2M-5432—That the Parliament notes the Standards and Public Appointments Committee's 6th Report, 2006 (Session 2), *Determinations required under the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 - Determination required under Section 11* (SP Paper 707), and agrees that the determination set out in Annexe A to the report be made with effect from 4 April 2007;

S2M-5433—That the Parliament notes the Standards and Public Appointments Committee's 7th Report, 2006 (Session 2), *Determinations required under the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 - Determination required under Section 13* (SP Paper 708) and agrees that the determination set out in Annexe A to the report be made with effect from 4 April 2007; and

S2M-5434—That the Parliament notes the Standards and Public Appointments Committee's 8th Report, 2006 (Session 2), *Determinations required under the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 - Determination required under the schedule, paragraph 8* (SP Paper 709), and agrees that the determination set out in Annexe A to the report be made with effect from 4 April 2007.

After debate, the motions were agreed to (DT).

**8. Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (Mr Tom McCabe) moved S2M-5441—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 7, Abstentions 18).

**9. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5454—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2007 be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 6, Abstentions 3).

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

**11. Fair Parking for the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh:** The Parliament debated S2M-5414 in the name of Mike Pringle—That the Parliament welcomes the plan to build a new hospital for sick children alongside the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh at Little France in south Edinburgh; notes that parking costs only 70p per hour and is free in the evening and at weekends near the current Royal Hospital for Sick Children site in Sciennes but that parking at the Royal Infirmary is almost £1.20 per hour, up to a maximum of £10 per day, and that this applies for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and believes that bus services to the Little France area should be improved from all parts of the city and that NHS Lothian should guarantee that parking at any new hospital will not cost any more than the current site and that the mistakes that were made in respect of fixing parking charges at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh are not made in planning the new sick children's hospital.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Murdo Maclean from Carmyle and Kenmuir Mount Vernon Churches, Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Health Board Elections (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** Bill Butler moved S2M-5478—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Health Board Elections (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

**3. Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill – UK Legislation:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Johann Lamont) moved S2M-5427—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 16 November 2006, (a) relating to the establishment of a new Tribunals Service and an Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council and (b) providing immunity from seizure for international works of art on loan to exhibitions in this country, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

**4. Business Motion:** Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-5515—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 February 2007

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Debate: Promotion of Tartan and Scotland's Tartan Industry
<i>followed by</i>	Debate on the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2007
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Thursday 8 February 2007

9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish National Party Business

11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning; Justice and Law Officers
2.55 pm	Stage 3 Debate: Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Wednesday 14 February 2007	
2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 15 February 2007	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Education, Tourism, Culture and Sport; Finance and Public Services and Communities
2.55 pm	Stage 3 Debate: Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motions:** Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved—

S2M-5514—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 23 February 2007; and

S2M-5516—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 16 February 2007.

After debate, the motions were agreed to.

**6. Designation of Lead Committee:** Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5511—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2007 be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**8. 90th Anniversary of Passchendaele:** The Parliament debated S2M-5290 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament notes that 31 July 2007 will mark the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele which was launched on 31 July 1917 and continued until the fall of Passchendaele village on 6 November 1917; notes that Passchendaele saw the biggest loss of life of any battle in the First World War with over half a million British, Commonwealth and German troops killed, wounded or missing; notes that the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 is currently planning a number of events to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the battle, including unveiling a Celtic cross as a memorial to commemorate Scottish soldiers who took part in the battle; thanks all governments, organisations and individuals that have contributed towards commemorations planned and towards the memorial; welcomes the memorial as it will commemorate the Scottish regiments that played a pivotal role in the battle, which saw the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Black Watch, the Cameronians, the Gordon Highlanders, the Highland Light Infantry, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, the Royal Scots, the Scots Guards and the Seaforth Highlanders in combat for the United Kingdom, fighting with dignity, skill and honour in treacherous conditions, and believes that the Scottish Executive should mark the 90th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele and contribute towards the commemorations.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Green Procurement:** Patrick Harvie moved S2M-5494—That the Parliament notes the transposition into Scots Law of the European public procurement directive (2004/18/EEC) in January 2006 and, in particular, notes the directive’s clarification that public bodies may legitimately specify social and environmental criteria in their procurement contracts; welcomes the publication by the European Commission of *Buying Green!: A Handbook on Environmental Public Procurement* but regrets that Scottish-specific guidance on the matter is not currently available, and calls on the Scottish Executive to make social and environmental criteria mandatory in all public contracts and to issue guidance to all local authorities and public bodies to enable them to meet these requirements.

The Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved amendment S2M-5494.4 to motion S2M-5494—

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

“recognises the Scottish Executive’s record on sustainable/green procurement; notes that Scottish-specific guidance on sustainable procurement for public sector buyers and sellers is available on the Executive’s website; notes that the Executive has issued best practice guidance on sustainable procurement, including a contribution to the Best Value toolkits, to local authorities and public bodies, and welcomes the contribution which public procurement has made, and will continue to make, to the achievement of the partnership commitments to a successful, sustainable Scotland.”

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S2M-5494.3 to motion S2M-5494—

Insert at end—

“and further calls on the Executive to report to the Parliament, prior to dissolution, providing details of any measures taken, and their results, in response to the call made by the Environment and Rural Development Committee in its report published in May 2005 for public procurement to be used to tackle climate change.”

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S2M-5494.2 to motion S2M-5494—

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

“further regrets that, whilst there are some good examples of local food procurement in Scotland, as the Environment and Rural Development Committee’s 8th Report (2006) notes, “there is no sense that the Executive has a robust strategy for rolling this out”; further regrets the bureaucratic hurdles faced, especially by small and social firms, in tendering for public contracts, and therefore calls on the Scottish Executive to establish a dedicated procurement unit to act as a single point of entry for the public sector and to be tasked with taking forward ways of procuring local produce without contravening European law.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5494.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 49, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S2M-5494.2 was pre-empted. Amendment S2M-5494.3 was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 72, Abstentions 2).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 47, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the Scottish Executive’s record on sustainable/green procurement; notes that Scottish-specific guidance on sustainable procurement for public sector buyers and sellers is available on the Executive’s website; notes that the Executive has issued best practice guidance on sustainable procurement, including a contribution to the Best Value toolkits, to local authorities and public bodies, and welcomes the contribution which public procurement has made, and will continue to make, to the achievement of the partnership commitments to a successful, sustainable Scotland.

**2. Scottish Water:** Mark Ruskell moved S2M-5510—That the Parliament notes growing pressure for Scottish Water to be privatised; further notes the substantial improvements that have been made in Scottish Water’s performance, all of this having been achieved while keeping Scottish Water in the public sector; notes the Water Industry Commission’s lack of a wider social and environmental remit and its use of a regulatory model more suited to a private utility than to a public one; considers that improving the service, upgrading the water and sewerage system, reducing leakages and ensuring effective regulation should not centre on short-term efficiency measures but on the quality and safe delivery of services in the long term, and affirms its commitment to keeping Scottish Water under public ownership and control.

The Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Sarah Boyack) moved amendment S2M-5510.2 to motion S2M-5510—

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

“welcomes the substantial improvements that have been made in Scottish Water’s performance, all of this having been achieved while keeping Scottish Water in the public sector; recognises that the objectives set by ministers for 2006-14, which properly recognise the social and environmental priorities of the Scottish Executive, will not only deliver further improvements in drinking water quality, environmental protection, and customer service but also relieve development constraints, upgrade the water and sewerage system and reduce leakages; recognises that the role of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland is to assess the lowest reasonable overall costs of delivering the objectives that ministers have specified, taking account of appropriate external benchmarks, and affirms that Scottish Water operating in the current regulatory framework will go on to deliver further improvements in this vital public service.”

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S2M-5510.1 to motion S2M-5510—

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

“believes that Scottish Water is failing its customers because it is inefficient, misallocates resources, overcharges customers, particularly businesses which were overcharged by £44 million every year, and holds back much-needed development; further believes that Scottish Water must be removed from state control and transferred into a “not-for-dividend” organisation in line with Welsh Water, and considers that this would enable Scottish customers to benefit from the lower costs and higher levels of service enjoyed by their counterparts south of the Border.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5510.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 48, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S2M-5510.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 48, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the substantial improvements that have been made in Scottish Water’s performance, all of this having been achieved while keeping Scottish Water in the public sector; recognises that the objectives set by ministers for 2006-14, which properly recognise the social and environmental priorities of the Scottish Executive, will not only deliver further improvements in drinking water quality, environmental protection, and customer service but also relieve development constraints, upgrade the water and sewerage system and reduce leakages; recognises that the role of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland is to assess the lowest reasonable overall costs of delivering the objectives that ministers have specified, taking account of appropriate external benchmarks, and affirms that Scottish Water operating in the current regulatory framework will go on to deliver further improvements in this vital public service.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health and Community Care and on Environment and Rural Development were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1:** The Minister for Justice (Cathy Jamieson) moved S2M-5360—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill.

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

**7. Statistics and Registration Service Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (Mr Tom McCabe) moved S2M-5467—That the Parliament agrees that the provisions of the Statistics and Registration Service Bill, introduced in the House of Commons

on 21 November 2006, which relate to statistics in Scotland and which are within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or which confer functions on the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 36, Abstentions 14).

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

**9. Cervical Cancer and the HPV Vaccine:** The Parliament debated S2M-5359 in the name of Kenneth Macintosh—That the Parliament welcomes the licensing of the first vaccine against strains of the human papilloma virus (HPV) responsible for around 70% of cases of cervical cancer; expresses its concern that, despite a 40-year history of cervical screening in the United Kingdom, almost 3,000 women are diagnosed and 1,000 women still die of cervical cancer each year in the UK; recognises that the vaccine will not prevent all cases of cervical cancer and that it is not known whether it will prevent cancer in women already infected with HPV; therefore believes that the cervical cancer screening programme should be continued and that further action should be taken to increase the take-up of screening in more deprived areas, among ethnic minority groups and among women with learning difficulties; further believes that this will improve early detection and allow earlier treatment of this disease; recognises the role of charities such as Jo's Trust, Cancerbackup and Cancer Research UK, amongst others, in supporting patients with cervical cancer and their families and in counselling the thousands more women who worry about their health following an abnormal smear result; recognises the huge potential benefits to be had through vaccination in East Renfrewshire and throughout Scotland from reducing the incidence of cervical cancer, reducing the number of colposcopies, reducing the number of abnormal smears and reducing the number of people requiring treatment for genital warts; further recognises the success of the Scottish Executive in its public health campaigns and cancer prevention strategies, and considers that ministers should put in place measures to raise awareness and to prepare for a vaccination programme.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend Alan McDonald, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Promotion of Tartan and Scotland's Tartan Industry:** The Parliament debated the subject of Promotion of Tartan and Scotland's Tartan Industry.
3. **The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2007:** The Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (Mr Tom McCabe) moved S2M-5503—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2007 be approved.

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S2M-5503.1 to motion S2M-5503—

Insert at end—

“but, in so doing, considers that the accountability of both the Scottish Executive and local authorities for their role in determining the level of the council tax, and the impact on services provided, would be strengthened by a more transparent budget process with a reduced level of “ring fencing” of grants to local authorities by the Executive.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 5, Abstentions 1).

4. **Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-5552—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 14 February 2007

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Debate: Taking the NHS Local
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Thursday 15 February 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Solidarity Group Business  
*followed by* Independent Group Business  
11.40 am General Question Time  
12 noon First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Education, Tourism, Culture and Sport;  
Finance and Public Services and Communities  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
2.55 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 February 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 February 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business  
11.40 am General Question Time  
12 noon First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Environment and Rural Development;  
Health and Community Care  
2.55 pm Executive Business  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5553—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 23 February 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5554—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Membership of Committee:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5555—That the Parliament agrees that Malcolm Chisholm be appointed to replace Dr Elaine Murray on the Finance Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Disabled Access to Shotts Railway Station:** The Parliament debated S2M-5450 in the name of Karen Whitefield—That the Parliament believes that all railway stations in Scotland should be fully accessible to people who have a disability; in particular, notes that the east-bound platform at Shotts railway station has no disabled access, which means that wheelchair users currently must use an alternative railway station, and considers that Transport Scotland should provide suitable disabled access to this station as a matter of urgency.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5561—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 5: 1 hour 5 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Forth and Tay Road Bridges Tolls:** Tricia Marwick moved S2M-5535—That the Parliament believes that the tolls should be removed from the Forth Road Bridge and the Tay Road Bridge.

The Minister for Transport (Tavish Scott) moved amendment S2M-5535.2 to motion S2M-5535—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“commits to a replacement crossing across the Forth and calls on the Cabinet to commit to preparatory work to start immediately; calls for the case for abolition of the tolls on the Fife Bridges to be considered in the light of the commitment to the new crossing; notes that the SNP’s sums do not add up and that under its current plans the SNP would not be able to afford to lift the tolls and pay for the construction of a new crossing; notes that its proposals do not address the impact of congestion or other environmental, social and economic impacts, and notes the importance of a sustainable transport policy, including smart tolling and investment in public transport to meet the long-term needs of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 66, Abstentions 1).

Mark Ballard moved amendment S2M-5535.1 to motion S2M-5535—

leave out from “the tolls” to end and insert “existing tolls on the Forth Road Bridge and the Tay Road Bridge should be replaced with a scheme of variable charging which takes into account factors such as occupancy levels, peak hour traffic flows and specific exemptions, including for public transport, and that the Tay Road Bridge Joint Board and the Forth Transport Estuary Forum should be given more flexibility to use toll revenues to deal with transport issues in the vicinity.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 7, Against 117, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 1).

**3. Early Years Education, Development and Care:** Fiona Hyslop moved S2M-5549—That the Parliament believes that early years education, care and development support for our youngest children can provide firm foundations for later life and that there needs to be an increase in pace and attention in terms of delivery for the early years in Scotland; further believes that Scotland needs a 10-year strategy for care, development and education in the early years; recognises the vital role that nursery nurses play in delivery of this service as part of a team approach to early years services; calls for a 50% increase in free nursery education with access to a nursery teacher for all children; condemns the Scottish Executive for falling two years behind England and Wales in the provision of nursery education despite the fact that resources have been made available through the Barnett formula, and calls on ministers to offer an explanation.

The Deputy Minister for Education and Young People (Robert Brown) moved amendment S2M-5549.2 to motion S2M-5549—

Leave out from “that there needs” to end and insert—

“welcomes the significant increase in pre-school education entitlement that has been delivered since 1999; recognises that teachers have, and will continue to have, a major role to play in delivering pre-school education; recognises the vital role that qualified early years practitioners play in delivering early years services and welcomes proposals to deliver greater professionalism and improved career pathways for early years staff; welcomes proposals under A Curriculum for Excellence to introduce more active learning into early primary education; recognises that early years strategy needs to reflect these developments, and recognises that the Scottish Executive’s investment in education has rebuilt the foundations of a successful education system in Scotland”.

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton moved amendment S2M-5549.1 to motion S2M-5549—

Leave out from—

“that there needs” to end and insert “can assist parents with the difficult but rewarding task of raising children; further believes that provision must be advanced, highly-skilled and flexible in order to meet the range of needs that parents and children in Scotland have; therefore expresses its concern that access to qualified teachers in nurseries may be insufficient in some areas of Scotland; recognises the potential that early intervention has for helping children from disadvantaged backgrounds, or who have additional support needs or are otherwise at risk, and calls for serious consideration to be given to expanding the number of family centres, particularly in areas of deprivation.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5549.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 51, Abstentions 6). As a result, amendment S2M-5549.1 was pre-empted.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 24, Abstentions 31).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that early years education, care and development support for our youngest children can provide firm foundations for later life and welcomes the significant increase in pre-school education entitlement that has been delivered since 1999; recognises that teachers have, and will continue to have, a major role to play in delivering pre-school education; recognises the vital role that qualified early years practitioners play in delivering early years services and welcomes proposals to deliver greater professionalism and improved career pathways for early years staff; welcomes proposals under A Curriculum for Excellence to introduce more active learning into early primary education; recognises that early years strategy needs to reflect these developments, and recognises that the Scottish Executive's investment in education has rebuilt the foundations of a successful education system in Scotland.

**4. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**5. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**6. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.

**7. Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Amendment 16 was disagreed to (by division: For 5, Against 97, Abstentions 1)

Amendment 1 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 2 and 3.

**8. Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Transport (Tavish Scott) moved S2M-5361—That the Parliament agrees that the Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

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

**10. School Transport Safety:** The Parliament debated S2M-5425 in the name of Ms Maureen Watt—That the Parliament notes that current legislation

regarding the provision of seatbelts on school transport does not require all school buses to be fitted with seatbelt facilities; further notes that the mandatory fitting of seatbelts on school buses only applies to those vehicles first used on or after 1 October 2001 or those manufactured six months before that date; recognises that this loophole can result in children's safety being jeopardised, as was experienced at a recent accident in Aberdeenshire, and considers that the Scottish Executive should make representations to the Department for Transport in order to have legislation amended so that all school buses, regardless of age and size, are fitted with adequate seatbelt facilities.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Imam Arif, Central Scotland Islamic Centre, Stirling, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform (Mr Tom McCabe) moved S2M-5551—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 5, Abstentions 1).

**3. Making the NHS Local:** The Minister for Health and Community Care (Mr Andy Kerr) moved S2M-5572—That the Parliament supports the goal of further shifting the balance of care away from reactive, episodic care in the acute sector towards preventive, integrated and continuous care embedded in local communities; congratulates NHS Scotland on the significant progress in making its service more local, as required by “Delivering for Health”; welcomes for instance the 50% increase in funding for primary medical services over the period from 2002-03 to 2006-07 and unprecedented investment in primary and community care premises; supports the new community hospital strategy with its focus on providing local facilities and services appropriate to modern-day demands; welcomes the establishment of the Scottish Centre for Telehealth in Grampian and the approaches it will bring to widening access to specialist services, such as seen in the tele-neurology service in Orkney; commends the shift from hospital-based provision to local access for services such as chemotherapy and dialysis and expects community health partnerships to continue to accelerate such a shift; recognises the benefits to communities of more local access for the majority of their unscheduled care needs that will be brought about by the development of community casualty units; welcomes the continuing development of new staff roles and expertise as a means to carry services closer to patients; supports the community pharmacy minor ailments service as an excellent example of improved local access; supports the Scottish Executive’s intention to improve Scotland’s health, focussing especially on reducing inequalities between those with the best and worst health; acknowledges the contribution to improving health of services in local communities for people of all ages, from improving children’s dental health in Glasgow to promoting walking for health by older people; applauds the world-leading anticipatory care “Keep well” services which tackle coronary heart disease in the most deprived communities, and welcomes this package of service change and the continued development of local community health partnerships as a strong and coherent response to the changing pattern of demand that NHS Scotland will face.

Shona Robison moved amendment S2M-5572.2 to motion S2M-5572—

Leave out from “the goal of” to end and insert—

“the delivery of core acute services, such as accident and emergency and maternity services, as locally as possible while also recognising that some specialist services may need to be delivered in larger centres; recognises that "Delivering for Health" provides an opportunity to reverse the trend of further centralisation and keep services local; welcomes the additional investment in primary medical services; supports the new community hospital strategy with its focus on providing local facilities and services appropriate to modern-day demands; welcomes the establishment of the Scottish Centre for Telehealth in Grampian and the approaches it will bring to widening access to specialist services, such as seen in the tele-neurology service in Orkney; commends the shift from hospital-based provision to local access for services such as chemotherapy and dialysis and expects community health partnerships to continue to accelerate such a shift; recognises the benefits of community casualty units which can help to relieve pressure from busy accident and emergency departments; welcomes the continuing development of new staff roles and expertise as a means to carry services closer to patients; supports the community pharmacy minor ailments service as an excellent example of improved local access; supports the increasing focus of NHS Scotland on reducing inequalities between those with the best and worst health; acknowledges the contribution to improving health of services in local communities for people of all ages, from improving children’s dental health in Glasgow to promoting walking for health by older people; applauds the world-leading anticipatory care "Keep well" services which tackle coronary heart disease in the most deprived communities, and welcomes the continued development of local community health partnerships as a strong and coherent response to the changing pattern of demand that NHS Scotland will face.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 67, Abstentions 15).

Mrs Nanette Milne moved amendment S2M-5572.3 to motion S2M-5572—

Leave out from “congratulates” to end and insert—

“however recognises the importance of retaining a sustainable number of acute sector beds and services and recognises continuing public concern over the extent of proposed centralisation of hospital services; congratulates the NHS where it has established innovative approaches to meeting modern day demands such as the use of tele-medicine in Grampian and Orkney and the shift of chemotherapy and dialysis to the local community; recognises the increase in funding for the NHS however notes that despite this substantial increase there are still many issues to address; supports the Scottish Executive’s focus on health promotion and reducing inequalities between those with the best and worst health however believes that patient need would be best met with more purchasing power being placed in the hands of patients and GPs so that their choices determine the development of the service, and also seeks to develop a health service driven by clinical need rather than responding to centrally imposed targets.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 73, Against 5, Abstentions 36).

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5577—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 21 February 2007

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Executive Debate: Antisocial Behaviour  
*followed by*                      Scottish National Party Business  
*followed by*                      Business Motion  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Thursday 22 February 2007

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business  
11.40 am                      General Question Time  
12 noon                      First Minister's Question Time  
2.15 pm                      Themed Question Time—  
   Environment and Rural Development;  
   Health and Community Care  
2.55 pm                      Executive Debate: Affordable Housing  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Wednesday 28 February 2007

2.30 pm                      Time for Reflection  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*                      Stage 3 Proceedings: Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*                      Business Motion  
*followed by*                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm                      Decision Time  
*followed by*                      Members' Business

Thursday 1 March 2007

9.15 am                      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Justice and Law Officers; Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.55 pm	Stage 3 Proceedings: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5574—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2007 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**7. Awareness of Coeliac Disease:** The Parliament debated S2M-5385 in the name of Margo MacDonald—That the Parliament is concerned that the average general practitioner has little or no experience of coeliac disease, an extremely debilitating illness that affects one in 100 of the population, of which seven out of eight are undiagnosed; regrets that the lack of knowledge of this condition prevents many people with coeliac disease from receiving early diagnosis, leading to serious complications such as osteoporosis and bowel cancer if left undetected; welcomes the work done by Coeliac UK in providing literature, advice, a helpline and dietary information to address this need, and believes that the Scottish Executive should promote such measures as it sees fit to ensure that GPs in the Lothians and throughout Scotland receive more appropriate training and support to enable them to recognise and to diagnose the disease more accurately.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Workers' Rights:** Ms Rosemary Byrne moved S2M-5581—That the Parliament supports the Simclar workers and calls for an appropriate redundancy package for them; welcomes the DTI investigation into the circumstances surrounding the closure of the Ayrshire plants; condemns poor employment practices that result in workers being sacked via text messages, video conferences and factory gate notices and denied real and proper consultation and appropriate redundancy payments, illustrated by the recent examples at Simclar Ayrshire, NCR Dundee and Young's in Annan; recognises the need to improve workers' rights and the existence of the Trade Union Freedom Bill in the Westminster Parliament last session which attracted cross-party support from 187 MPs and the re-lodged bill in the current term; recognises that this Trade Union Freedom Bill is supported and promoted by most trade unions, including the RMT and TGWU, and agrees to endorse and encourage support throughout Scotland for this necessary bill.

The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning (Allan Wilson) moved amendment S2M-5581.4 to motion S2M-5581—

Leave out from “supports” to end and insert—

“believes that the right to work is a fundamental human right; supports the objective of full employment and welcomes the 150,000 new jobs created in Scotland since devolution in 1999; further supports the Simclar workers and calls for an appropriate redundancy package for them; supports the Scottish Executive's call for a DTI investigation into the circumstances surrounding the closure of the Ayrshire plants; condemns poor employment practices that result in workers being sacked via text messages and factory gate notices and denied real and proper consultation and appropriate redundancy payments, illustrated by the recent example at Simclar Ayrshire; recognises the need to further improve workers' rights and entitlements and agrees that the Parliament supports the enhancement of employee rights on consultation in a redundancy situation; reaffirms its commitment to providing appropriate resources to meet the costs of retraining and upskilling workers affected, and recognises the role that the Irvine Bay Regeneration Company will have in creating new job opportunities for the workforce.”

Jim Mather moved amendment S2M-5581.2 to motion S2M-5581—

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

“need to create a new era of social cohesion where employers, employees and the state work together to ensure that Scotland achieves new higher levels of competitiveness and co-operation in the workplace so that we achieve increased economic vibrancy, better terms and conditions in the workplace and an improved safety net for redundant employees.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5581.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 30, Abstentions 23). As a result, amendment 5581.2 was pre-empted.

Phil Gallie moved amendment S2M-5581.1 to motion S2M-5581—

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

“or factory gate notices and denied real and proper consultation and appropriate redundancy payments, as illustrated by the recent example of Simclar Ayrshire.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5581.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 77, Abstentions 24).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the right to work is a fundamental human right; supports the objective of full employment and welcomes the 150,000 new jobs created in Scotland since devolution in 1999; further supports the Simclar workers and calls for an appropriate redundancy package for them; supports the Scottish Executive’s call for a DTI investigation into the circumstances surrounding the closure of the Ayrshire plants; condemns poor employment practices that result in workers being sacked via text messages and factory gate notices and denied real and proper consultation and appropriate redundancy payments, illustrated by the recent example at Simclar Ayrshire; recognises the need to further improve workers’ rights and entitlements and agrees that the Parliament supports the enhancement of employee rights on consultation in a redundancy situation; reaffirms its commitment to providing appropriate resources to meet the costs of retraining and upskilling workers affected, and recognises the role that the Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company will have in creating new job opportunities for the workforce.

**2. School Education:** Mr Brian Monteith moved S2M-5570—That the Parliament believes that Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) plays a vital role in raising standards of attainment and enhancing the learning of pupils and students at all stages of school and college education and supports its strategic priorities of promoting public accountability through inspection and reporting, working with other organisations to build the capacity of high-quality education and informing education policy development through knowledge of the whole education system, while managing and developing HMIE as a best value public body.

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

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education, Tourism, Culture and Sport, and on Finance and Public Services and Communities were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5580—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill, debates on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, each time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a division following the first division in the afternoon being called) or otherwise not in progress:

- Groups 1 - 4: 25 minutes
- Groups 5 - 8: 45 minutes
- Groups 9 - 12: 1 hour and 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 20.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 18, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 23, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 23 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 24, 25, 26 and 16A.

Amendment 27 was pre-empted.

**8. Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Deputy Minister for Health and Community Care (Lewis Macdonald) moved S2M-5362—That the Parliament agrees that the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

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

**10. Threat to Crichton Campus in Dumfries:** The Parliament debated S2M-5444 in the name of Dr Elaine Murray—That the Parliament recognises

and applauds the success of the Crichton university campus in Dumfries over the past seven years and the contribution made by all stakeholders involved in this unique partnership; is therefore concerned that the University of Glasgow is considering reducing its presence on the campus and possibly withdrawing from the site; notes that the University of Glasgow is considering this action because of an £800,000 annual shortfall in running its campus at the Crichton, and considers that the Scottish Funding Council should assist the University of Glasgow to maintain its presence at its Dumfries site and that the University of Glasgow should defer making any decision to reduce its presence or to withdraw from the site until after this year's spending review and the forthcoming review of higher education funding.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.15 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Joe Kavanagh, Mearns Parish Kirk, Newton Mearns, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Community Safety:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Johann Lamont) moved S2M-5608—That the Parliament acknowledges the good progress being made towards making our communities safer; notes that crime is falling and violent crime is at its lowest level since devolution; welcomes the record numbers of police officers now helping to prevent and detect crime; notes that antisocial behaviour legislation has made a real difference, with effective use being made by the police and local authorities of new measures contained in the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004; welcomes work by community safety partnerships to focus resources on tackling crime and disorder in response to local community needs, and supports the Scottish Executive's determination to keep working with communities and to make further progress with its partners towards ensuring that decent and law-abiding people can feel safe in their homes and on their streets wherever they live.

Mr Kenny MacAskill moved amendment S2M-5608.1 to motion S2M-5608—

Leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert—

“recognises the concern and anxiety in our communities caused by both low-level antisocial behaviour and serious and violent crime; appreciates the increased burden placed on our police forces by new legislation and additional requirements; believes that the best way of tackling both serious crime and antisocial behaviour is a visible police presence to reassure the public and deter criminals, and therefore commits to the recruitment of 1,000 additional police officers for our communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 85, Abstentions 9).

Margaret Mitchell moved amendment S2M-5608.2 to motion S2M-5608—

Leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert—

“notes, in relation to community safety, that since 1999 crimes and offences are up, that according to the Scottish Crime survey only one in four crimes is reported to the police, that drug crime has increased 5.7% in the last year, that automatic early release of prisoners is not being adequately addressed and that there is a crisis of public confidence in the criminal justice system, and calls on the Scottish Executive to increase police numbers to improve levels of community policing, to bring forward an expansion of drug rehabilitation facilities and to restore clarity and honesty in sentencing in order to improve community safety and rebuild public confidence in our criminal justice system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 79, Abstentions 23).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 43, Abstentions 7).

**3. The Environment:** Richard Lochhead moved S2M-5607—That the Parliament welcomes the recent ruling by the High Court in London that declared the UK Government’s decision to back new nuclear power stations illegal due to a failure to consult adequately; recognises that the judgement is a further blow to the UK Government’s pro-nuclear policy, and rejects the case for new nuclear power stations in Scotland in favour of developing our nation’s enormous renewables and clean energy potential which is the quickest, most effective, safest and less expensive energy option for tackling climate change.

Allan Wilson moved amendment S2M-5607.3 to motion S2M-5607—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the ruling by the High Court in London regarding the UK Government consultation on energy; notes that the DTI has accepted the judgement and will consult further; believes that the way ahead for energy in Scotland is to deliver on the Scottish Executive’s energy policies; further welcomes the announcement by the Executive that it has already met its 2010 target of 18% of Scotland’s electricity from renewable energy; welcomes the Executive’s support for nine marine power projects, including one set to be the world’s largest, and its commitment to the world-leading European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) in Orkney; notes that the achievement of the Executive’s renewable energy targets has been through a mix of renewable technologies, including the major Blacklaw windfarm constructed on a former open-cast coal site generating 140MW; notes that projects for the future include the substantial Glen Doe hydro power project, world-leading offshore wind development and significant biomass energy schemes, and believes that Scotland can achieve its future renewables targets if it is supported with determination and consistency by the Executive.”

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S2M-5607.1 to motion S2M-5607—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the conclusions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report that human beings are, with a 90% probability, responsible for accelerating climate change and believes that this report simply reinforces the need for urgent action; therefore welcomes the Conservatives’ commitment to a climate change Bill to introduce annual targets and their call for carbon capture and storage to be put on an equal footing with other low-carbon energy sources; believes that we need a broad-based strategy of energy production for future energy provision in Scotland, and further welcomes the Scottish Conservatives’ proposal for a Scottish eco-bonus scheme to incentivise households, communities and small businesses to install modern energy-creating and energy-saving technologies that will have the triple benefit of cutting their energy bills, reducing CO2 emissions and giving a boost to new small-scale renewable technologies.”

Shiona Baird moved amendment S2M-5607.2 to motion S2M-5607—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“recognises that developing a sustainable energy policy is one of the most serious environmental challenges currently facing Scotland, given the need to reduce our climate changing emissions; believes that Scotland’s energy future is best served by a combination of energy conservation, energy efficiency and clean decentralised production of energy; notes that nuclear power remains an expensive, dangerous and fundamentally unsustainable power source that is by no means carbon-free and that the long-term storage of radioactive waste continues to pose an insurmountable challenge to the nuclear industry; welcomes therefore the success of Greenpeace’s judicial review of the UK Government’s flawed consultation on nuclear power and hopes that a properly conducted consultation exercise will arrive at a more sustainable outcome; calls on the Scottish Executive to prepare and submit a timely response to the new UK energy review consultation which highlights the environmental, social and economic benefits offered by energy conservation and efficiency and renewable energy in Scotland, and calls on all political parties that oppose nuclear power to publicly rule out coalition with any party that refuses to rule out new nuclear build in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment S2M-5607.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 35, Abstentions 15). As a result, amendments S2M-5607.1 and S2M-5607.2 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 35, Abstentions 15).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the ruling by the High Court in London regarding the UK Government consultation on energy; notes that the DTI has accepted the judgement and will consult further; believes that the way ahead for energy in Scotland is to deliver on the Scottish Executive’s energy policies; further welcomes the announcement by the Executive that it has already met its 2010 target of 18% of Scotland’s electricity from renewable energy; welcomes the Executive’s support for nine marine power projects, including one set to be the world’s largest, and its commitment to the world-leading European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) in Orkney; notes that the achievement of the Executive’s renewable energy targets has been through a mix of renewable technologies, including the major Blacklaw windfarm constructed on a former open-cast coal site generating 140MW; notes that projects for the future include the substantial Glen Doe hydro power project, world-leading offshore wind development and significant biomass energy schemes, and believes that Scotland can achieve its future renewables targets if it is supported with determination and consistency by the Executive.

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-5612—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 28 February 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Executive Debate: Future of Scotland’s Organic Farming

<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 1 March 2007	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Debate: Dealing with Illegal Money Lenders
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Justice and Law Officers; Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.55 pm	Stage 3 Proceedings: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Procedures Committee Debate: 10th Report 2006, Scottish Commission for Public Audit
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Wednesday 7 March 2007	
10.00 am	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Business
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish National Party Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 8 March 2007	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill
11.40 am	General Question Time

12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Finance and Public Services and Communities; Education, Tourism, Culture and Sport
2.55 pm	Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Legislative Consent Motion: Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

**6. Making our Transport Fit for Purpose:** The Parliament debated S2M-5523 in the name of Nora Radcliffe—That the Parliament, recognising that transport is integral to the economic, environmental and social well-being of communities, commends the joint initiative of the Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum and the City of Aberdeen Environmental Forum in organising a public meeting on “Making our Transport System Fit for Purpose” on 1 February 2007 in Aberdeen, to inform and facilitate the debate on the future of transport in the north east; notes that the meeting is being held during the current Nestrans consultation on its proposed regional transport strategy, and, in light of the Stern and Eddington reports, believes it is important that the people of the north east think carefully about making the transport system that serves them fit for purpose in a world in which the threat of climate change has become a factor.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Road Tolling:** Mr David Davidson moved S2M-5598—That the Parliament opposes the introduction of any additional nationwide charges for using Scotland’s existing roads and calls for the repeal of Part 3 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001.

The Minister for Transport (Tavish Scott) moved amendment S2M-5598.2 to motion S2M-5598—

Leave out from “opposes” to end and insert—

“welcomes the Scottish Executive’s massive increase in funding for public transport since 1999; notes the growing problem of traffic congestion in Scotland and the impact this has on the economy and the impact of pollution on health and the environment; notes the lack of an alternative from the opposition parties to tackling congestion; notes that the Executive does not support penalising motorists, and believes that the potential benefits of all new measures to tackle congestion, such as road user charging, need to be fully assessed, tested and evaluated in order to keep Scotland moving.”

Fergus Ewing moved amendment S2M-5598.1 to motion S2M-5598—

Insert at end—

“believes further that full fiscal powers should be transferred to the Scottish Parliament in respect of taxation of motorists; notes that levels of taxation levied on motorists by successive Labour and Conservative governments have consistently been, or been among, the highest in Europe; considers that a variety of measures is needed to tackle levels of congestion, including more use of park and ride schemes as well as the use of flexible working and home working, and supports the further expansion of public transport in Scotland to provide people in Scotland with more alternatives to car use.”

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S2M-5598.3 to motion S2M-5598—

Leave out from “opposes” to end and insert—

“notes that traffic congestion creates a huge burden for society in terms of delays, ill-health and social exclusion; notes that “the CBI estimates that the costs to employers of transport congestion are around £20 billion a year”; recognises that any long-term strategy to reduce congestion and climate changing pollution will require the provision of quality public transport alternatives to car use together with a sensible and appropriate system of demand management; notes the failure of the Scottish Executive to provide leadership over the City of Edinburgh Council’s proposal for a congestion charging scheme and the Executive’s plans for massive investment in new road capacity; notes that new road capacity has been shown to generate more traffic; notes that studies indicate that the introduction of nationwide road pricing is at least 10 years away; therefore calls on ministers to work with regional transport partnerships to consider the introduction of congestion charging and smart charge schemes at specific pinch points and congested areas of the road network, and believes that, in the immediate term, the Executive must reallocate funding for new road schemes to invest

in public transport and cancel plans for new trunk roads that will generate increased traffic such as the M74 extension and the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5598.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 41, Abstentions 7). As a result, amendments S2M-5598.1 and S2M-5598.3 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 41, Abstentions 7).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Executive’s massive increase in funding for public transport since 1999; notes the growing problem of traffic congestion in Scotland and the impact this has on the economy and the impact of pollution on health and the environment; notes the lack of an alternative from the opposition parties to tackling congestion; notes that the Executive does not support penalising motorists, and believes that the potential benefits of all new measures to tackle congestion, such as road user charging, need to be fully assessed, tested and evaluated in order to keep Scotland moving.

**2. Double Jeopardy:** Miss Annabel Goldie moved S2M-5613—That the Parliament agrees that the criminal law of Scotland be changed so that persons acquitted of serious criminal charges can be tried again if new and compelling evidence comes to light.

The Deputy Minister for Justice (Johann Lamont) moved amendment S2M-5613.1 to motion S2M-5613—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“recognises the issue of the double jeopardy rule in the operation of the criminal justice system; recognises that this issue must not be seen in isolation, but instead should be considered within the wider context of the Scottish Executive’s ongoing reform and modernisation programme; commends the Executive’s commitment to placing the needs of victims at the heart of the criminal justice system and its achievements over the last four years in fundamentally modernising and reforming that system, including the introduction of the Victim Information and Advice Service across Scotland and the Victim Notification Scheme, and further recognises that any decision on the future of double jeopardy should be taken within the context of Scots law.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 41, Abstentions 9).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 39, Abstentions 10).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the issue of the double jeopardy rule in the operation of the criminal justice system; recognises that this issue must not be seen in isolation, but instead should be considered within the wider context of the Scottish Executive’s ongoing reform and modernisation programme; commends the Executive’s commitment to placing the needs of victims at the heart of the criminal justice

system and its achievements over the last four years in fundamentally modernising and reforming that system, including the introduction of the Victim Information and Advice Service across Scotland and the Victim Notification Scheme, and further recognises that any decision on the future of double jeopardy should be taken within the context of Scots law.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Environment and Rural Development, and on Health and Community Care were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Affordable Housing:** The Minister for Communities (Rhona Brankin) moved S2M-5617—That the Parliament welcomes the importance that the Scottish Executive has placed on ensuring the provision of affordable housing across Scotland; notes the significant investment of £1.2 billion that is delivering 21,500 new affordable homes and the success of the innovative shared equity scheme, Homestake; welcomes the additional steps that have been taken to increase the proportion of affordable homes within new housing developments, and notes the intention of the Executive to ensure that affordable houses are also sustainable houses.

Tricia Marwick moved amendment S2M-5617.2 to motion S2M-5617—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes that between 1999 and 2004 fewer houses were built for social rent under the Labour/Liberal Democrat government than in 1995 under the Conservative government and that waiting lists and those presenting as homeless are at record levels; notes the failure of the Scottish government to keep the promises made to Glasgow tenants on second stage stock transfer, and considers that this Scottish government has failed to adequately address the housing crisis in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 63, Abstentions 15).

Mr David Davidson moved amendment S2M-5617.1 to motion S2M-5617—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“recognises that the private and public rental and purchase sectors are under considerable pressure and are not able to keep up with the high demand for affordable housing, especially in rural areas; is alarmed that last year first-time buyer activity reached its lowest level in 25 years; regrets that the Lib-Lab pact has failed to enable Scottish tenants to take advantage of housing stock transfer and, over the last year, has overseen four “no” votes in Edinburgh, Stirling, Renfrewshire and the Highlands and welcomes the Scottish Conservatives' support for housing stock transfer and the continuation of tenants' right to buy their local authority homes; is opposed to the

proposal for the single seller survey as it “will cause difficulties for disadvantaged buyers and sellers, who may be on low incomes and/or be buying or selling low-value properties in areas of low demand”, as highlighted by the Scottish Consumer Council, and considers that the single seller survey is based on an inadequate pilot and is an unnecessary and costly intervention in a sensitive market.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 39, Abstentions 10).

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

**8. Clyde Fishermen Ahead of the Game on Conservation!** The Parliament debated S2M-5481 in the name of Phil Gallie—That the Parliament applauds the intention of the Clyde Fishermen’s Association to stop, voluntarily, trawling in areas of Upper Loch Fyne and Loch Shira in the interests of biodiversity and conservation and notes that such action provides a further example of the fishing industry’s commitment to a sustainable environment by adding to the association’s weekend ban on fishing in the Clyde estuary, self-imposed some 20 years ago when its awareness of the need for conservation preceded the anxieties now expressed by politicians at European, UK and Scottish government levels.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

**No. 59                      Wednesday 28 February 2007**

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Andrew Hill, Minister of St Mark's Unitarian Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5664—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 28 February and Thursday 1 March 2007—

(a) Wednesday 28 February 2007

delete,

5.00 pm                      Decision Time

and insert,

5.30 pm                      Decision Time

and;

(b) Thursday 1 March 2007

after,

2.55 pm                      Stage 3 Proceedings: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill

delete,

*followed by*                      Procedures Committee Debate: 10th Report 2006, Scottish Commission for Public Audit

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5667—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, each time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Group 1: 15 minutes  
Group 2: 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 24, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 24, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 1, Against 100, Abstentions 8)

The Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rules 9.8.4A(c) and 9.8.4A(a).

**5. Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved S2M-5629—That the Parliament agrees that the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 103, Against 4, Abstentions 8).

**6. The Future of Scotland's Organic Farming:** The Deputy Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Sarah Boyack) moved S2M-5655—That the Parliament acknowledges the progress made to date in implementing the Organic Action Plan; welcomes the increasing consumer demand for Scottish organic produce, the contribution of organic producers in improving the availability of good quality local food at local markets and the contribution of organic producers to sustainable development, and commits to continue to support the organic sector in the future.

Richard Lochhead moved amendment S2M-5655.2 to motion S2M-5655—

Insert at end—

“but believes that, as many of the targets in the current Organic Action Plan have only been partially met, it is time for a new updated organic action plan that encourages a more balanced basket of healthy, locally grown organic produce, and pledges to use public procurement to promote organic produce, to communicate the benefits to consumers and to minimise the bureaucracy associated with organic production.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 76, Abstentions 1).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S2M-5655.1 to motion S2M-5655—

Insert at end—

“but also recognises the high quality, environmental and welfare standards achieved by most Scottish farmers using a range of traditional methods.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 39, Against 66, Abstentions 10).

Eleanor Scott moved amendment S2M-5655.3 to motion S2M-5655—

Insert at end—

“and further commits to the production of a revised and strengthened organic action plan to include ambitious targets for increased land area and market penetration, prioritised support for the organic sector through land management contracts, grants and support for local supply chain development, including a review of barriers to further growth across the sector, an organic public procurement strategy adopting the successful "Food for Life" standards across the public sector, a communication strategy to engage with the public about the benefits of organic food and farming, strengthened advisory support and a review of SEERAD’s research and development strategy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 77, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 105, Against 2, Abstentions 8).

**7. Business Motion:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5665—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 March 2007

10.00 am	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Christmas Day and New Year’s Day Trading (Scotland) Bill
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Scottish National Party Business
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members’ Business

Thursday 8 March 2007

9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i> Bill	Stage 3 Proceedings: Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland)

11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Finance and Public Services and Communities; Education, Tourism, Culture and Sport
2.55 pm	Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Legislative Consent Motion: Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation
<i>followed by</i>	Standards and Public Appointments Committee Motion on Breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Wednesday 14 March 2007	
10.00 am	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Final Stage: Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Standards and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Report on Code of Conduct for MSPs
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business
Thursday 15 March 2007	
9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i> (Scotland) Bill	Stage 3 Proceedings: Custodial Sentences and Weapons
11.40 am	General Question Time

12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm	Themed Question Time— Health and Community Care; Environment and Rural Development
2.55 pm	Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Procedures Committee Debate: 10th Report 2006, Scottish Commission for Public Audit
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSIs:** George Lyon, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5658—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Budget (Scotland) Act 2006 Amendment Order 2007 be approved; and

S2M-5659—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 (Minimum Frequency of Inspections) Order 2007 be approved; and

S2M-5660—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Mental Health (Safety and Security) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 be approved; and

S2M-5661—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities from the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority Order 2007 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Switch Off Energy Debt:** The Parliament debated S2M-5525 in the name of Scott Barrie—That the Parliament expresses concern at the high level of energy debt in Scotland; notes from the most recent figures published by Ofgem that 343,617 customers in Dunfermline and elsewhere owe their energy supplier an average of £181; further notes that energy prices remain high, with Scottish consumers typically paying more than £1,000 per year for their gas and electricity; is concerned that, according to Ofgem, the number of disconnections from energy supply has risen by 285% between September

2005 and September 2006, and believes that all energy suppliers should take urgent action to address the burden of debt on Scotland's most vulnerable households.

The meeting closed at 6.21 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Dealing with Illegal Money Lenders:** The Deputy Minister for Communities (Des McNulty) moved S2M-5669—That the Parliament condemns the activities of illegal money lenders who prey on and exploit vulnerable individuals and communities; welcomes the Scottish Executive’s determination to work in partnership with the UK Government to tackle illegal lending through enforcement and by developing new approaches, such as the successful illegal money lending task force pilots, and supports the Executive’s activity to help affected individuals by increasing affordable credit from credit unions, by improving the availability of money advice, through citizens’ advice, local authority trading standards departments and other organisations which provide invaluable help to those with unmanageable debt, and by extending financial education in schools and in other settings such as the workplace and the community.

Mr Kenny MacAskill moved amendment S2M-5669.1 to motion S2M-5669—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the significant debt problem in Scotland, a problem that is more serious than in the rest of the United Kingdom; recognises that a main cause of Scotland’s debt crisis is the irresponsible actions of legal money lenders; believes that the causes as well as the consequences of unmanageable debt must be addressed; regrets that current consumer legislation at Westminster is inadequate in protecting vulnerable groups from predatory lending; calls for the Parliament to have appropriate powers to deal with Scotland’s distinct debt problem, and further calls for the removal of dwelling homes from the land attachment method of debt recovery, thereby ending the draconian situation of a person’s home being at risk over a small amount of debt.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 76, Abstentions 0).

Margaret Mitchell moved amendment S2M-5669.2 to motion S2M-5669—

Insert at end—

“recognises that an increase in the number of police walking our streets would encourage and give people more confidence to report the activities of illegal money lenders in local communities, and believes that tackling personal debt and financial exclusion is an issue of social responsibility.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 96, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Justice and Law Officers and on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, were answered by Scottish Law Officers and by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**5. Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5666— That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, each time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2:	35 minutes
Groups 3 and 4:	1 hour 5 minutes
Groups 5, 6 and 7:	1 hour 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 13 was agreed to without division.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

14	(For 32, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
1A	(For 43, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
1	(For 43, Against 57, Abstentions 0)
15	(For 43, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
2	(For 11, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
12	(For 36, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
4	(For 26, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
5	(For 26, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
6	(For 33, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
7	(For 10, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
8	(For 4, Against 95, Abstentions 0)
3	(For 13, Against 87, Abstentions 1)

The following amendments were not moved: 10, 11 and 9.

The Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rules 9.8.4A(c) and 9.8.4A(a).

**7. Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Environment and Rural Development (Ross Finnie) moved S2M-5630—That the Parliament agrees that the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

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

**9. Tysabri for People with MS:** The Parliament debated S2M-5305 in the name of Tricia Marwick—That the Parliament deplores the decision by the Scottish Medicines Consortium not to recommend that Tysabri be prescribed to people with multiple sclerosis (MS); notes that, for a small number of those with the most aggressive form of relapsing-remitting MS for whom existing treatments do not work, Tysabri represents the only treatment available; believes that Tysabri has the potential to alleviate suffering for MS patients in Fife and across Scotland; notes that Tysabri is prescribed in Germany, Ireland and the United States of America but not in Scotland, which has the highest rate of MS in the world, and considers that NHS boards in Scotland should prescribe Tysabri which had been described by Dr Gavin Giovannoni, of the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London, as the most significant advance in MS treatment for nearly a decade.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rabbi David Rosen, President, International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5711—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Group 1: 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 1        (For 86, Against 23, Abstentions 0)
- 2        (For 83, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
- 3        (For 84, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

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

**4. Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** Karen Whitefield moved S2M-5436—That the Parliament agrees that the Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 17, Abstentions 2).

**5. Economy and Small Business:** Jim Mather moved S2M-5690—That the Parliament recognises the need to make the Scottish economy and hence Scottish businesses increasingly competitive and therefore welcomes the SNP's Small Business Bonus Scheme, which will remove 120,000 small businesses from eligibility to pay business rates and reduce the rates burden on a further 30,000 small businesses by either 25% or 50%, thereby increasing small business viability and bringing increased vibrancy and job opportunity to cities, towns, villages and rural Scotland.

The Deputy Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning (Allan Wilson) moved amendment S2M-5690.3 to motion S2M-5690—

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

“to continue to grow the Scottish economy and to support the competitiveness of Scottish businesses; welcomes the steps that the Scottish Executive has taken to achieve that by listening to business and reducing the level of business rates; supports measures to encourage innovation, including supporting links to Scotland’s science and research base and easing access by business to public sector contracts; welcomes support from Scottish Enterprise and the Business Gateway through investing in a highly skilled workforce in Scotland, such as through the modern apprenticeships scheme, and increasing investment in the infrastructure necessary to build a modern competitive economy.”

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S2M-5690.1 to motion S2M-5690—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“condemns the proposals put forward by the SNP and the Liberal Democrats for a local income tax which would represent a significant new financial burden for the many small businesses that are unincorporated; further condemns the policies of the Lib-Lab pact which have done so much to harm business, especially the decision taken by Jack McConnell MSP to abolish the uniform business rate in 2000 which has cost Scottish businesses an extra £900 million, and welcomes the fully costed proposals put forward in the Scottish Conservatives’ business manifesto, including the abolition of business rates for all firms with a rateable value under £7,000, a tiered rates cut for all firms with a rateable value of between £7,000 and £15,000, a £20 million annual town centre regeneration fund, a dedicated public procurement unit to cut through the bureaucratised process of approval when businesses are tendering for public contracts, five-year sunset clauses on all primary legislation, a presumption against gold-plating of EU regulation, a new dedicated skills agency to work with business, schools and colleges to tackle the skills shortage, extra investment in the road network to prioritise improvements on key links such as the A9, A75, A96 and A82, and the building of a new Forth crossing, a package which will deliver real benefits to Scotland’s small business and lead to higher economic growth.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5690.3 was agreed to (DT) by division: For 66, Against 29, Abstentions 24). As a result, amendment S2M-5690.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 30, Abstentions 24).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the need to continue to grow the Scottish economy and to support the competitiveness of Scottish businesses; welcomes the steps that the Scottish Executive has taken to achieve that by listening to business and reducing the level of business rates; supports measures to encourage innovation, including supporting links to Scotland’s science and research base and easing access by business to public sector contracts; welcomes support from Scottish Enterprise and the Business Gateway through investing in a highly skilled workforce in Scotland, such as through the modern apprenticeships scheme,

and increasing investment in the infrastructure necessary to build a modern competitive economy.

**6. Tackling Alcohol Misuse:** Kenny MacAskill moved S2M-5692—That the Parliament notes with concern the recent alcohol statistics published by the Office for National Statistics which show that men and women in Scotland are twice as likely to die an alcohol-related death as people in the United Kingdom as a whole; recognises the huge cost of alcohol abuse to the health service and the economy and its impact on families; further recognises the clear links between alcohol abuse and crime and antisocial behaviour; further notes that youth disorder and violence in many communities throughout Scotland are often fuelled by cheap and easily available alcohol; welcomes measures such as test purchasing and calls for the strict enforcement of existing licensing legislation to prevent the sale or supply of alcohol to those under age, and calls for the powers contained within the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 to be extended to off-sales premises, thus stopping irresponsible drink promotions in off-sales premises and the practice of deep discounting of alcohol by supermarkets.

The Deputy Minister for Finance, Public Service Reform and Parliamentary Business (George Lyon) moved amendment S2M-5692.2 to motion S2M-5692—

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

“the damage excessive drinking can cause to physical and mental health, our communities, our economy, and our way of life; notes the success of the Fife test purchasing pilot and welcomes its proposed rollout to all police forces; welcomes that the vast majority of licensed retailers in the Fife pilot refused to sell alcohol to those under age; believes that the provisions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 provide a solid foundation for future action to combat problem drinking; notes that this Act already sets out a range of irresponsible drinks promotions in both on-sales and off-sales that will not be permitted when the Act replaces the current licensing regime; welcomes the publication of the updated *Plan for Action on Alcohol Problems* and the industry partnership agreement, the actions from which represent a significant programme to reduce alcohol misuse; supports the Executive’s commitment to extend the Keep Well initiative as a way of ensuring that those most at risk from the effects of excessive drinking in our deprived communities are offered advice and support; recognises that the problems associated with excessive drinking require action from industry, government and individuals, and notes that changing culture and behaviours will require a long-term collaborative approach where everyone takes responsibility for our society’s excessive consumption.”

Mrs Nanette Milne moved amendment S2M-5692.1 to motion S2M-5692—

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

“recognises that an increase in the number of police walking the streets would help to enforce the law, and welcomes the recent partnership between the Scottish Executive, the Scotch Whisky Association and eight other trade associations representing alcohol producers and retailers to tackle alcohol abuse.”

After debate, amendment S2M-5692.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 50, Abstentions 4). As a result, amendment S2M-5692.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 25, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the damage excessive drinking can cause to physical and mental health, our communities, our economy, and our way of life; notes the success of the Fife test purchasing pilot and welcomes its proposed rollout to all police forces; welcomes that the vast majority of licensed retailers in the Fife pilot refused to sell alcohol to those under age; believes that the provisions of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 provide a solid foundation for future action to combat problem drinking; notes that this Act already sets out a range of irresponsible drinks promotions in both on-sales and off-sales that will not be permitted when the Act replaces the current licensing regime; welcomes the publication of the updated *Plan for Action on Alcohol Problems* and the industry partnership agreement, the actions from which represent a significant programme to reduce alcohol misuse; supports the Executive’s commitment to extend the Keep Well initiative as a way of ensuring that those most at risk from the effects of excessive drinking in our deprived communities are offered advice and support; recognises that the problems associated with excessive drinking require action from industry, government and individuals, and notes that changing culture and behaviours will require a long-term collaborative approach where everyone takes responsibility for our society’s excessive consumption.

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5710—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 14 March 2007

10.00 am	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill
2.30 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Final Stage: Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Standards and Public Appointments Committee Debate: 2nd Report 2007, Code of Conduct
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members’ Business

Thursday 15 March 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Health and Community Care;  
Environment and Rural Development

2.55 pm Conclusion of Stage 3 Proceedings: Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Procedures Committee Debate: 10th Report 2006, Scottish Commission for Public Audit  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 March 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 March 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning  
Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Executive Business  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSIs:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5701—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 (Modification of Agency's Powers and Incidental Provision) Order 2007 be approved;

S2M-5702—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Notification Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5703—That the Parliament agrees that the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Draft Guidance for Licensing Boards and Local Authorities (SE/2007/9) be approved;

S2M-5704—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Limit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5705—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5706—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5707—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5708—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Order 2007 be approved; and

S2M-5709—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2007 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

**10. Celebrating Success:** The Parliament debated S2M-5596 in the name of Mr Alasdair Morrison—That the Parliament welcomes the substantive progress being made in tackling sectarianism in Scotland; commends the initiatives undertaken by Scotland's largest football clubs, Rangers FC and Celtic FC, to counter sectarian attitudes; congratulates the football clubs on

their initiatives, Pride over Prejudice and Bhoys Against Bigotry; notes the success of their highly commendable joint educational programme, the Old Firm Alliance, within Glasgow schools; recognises that the significant progress achieved in tackling sectarianism represents a continuing determination by both clubs to help eradicate the problem, and also commends the informal arrangements between old firm supporters in the Western Isles as an example for the rest of the country.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:**

Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5712—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, each time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in each of the morning and the afternoon being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4:	35 minutes
Groups 5 to 7:	1 hour
Groups 8 and 9:	1 hour 35 minutes
Groups 10 and 11:	2 hours
Groups 12 and 13:	2 hours 25 minutes
Groups 14 to 16:	3 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 11, 29, 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 35, 14, 15, 16, 5, 17, 18, 6, 19, 32, 33, 7, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 8, 34, 9, 28 and 10.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

37	(For 45, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
38	(For 13, Against 87, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 30 and 36.

Amendment 31 was not moved.

**3. General Question Time:** General Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education, Tourism, Culture and Sport, and on Finance and Communities were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**6. Motion without notice:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice, that, under Rule 11.2.4 of Standing Orders, Decision Time on Thursday 8 March 2007 be taken at 4.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-5631—That the Parliament agrees that the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Serious Crime Bill - UK Legislation:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Johann Lamont) moved S2M-5671—That the Parliament endorses the principle that the offence of breaching a Serious Crime Prevention Order should be extended to Scotland and that amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 relating to the use of force in executing search warrants in Scotland under section 387 of that Act and the extension of production orders and search warrants to include cash seizures as set out in the Serious Crime Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 16 February 2007, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 9, Abstentions 2).

**9. Breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament:** Brian Adam, on behalf of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee, moved S2M-5678—That the Parliament notes the 1st Report, 2007 (Session 2) of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee, *Complaint against Brian Monteith MSP* (SP Paper 758), and agrees to impose the sanction recommended in the report that Brian Monteith MSP be excluded from all meetings of the Parliament and all meetings of its committees for the first five sitting days immediately after this motion is agreed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 4, Abstentions 20).

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

**11. Fairtrade:** The Parliament debated S2M-5653 in the name of Christine May—That the Parliament recognises the focus which Fairtrade Fortnight gives to the local, national and global effects of fair trade; notes that this year's event is taking place from 26 February to 11 March 2007; welcomes

the growing support in Scotland for fair trade, with 27 areas of Scotland having achieved Fairtrade status, including all of Scotland's cities; notes that all local authority areas have groups working to achieve Fairtrade status; further notes that 40% of people in Scotland regularly buy Fairtrade products and 75% buy a Fairtrade product every year; congratulates the Co-operative Group on providing the first Fairtrade cotton shopping bag; believes that Scotland should continue to campaign to achieve Fairtrade country status, and further believes that such campaigning not only empowers people in the developing world but also empowers the people of Scotland.

The meeting closed at 4.41 pm.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Father John Keenan, Catholic Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

**2. School (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5748—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 2: 1 hour 5 minutes  
Groups 3 to 5: 1 hour 35 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:**  
The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 28, 29 and 30.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

21 (For 29, Against 70, Abstentions 0)  
1 (For 29, Against 73, Abstentions 1)  
6 (For 11, Against 73, Abstentions 20)  
22 (For 32, Against 71, Abstentions 1)  
23 (For 12, Against 72, Abstentions 21)  
24 (For 12, Against 71, Abstentions 21)  
3 (For 32, Against 72, Abstentions 1)  
4 (For 32, Against 72, Abstentions 1)  
14 (For 12, Against 73, Abstentions 20)  
15 (For 12, Against 71, Abstentions 21)  
16 (For 32, Against 72, Abstentions 1)  
17 (For 32, Against 73, Abstentions 1)  
18 (For 32, Against 73, Abstentions 1)  
19 (For 32, Against 72, Abstentions 1)  
20 (For 30, Against 73, Abstentions 1)  
25 (For 30, Against 73, Abstentions 3)  
7 (For 12, Against 72, Abstentions 21)  
8 (For 11, Against 84, Abstentions 0)  
27 (For 30, Against 71, Abstentions 0)

9 (For 11, Against 89, Abstentions 0)  
31 (For 32, Against 72, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 26 was not moved.

**4. Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-5695—That the Parliament agrees that the Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**5. 2nd Report 2007 (Session 2) of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, *Appropriate Assessment Report on the Firth of Forth Special Protection Area*:** Scott Barrie, on behalf of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, moved S2M-5683—That the Parliament notes the 2nd Report, 2007 (Session 2) of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, *Appropriate Assessment Report on the Firth of Forth Special Protection Area* (SP Paper 736), and agrees that the construction of the project proposed in the Bill will not adversely affect the integrity of the Firth of Forth Special Protection Area.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. 3rd Report 2007 (Session 2) of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, *Report on the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill and European Protected Species*:** Scott Barrie, on behalf of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, moved S2M-5684—That the Parliament notes the 3rd Report, 2007 of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, *Report on the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill and European Protected Species* (SP Paper 737), and agrees that the construction of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link project should not impact on the favourable conservation status of otters.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill – Final Stage:** Scott Barrie, on behalf of the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill Committee, moved S2M-5685—That the Parliament agrees that the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 3).

**8. Standards and Public Appointments Committee, *Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament*:** Brian Adam, on behalf of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee, moved S2M-5719—That the Parliament notes the 2nd Report, 2007 (Session 2) of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee, *Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament* (SP Paper 763) and agrees to its conclusions.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 106, Against 7, Abstentions 2).

**9. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5746—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 15 March 2007—

after,

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

insert,

*followed by* Members' Business – S2M-5725 Karen Gillon: Malawi

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5747—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 21 March 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Cairngorms National Park Boundary Bill

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 March 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Debate: Scotland in the United Kingdom

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

*followed by* Members' Business

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—  
Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning  
Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Executive Debate: Education

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 March 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Final Stage: Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 29 March 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

*followed by* Executive Business

1.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**11. Approval of SSIs:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S2M-5733—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5734—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Allowances and Expenses) Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5735—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5736—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Representation of the People (Post-Local Government Elections Supply and Inspection of Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5737—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Number of Inner House Judges (Variation) Order 2007 be approved;

S2M-5738—That the Parliament agrees that the draft National Waste Management Plan for Scotland Regulations 2007 be approved;

S2M-5739—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Fundable Bodies (Scotland) Order 2007 be approved;

S2M-5740—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 be approved; and

S2M-5741—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Order 2007 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT)

**12. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5742—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 25, Abstentions 21).

**13. Approval of SSI:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5743—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Business Improvement Districts (Ballot Arrangements) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 39, Abstentions 1).

**14. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

**15. Success of Scots Trad Music Awards 2006:** The Parliament debated S2M-5261 in the name of Rob Gibson—That the Parliament congratulates Hands Up For Trad, its founder Simon Thoumire of Footstompin' Records and the sponsors and supporters who made the 2006 awards ceremony and weekend entertainment in Fort William such a happy and successful gathering; draws particular attention to the staff of the Nevis Centre whose hard work allowed the annual event to move from its Edinburgh base and offer a top-class venue, a friendly Highland welcome and a tremendous warm-up for the major events to be staged there in 2007 during the Scottish Year of Highland Culture; offers congratulations to winners of a wide range of awards, voted on by thousands across the globe, that give significant recognition to the excellence within Scotland's thriving contemporary traditional music scene; encourages the funding bodies to invest in this success which promotes, through composition, performance and enthusiastic audience

response, such a positive message about Scottish cultural confidence, and believes that Scotland's television media should build on BBC Radio Scotland's role as the sole consistent champion of our Scottish music and traditions by broadcasting the images and sounds round the world.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill – Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5749—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when the meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4:	55 minutes
Groups 5 to 6:	1 hour 35 minutes
Groups 7 to 12:	2 hours 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 1, 2, 3, 45, 46, 4, 47, 48, 5, 49, 50, 51, 54, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 75, 76, 11, 77, 78, 79, 12, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 13, 14, 80, 15, 81, 82, 83 and 84.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

16	(For 6, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
17	(For 6, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
18	(For 6, Against 95, Abstentions 0)
19	(For 6, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
20	(For 14, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
21	(For 14, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
22	(For 14, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
23	(For 14, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
24	(For 14, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
25	(For 13, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
52	(For 13, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
44	(For 27, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.

Amendments 29 and 30 were pre-empted.

**3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**5. Malawi:** The Parliament debated S2M-5725 in the name of Karen Gillon—That the Parliament welcomes the partnership that has been established between Scotland and Malawi and, in particular, the historic co-operation agreement signed by the Scottish Executive and the Government of Malawi; congratulates the wide range of schools, churches and civic organisations in Clydesdale that are involved in joint work with similar groups in Malawi, and believes that MSPs should sign up to the Scotland Malawi Partnership's pledge in advance of the election to ensure that this mutually beneficial partnership continues.

**6. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health and Community Care and on Environment and Rural Development were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**7. Motion without notice:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved, without notice, that, under Rule 11.2.4 of Standing Orders, Decision Time on Thursday 15 March 2007 be taken at 4.15 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Minister for Justice (Cathy Jamieson) moved S2M-5632—That the Parliament agrees that the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 23, Abstentions 3).

**9. Procedures Committee Debate, *Scottish Commission for Public Audit*:** Donald Gorrie, on behalf of the Procedures Committee, moved S2M-5626—That the Parliament notes the Procedures Committee's 10th Report, 2006 (Session 2), *Scottish Commission for Public Audit* and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A to the report be made with effect from the day after the Parliament is dissolved at the end of the current session.

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

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

**11. Rum's Red Deer:** The Parliament debated S2M-5492 in the name of Mr Jamie McGrigor—That the Parliament notes that the red deer is an iconic part of the image of Scotland; further notes that, because of its isolation, the red

deer herd on Rum has arguably the purest bloodline in the country and has been the subject of scientific research, and considers that Scottish Natural Heritage's plan to cull Rum's red deer solely to protect the trees that it has decided to plant on the island without any protective fencing is to be condemned.

The meeting closed at 4.49 pm.

**No. 65      Wednesday 21 March 2007**

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Robbie Hamilton, New Wellwynd Parish Church, Airdrie, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Deputy Minister for Justice (Johann Lamont) moved S2M-5628—That the Parliament agrees that the Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**3. Cairngorms National Park Boundary Bill – Stage 1:** Mr John Swinney moved S2M-5758—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Cairngorms National Park Boundary Bill.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 64, Abstentions 2).

**4. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S2M-5773—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 28 March 2007

2.30 pm	Time for Reflection
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Final Stage: Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motion
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
<i>followed by</i>	Members' Business

Thursday 29 March 2007

9.15 am	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Executive Debate: The Future of Scotland
11.40 am	General Question Time
12 noon	First Minister's Question Time
<i>followed by</i>	Motion of Thanks to the Presiding Officer
1.00 pm	Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**6. The Lack of Park-and-Ride in South Edinburgh:** The Parliament debated S2M-5715 in the name of Mike Pringle—That the Parliament welcomes key public transport improvements being delivered by SEStran including bus priority measures, a bus tracker system and cycleway improvements, but is concerned that key schemes for three park-and-ride sites in south Edinburgh at Straiton, Sherrifhall and Lothianburn have yet to open and that the lack of park-and-ride sites in the south of the city is leading to increased commuter parking in residential streets, where residents' parking is already made difficult by the extension of the controlled parking scheme.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

**1. Scotland in the United Kingdom:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Ms Margaret Curran) moved S2M-5779—That the Parliament believes that the United Kingdom is a mutually beneficial relationship for Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and England; notes that devolution “is a process, not an event”; notes the additional powers that have been devolved to the Scottish Parliament since 1999; notes that the majority of people in Scotland oppose separation from the rest of the UK; believes that such a course would result in either cuts in vital public services or massive increases in taxation; believes that Scotland should retain the benefits of being part of the UK; and notes the respective positions of the Labour and the Liberal Democrat parties on the powers of the Parliament.

Alasdair Morgan moved amendment S2M-5779.2 to motion S2M-5779—

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

“current constitutional arrangements do not offer the right solutions to the challenges facing Scotland, that the natural state of independence, enjoyed by our most successful neighbours, offers the best opportunities for Scotland and that the people of Scotland should have an opportunity in a referendum within the next four years to make their own decision on whether or not Scotland should be independent.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 77, Abstentions 5).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S2M-5779.3 to motion S2M-5779—

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

“whilst, where appropriate, increasing the powers available to the Scottish Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 64, Abstentions 25).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S2M-5779.4 to motion S2M-5779—

Leave out from “the United Kingdom” to end and insert—

“all political parties receive electoral support from people with a range of views on the constitution; considers therefore that the constitutional future of Scotland is a matter best decided by the people of Scotland through a referendum; believes that, regardless of the constitutional future chosen by the people of Scotland, there is a strong case for devolving power from government to local communities throughout Scotland, and considers that government in Scotland, whether under the current devolved arrangements or in an independent future, can do far more to empower communities than has been done to date.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 77, Abstentions 3).

Colin Fox moved amendment S2M-5779.1 to motion S2M-5779—

Leave out from “is a mutually beneficial relationship” to end and insert—

“thwarts Scotland’s economic, social, cultural and political development; believes that Scotland would be better off if it were independent from the UK; believes that an independent Scotland would remove Trident nuclear weapons from the Clyde, scrap the hated council tax and prescription charges and redistribute the great wealth of Scotland to address widening inequalities and would never have agreed to send Scottish soldiers to fight a war in Iraq that is considered by many to be illegal; believes that Scots have the same democratic rights to self-determination as the people of any other country, and looks forward to a Scotland that is independent, socially just and internationalist in its outlook.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 76, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 51, Abstentions 3).

**2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.

**3. First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).

**4. Crichton Campus and the University of Glasgow:** The Parliament debated S2M-5726 in the name of Alasdair Morgan—That the Parliament welcomes the work to develop an academic strategy for higher and further education in Dumfries and Galloway but, conscious that the failure of the University of Glasgow to recruit an intake of new undergraduates at the Crichton Campus in Dumfries this year may prejudice the outcome of that strategy, considers that the Scottish Executive should take all necessary steps to ensure that recruitment is resumed for the current year.

**5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning, and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.

**6. Celebrating Success in Scottish Education:** The Minister for Education and Young People (Hugh Henry) moved S2M-5775—That the Parliament notes the commitment shown by the Scottish Executive and its partners to the most comprehensive programme of modernisation of Scottish education for a generation; recognises that the Executive’s investment in over 320 new and refurbished schools, increased teacher numbers, a world-leading induction scheme, reduced class sizes, strong parental involvement and stable industrial relations has rebuilt the foundations of a successful

school system; welcomes the significant increase in pre-school education entitlement that has been delivered since 1999; further welcomes the high quality of leadership in Scotland's schools and congratulates the 973 teachers who have achieved the Scottish Qualification for Headship; welcomes the Executive's investment in Scotland's 49 Schools of Ambition, and congratulates staff, teachers and pupils in schools and centres across Scotland for the contribution they are making to the delivery of excellent learning and teaching.

Fiona Hyslop moved amendment S2M-5775.3 to motion S2M-5775—

Leave out from "notes" to end and insert—

"congratulates staff, teachers and pupils in schools and centres across Scotland for the contribution that they are making to the delivery of excellent learning and teaching; recognises that it is the duty of government to provide stewardship to drive standards forward, providing leadership and direction for a strong Scottish education system for the purpose of self-improvement and a healthier, wealthier and socially and environmentally more responsible Scotland, and notes that the following can all contribute to this aim: early intervention to increase nursery provision and identify and serve additional support needs at an early stage, cutting class sizes in primary 1-3 to 18 and maintaining teacher numbers in the face of falling school rolls to cut class sizes in secondary so that every child gets the attention they deserve and to ensure that essential literacy and numeracy skills are developed, embedding Scottish history, culture and heritage in school life, offering vocational courses from S3 onwards with parity of esteem for academic courses, introducing a new languages and science baccalaureate recognising top performance at Higher level to encourage take-up of these subjects, focussing on support for those pupils particularly from families living in poverty who are currently left behind in society and continuing the planned school building and refurbishment programme but providing councils with an alternative funding scheme to provide better value for money and access to communities and clubs to schools at evenings and weekends."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 78, Abstentions 10).

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton moved amendment S2M-5775.1 to motion S2M-5775—

Leave out from "notes" to end and insert—

"supports giving top priority to ensuring that our education system enables every child to find fulfilment according to his or her ability, aptitude and inclination; believes that head teachers should have greater freedom to make decisions relating to their schools, in co-operation with parents and pupils, and further believes that particular areas for giving greater control include budgets, permanent exclusions, wearing of uniforms, setting, and the continuing professional development of teachers in their schools."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 87, Abstentions 8).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 43, Abstentions 9).

**7. Business Motion:** Ms Margaret Curran, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S2M-5781—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 28 March 2007—

after,

*followed by* Final Stage: Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill

insert,

*followed by* SPCB Motion on the Reappointment of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

The motion was agreed to.

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

**9. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy:** The Parliament debated S2M-5521 in the name of Dr Sylvia Jackson—That the Parliament expresses concern that people who suffer from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a severe and progressive genetic muscle wasting disease predominantly affecting boys and for which there is currently no cure, are dying in Scotland on average 10 years earlier than their counterparts in England; believes that an improvement in the life expectancy and experiences of these young people must be a priority for the Scottish Executive; considers that, in addition to enhanced medical research, better support services, equipment and adapted housing can make a massive difference to the quality of life of people with DMD and can contribute to extending their life expectancy; welcomes the development in 2003 of the Scottish Muscle Network, based at Yorkhill, as a national managed clinical network benefiting patients in Stirling and across Scotland, but believes that more must be done to improve both life quality and life expectancy for people with DMD in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Neil Gardner, Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendments 1 and 2 were agreed to without division.

**3. 1st Report 2007 (Session 2) of the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill Committee, Report on the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill and European Protected Species:** Phil Gallie, on behalf of the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill Committee, moved S2M-5759—That the Parliament notes the 1st Report, 2007 (Session 2) of the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill Committee, *Report on the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill and European Protected Species* (SP Paper 761), and agrees that the construction of the Airdrie-Bathgate railway project should not impact on the favourable conservation status of otters.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill – Final Stage:** Phil Gallie, on behalf of the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill, moved S2M-5760—That the Parliament agrees that the Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Bill be passed.

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

**5. The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman:** John Scott, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S2M-5785—That the Parliament nominates Professor Alice Brown to Her Majesty The Queen for reappointment as the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman from 30 September 2007 until 29 September 2011.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 1, Abstentions 2).

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

**7. Reconnecting Communities by Rail:** The Parliament debated S2M-5762 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament welcomes the work undertaken by communities across Scotland to enhance the rail network; recognises in particular the long-standing need to reopen railway stations at Blackford, Greenloaning, St Andrews and Levenmouth, and further

recognises the role that community rail partnerships and businesses can play in developing new services and enhancing the quality and uptake of existing services.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

- 1. The Future of Scotland:** The Parliament debated the Future of Scotland.
- 2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.
- 3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell).
- 4. Motion of Thanks to the Presiding Officer:** The First Minister (Mr Jack McConnell) moved S2M-5789—That the Parliament expresses its thanks and gratitude to George Reid for his service to the Parliament and recognises the important role he has carried out as its second Presiding Officer.

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

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

The meeting closed at 1.03 pm.

**BILLS INTRODUCED**

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

10 May 2006

**Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 45B) (Executive Bill).

30 May 2006

**Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to authorise the construction of new railways between Drumgelloch and Bathgate, including new stations at Caldercruix and Armadale; to authorise the use of land for relocated stations at Drumgelloch and Bathgate; to authorise related improvements to the existing railways between Airdrie and Drumgelloch and Bathgate and Edinburgh; to regularise the operation of certain enactments relating to the existing railway affected by the works so authorised; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 64) (Private Bill)

Introduced by: Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 64-EN) and a Promoter's Memorandum (SP Bill 64-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2. (SP Bill 52AA) (Executive Bill)

31 May 2006

**Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 47B) (Executive Bill).

**Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 46B) (Executive Bill).

8 June 2006

**Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 44C) (Committee Bill).

13 June 2006

**Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the exercise of functions during vacancies in the offices of Lord President of the Court of Session and Lord Justice Clerk and the incapacity of the holders of those offices. (SP Bill 65) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Cathy Jamieson

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 65-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 65-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

14 June 2006

**Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 8B) (Private Bill).

22 June 2006

**Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 52B) (Executive Bill).

26 June 2006

**Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for the making of orders related to, or to matters connected with, the construction or operation of railways, tramways, other guided transport systems, trolley vehicle systems and inland waterways; to make changes to procedures applicable to orders and schemes under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, the Harbours Act 1964 and the Pilotage Act 1987; to make further provision as regards grants for purposes relating to transport; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 66) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Tavish Scott

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 66-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 66-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

29 June 2006

**Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in relation to fish farms and shellfish farms; in relation to the parasite *Gyrodactylus salaris*; in relation to salmon and freshwater fisheries and sea fisheries; in relation to payments connected with aquaculture and fisheries; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 67) (Executive Bill).

Introduced by: Ross Finnie

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 67-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 67-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

8 September 2006

**Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the promotion of health in certain schools and certain school hostels; and to amend the law in relation to the provision of food and drink for certain pupils. (SP Bill 68) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Peter Peacock

Supported by: Robert Brown

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 68-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 68-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

19 September 2006

**Home Energy Efficiency Targets (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to require the Scottish Ministers to establish targets for improvements in home energy efficiency, and to take steps, including preparation of a plan, to achieve the targets. (SP Bill 70) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Shiona Baird

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 70-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 70-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

20 September 2006

**Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for the establishment and functions of a Commissioner for Older People in Scotland; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 71) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Alex Neil

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 71-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 71-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

21 September 2006

**Cairngorms National Park Boundary Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to extend the boundary of Cairngorms National Park to include parts of Highland and Eastern Perthshire within the National Park; and to make consequential changes to the composition of the Cairngorms National Park Authority. (SP Bill 72) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 72-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 72-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

25 September 2006

**Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to bar certain individuals from working with children or certain adults; to require the Scottish Ministers to keep lists of those individuals; to make further provision in relation to those lists; to establish a scheme under which information about individuals working or seeking to work with children or certain adults is collated and disclosed; to make provision about the sharing of information relevant to the protection of children; to amend Part 5 of the Police Act 1997; to amend the meaning of school care accommodation service in the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 73) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Peter Peacock

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 73-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 73-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

27 September 2006

**Education (School Meals etc.) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for free school meals, water and milk in education authority primary schools; to confer further powers on the Scottish Ministers to extend such provision; to require the Scottish Ministers to set nutritional standards for certain school meals and to establish a complaints procedure in relation to the standards; and to confer powers on the Scottish Ministers to regulate the sale and advertisement of food and drink at certain schools. (SP Bill 74) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Frances Curran

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 74-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 74-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law concerning the right of certain relatives of a deceased person to claim damages in respect of the death of the deceased from mesothelioma. (SP Bill 75) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Cathy Jamieson  
Supported by: Hugh Henry

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 75-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 75-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Scottish Register of Tartans Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish a Scottish Register of Tartans and to provide for the appointment and functions of the Keeper of that Register. (SP Bill 76) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Jamie McGrigor

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 76-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 76-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

29 September 2006

**Civil Appeals (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for a final right of civil appeal to a Civil Appeals Committee and to abolish the right of civil appeal to the House of Lords; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 77) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Adam Ingram

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 77-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 77-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Provision of Rail Passenger Services (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to direct the Scottish Ministers as to how they shall

exercise the powers conferred upon them by the Railways Act 1993 as amended by the Railways Act 2005 in relation to the provision of rail passenger services; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 78) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Tommy Sheridan

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 78-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 78-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Treatment of Drug Users (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide a scheme under which drug users and their families can obtain an integrated health and social care plan for their treatment and rehabilitation; to fund additional treatment services for drug misuse from the proceeds of drug-related crime; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 79) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Rosemary Byrne

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 79-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 79-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

2 October 2006

**Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to restate and amend the law relating to the confinement and release of prisoners; to make provision relating to the control of weapons; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 80) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Cathy Jamieson  
Supported by: Hugh Henry

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 80-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 80-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

4 October 2006

**Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2. (SP Bill 51A) (Executive Bill)

8 November 2006

**Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2. (SP Bill 61A) (Executive Bill)

14 November 2006

**Glasgow Airport Rail Link Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Consideration Stage. (SP Bill 54A) (Private Bill)

30 November 2006

**Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 50B) (Executive Bill).

7 December 2006

**Adoption and Children (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 61B) (Executive Bill).

12 December 2006

**Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2 (SP Bill 66A) (Executive Bill).

14 December 2006

**Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 56B) (Executive Bill).

19 December 2006

**Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2. (SP Bill 62A) (Executive Bill)

18 January 2007

**Criminal Proceedings etc. (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 55B) (Executive Bill).

**Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2007/08, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund and for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies; to make provision, for financial year 2008/09, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 81) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: Mr Tom McCabe

Supported by: Mr Jack McConnell, Mr Nicol Stephen, Ms Margaret Curran

Accompanying documents (SP Bill 81-AD) were printed to accompany the Bill.

25 January 2007

**Crofting Reform etc. Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 57B) (Executive Bill).

31 January 2007

**Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2. (SP Bill 67A) (Executive Bill)

6 February 2007

**Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2. (SP Bill 69A) (Executive Bill)

8 February 2007

**Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 66B) (Executive Bill).

13 February 2007

**Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2. (SP Bill 68A) (Executive Bill)

15 February 2007

**Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 62B) (Executive Bill).

21 February 2007

**Rights of Relatives to Damages (Mesothelioma) (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2. (SP Bill 75A) (Executive Bill)

27 February 2007

**Edinburgh Airport Rail Link Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Consideration Stage. (SP Bill 58A) (Private Bill)

**Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Stage 2. (SP Bill 80A) (Executive Bill)

7 March 2007

**Christmas Day and New Year's Day Trading (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 59A) (Member's Bill)

8 March 2007

**Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 73B) (Executive Bill).

14 March 2007

**Schools (Health Promotion and Nutrition) (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed. (SP Bill 68B) (Executive Bill)

**Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as amended at Consideration Stage. (SP Bill 64A) (Private Bill)

15 March 2007

**Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 80B) (Executive Bill)

28 March 2007

**Airdrie-Bathgate Railway and Linked Improvements Bill**—The Bill was reprinted as passed (SP Bill 64B) (Private Bill).

## **BILLS WITHDRAWN**

The following Bills were withdrawn on the dates shown—

24 October 2006

**Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags (Scotland) Bill**—The Bill, introduced on 17 June 2005, was withdrawn by Mike Pringle (SP Bill 43) (Members Bill)

16 February 2007

**Scottish Register of Tartans Bill**—The Bill, introduced on 27 September 2006, was withdrawn by Jamie McGrigor (SP Bill 76) (Members' Bill).

**SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION**

**1. Affirmative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid in draft before the Parliament for approval by resolution—

10 May 2006

The Electronic Communications (Scotland) Order 2006  
laid under section 9(4) and (7)(d) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000

11 May 2006

The Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland as Specified Authority and Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2006  
laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

The Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2006  
laid under section 34(4) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

12 May 2006

The Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Supplementary Provisions) Order 2006  
laid under section 22(1) and (2) of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

12 June 2006

The Automated Registration of Title to Land (Electronic Communications) (Scotland) Order 2006  
laid under section 9(4) and (7) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000

16 June 2006

The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2006

laid under section 88(4) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

*Note: The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2006, which was laid in draft on 16 June 2006, was withdrawn on 30 June 2006.*

22 June 2006

The Fundable Bodies (Scotland) Order 2006  
laid under section 34(4) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

28 June 2006

The Transfer of Functions to the Shetland Transport Partnership Order 2006—

The Transfer of Functions to the South-West of Scotland Transport Partnership Order 2006—

laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

29 June 2006

The Community Right to Buy (Definition of Excluded Land) (Scotland) Order 2006

laid under section 98(5) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

7 July 2006

The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2006

laid under section 88(4) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

21 August 2006

The Construction Contracts (Scotland) Exclusion Amendment Order 2006

laid under paragraph 106(4) of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996

13 September 2006

The Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2006

laid under section 53(3)(a) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

21 September 2006

The Social Work Inspections (Scotland) Regulations 2006

laid under section 6(4) of the Joint Inspection of Children's Services and Inspection of Social Work Services (Scotland) Act 2006

24 October 2006

The Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2006

laid under section 195(7) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

25 October 2006

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No.3) Order 2006

laid under section 115 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

26 October 2006

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2006 Amendment Order 2006

laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2006

2 November 2006

The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Amendment Order 2006

laid under section 44(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

7 November 2006

The Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Office or Body as Specified Authority) (Scottish Legal Complaints Commission) Order 2006

laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

8 November 2006

The Registration Services (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Order 2006

laid under section 61(4) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

9 November 2006

The Bus User Complaints Tribunal Regulations Revocation Regulations 2006

laid under section 81(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

10 November 2006

The Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006—

The Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Prescribed Proceedings) Amendment Regulations 2006—

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

11 December 2006

The Farm Woodland Premium Schemes and SFGS Farmland Premium Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Scheme 2007

laid under section 2(4) of the Farm Land and Rural Development Act 1988

*Note: The Farm Woodland Premium Schemes and SFGS Farmland Premium Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Scheme 2007, laid in draft on 11 December 2006 was withdrawn on 14 December 2006.*

13 December 2006

The Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2007

laid under section 16(5) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

14 December 2006

The Farm Woodland Premium Schemes and SFGS Farmland Premium Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Scheme 2007

laid under section 2(4) of the Farm Land and Rural Development Act 1988

15 December 2006

The Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

20 December 2006

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007

laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

21 December 2006

The Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2007

laid under section 115 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

8 January 2007

The Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2007

laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

18 January 2007

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2007

laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

22 January 2007

The Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 (Minimum Frequency of Inspections) Order 2007

laid under section 78(2)(b) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

25 January 2007

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2006 Amendment Order 2007

laid under section 7(2) of the Budget Scotland Act 2006

26 January 2007

The Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities from the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority Order 2007

laid under section 85(8) of the Transport Act 1985

1 February 2007

The Mental Health (Safety and Security) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007

laid under section 326(4)(c) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

2 February 2007

The Fundable Bodies (Scotland) Order 2007

laid under section 34(4) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

*Note: The Fundable Bodies (Scotland) Order 2007, which was laid on 2 February 2007, was withdrawn on 15 February 2007.*

The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Notification Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

laid under section 138(2) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

*Note: The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Notification Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, which were laid on 2 February were withdrawn on 14 February 2007*

7 February 2007

The Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007

laid under section 252(4) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

The Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2007

laid under section 191(9) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

The Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

laid under section 355(9) of the Gambling Act 2005

The Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 (Modification of Agency's Powers and Incidental Provision) Order 2007

laid under section 103(4) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

8 February 2007

The Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Order 2007

laid under section 275(5A) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and section 58(5) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

The Representation of the People (Post-Local Government Elections Supply and Inspection of Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

laid under section 61 of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

*Note: The Representation of the People (Post-Local Government Elections Supply and Inspection of Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, which was laid on 8 February 2007, was withdrawn on 14 February 2007*

The Business Improvement Districts (Ballot Arrangements) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

laid under section 47(3) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

The Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

9 February 2007

The Advice and Assistance (Financial Limit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007—

The Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007—

The Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007—

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007

laid under section 62(2) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002

The Local Governance (Scotland) Act (Allowances and Expenses) Regulations 2007

laid under sections 11 and 16 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

*Note: The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Allowances and Expenses) Regulations 2006, which were laid in draft before the Parliament on 9 February 2007, were withdrawn on 22 February 2007*

The National Waste Management Plan for Scotland Regulations 2007

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Number of Inner House Judges (Variation) Order 2007

laid under section 2(2D) of the Court of Session Act 1988

*Note: The Number of Inner House Judges (Variation) Order 2007, which was laid on 9 February 2007, was withdrawn on 15 February 2007*

The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Order 2007

laid under section 32(9) of the Electricity Act 1989

The Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Order 2007

laid under section 275(5A) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and section 58(5) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

*Note: The draft Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Order 2007, which was laid on 8 February 2007, was withdrawn on 14 February 2007*

12 February 2007

The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Notification Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

laid under section 138(2) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

14 February 2006

The Representation of the People (Post-Local Government Elections Supply and Inspection of Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2007  
laid under section 61(4) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

15 February 2006

The Fundable Bodies (Scotland) Order 2007  
laid under section 34(4) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2006

The Number of Inner House Judges (Variation) Order 2007  
laid under section 2(2D) of the Court of Session Act 1988

22 February 2007

The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Allowances and Expenses) Regulations 2007  
laid under section 16(5) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

## **2. Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament and are subject to annulment—

9 May 2006

The Plant Protection Products (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/241)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Quota and Third Country Fishing Measures) (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/244)  
laid under section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/245)—

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/246)—

The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/247)—

The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/248)—  
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/249)  
laid under section 51(5) of the Gaming Act 1968

11 May 2006

The Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland Order 2006 (SSI 2006/250)

laid under section 52(2) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

12 May 2006

The Divorce (Religious Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/253)

laid under section 3A(7) of the Divorce (Scotland) Act 1976

The Divorce and Dissolution etc. (Pension Protection Fund) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/254)

laid under section 10(8B) of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985

The Parental Responsibilities and Parental Rights Agreement (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/255)

laid under section 4(2) and section 103(2) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

30 May 2006

The Sea Fishing (Marking and Identification of Passive Fishing Gear and Beam Trawls) (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/284)

laid under section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981

31 May 2006

The Police Pensions Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/285)

laid under section 1 of the Police Pensions Act 1976

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2006 (SSI 2006/295)

laid under section 40 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

9 June 2006

The Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/317)—

The St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/318)—

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/325)

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The Education (Student Loans for Tuition Fees) (Repayment and Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/326)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Anatomy (Specified Persons and Museums for Public Display) (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/328)

laid under section 6A(14) of the Anatomy Act 1984

The Anatomy (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/334)  
laid under sections 3(6), 5(7), 6A(14) and 8(4) of the Anatomy Act 1984

The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/338)

laid under section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

The Town and Country Planning (Application of Subordinate Legislation to the Crown) (Inquiries Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/339)

laid under section 122(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

The Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 (Anatomy Act 1984 Transitional Provisions) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/340)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Removal of Regenerative Tissue for Transplantation) (Form of Certificate) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/343)—

The Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 (Maintenance of Records and Supply of Information Regarding the Removal and Use of Body Parts) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/344)—

laid under section 59(2) of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006

The Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/342)

laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

28 June 2006

The Adults with Incapacity (Removal of Regenerative Tissue for Transplantation) (Form of Certificate) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/368)

laid under section 59(2) of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006

30 June 2006

The Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing for Cockles) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2006 (SSI/2006/383)

laid under section 9(2) of the Sea Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

14 July 2006

The Designation of Institutions of Higher Education (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006 (SSI 2006/398)

laid under section 60 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

The Avian Influenza (Preventative Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/399)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

17 July 2006

The Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006 (SSI 2006/402)

laid under section 113 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

20 July 2006

The Robert Gordon University (Scotland) Amendment Order of Council 2006 (SSI 2006/404)

laid under section 60 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

10 August 2006

The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/419)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

11 August 2006

The Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 (Human Organ Transplants Act 1989 Transitional and Savings Provisions) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/420)

laid under section 59(2) of the Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006

17 August 2006

The TSE (Scotland) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/430)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Road User Charging Schemes (Keeping of Accounts and Relevant Expenses) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 Revocation Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/431)

laid under section 81(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act

30 August 2006

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/440)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

1 September 2006

The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Glasgow, Perth and Kinross Council, Aberdeen City Council, Dundee City Council and South Lanarkshire Council) Designation Amendment Order 2006 (SSI 2006/446)

laid under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Act 1991

The Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/450)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

4 September 2006

The Cereal Seed (Scotland) and Fodder Plant Seed (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/448)

laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

The Plant Protection Products (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations (SSI 2006/449)—

The Pig Carcase (Grading) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/451)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

6 September 2006

The Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006 (SSI 2006/453)

laid under section 78(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

7 September 2006

The Fire Safety (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/456)

laid under section 88(3) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

The Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) (No.2) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/457)

laid under sections 87(1) and 88(2)(a) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

8 September 2006

The Food (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/459)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

12 September 2006

The Academic Awards and Distinctions (The Robert Gordon University) (Scotland) Order of Council 2006 (SSI 2006/452)—

The Robert Gordon University (Transfer and Closure) (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/461)—

laid under section 60 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

13 September 2006

The Water Services and Sewerage Services Licences (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/464)

laid under section 34(1) and (2) of the Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

The Environmental Noise (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/465)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, Ranks and Positions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006 (SSI 2006/466)

laid under section 28(3) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

14 September

The Race Relations Act 1976 (Statutory Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006 (SSI 2006/467)

laid under section 74 of the Race Relations Act 1976

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/468)

laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

15 September 2006

The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Severance Payments) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/471)

laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

22 September 2006

The Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006 (SSI 2006/474)

laid under section 6(1) of the Plant Health Act 1967

4 October 2006

The National Health Service Central Register (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/484)

laid under section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

5 October 2006

The Land Registration (Scotland) Rules 2006 (SSI 2006/485)

laid under section 27(2) of the Land Registration (Scotland) Act 1979

The Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing for Cockles) (Scotland) (No. 3) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/487)

laid under section 9(2) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

12 October 2006

The Sea Fishing (Northern Hake Stock) (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/505)

laid under section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981

19 October 2006

The Curd Cheese (Restriction on Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/512)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

25 October 2006

The Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/515)

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The Feeding Stuffs (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/516)  
laid under section 84(2) of the Agriculture Act 1970

26 October 2006

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/514)  
laid under sections 7 and 12 of the Superannuation Act 1972

The Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/517)  
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

27 October 2006

The Closures Guidance (Railway Services in Scotland and England) Order 2006 (SI 2006/2837)  
laid under section 43(5) of the Railways Act 2005

1 November 2006

The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/521)  
laid under section 125(4) and (6) of the Police Act 1997

2 November 2006

The Regional Transport Strategies (Health Boards) (Scotland) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/528)  
laid under section 52(2) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/530)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

3 November 2006

The Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/534)  
laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

9 November 2006

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 2006 (SSI 2006/539)  
laid under section 40 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907 and section 6 of the Execution of Diligence (Scotland) Act 1926

The Waste Management Licensing Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/541)—

The Rice Products (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/542)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

10 November 2006

The EC Fertilisers (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/543)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities  
Act 1972

22 November 2006

The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Third Party Representations  
etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/553)  
laid under section 36(5) of the Water Environment and Water Services  
(Scotland) Act 2003

The Water Environment (Relevant Enactments) Order 2006 (SSI 2006/554)  
laid under section 36(1) of the Water Environment and Water Services  
(Scotland) Act 2003

Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People: Second Annual  
Report 2005-06 (CCYP/2006/4)  
laid under section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young  
People (Scotland) Act 2003

24 November 2006

The Health Protection Agency (Scottish Health Functions) Order 2006 (SSI  
2006/559)  
laid under section 2(9) of the Health Protection Agency Act 2004

27 November 2006

The National Health Service (Superannuation Scheme and Compensation for  
Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI  
2006/561)  
laid under sections 2(6) and 24(5) of the Superannuation Act 1972

29 November 2006

The Register of Sasines (Application Procedure) Amendment Rules 2006  
(SSI 2006/568)  
laid under section 74(1) of the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland)  
Act 2000

30 November 2006

The Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI  
2006/570)  
laid under section 15(8) of the Social Security Act 1990

The Scottish Charity Appeals Panel Rules 2006 (SSI 2006/571)  
laid under section 103(4) of the Charities and Trustee Investment  
(Scotland) Act 2005

The Conservation of Salmon (Collection of Statistics) (Scotland) Regulations  
2006 (SSI 2006/572)  
laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries  
(Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

The Marriage (Approval of Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/573)

laid under section 18A(9) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977

The Civil Partnership (Attestation) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/574)

laid under section 126(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004

The Registration Services (Fees, etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/575)

laid under section 54(2) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965, section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006, section 25(2) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 and section 126(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004

The Plant Protection Products (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/576)—

The Sheep and Goats (Identification and Traceability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/577)—

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2006/582)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Feeding Stuffs (Scotland) and the Feed (Hygiene and Enforcement) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/578)

laid under section 84(2) of the Agriculture Act 1970 and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/579)—

The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/580)—

laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

11 December 2006

The Sheep and Goats (Identification and Traceability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/594)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Forestry Commission Byelaws 1982 Revocation (Scotland) Byelaws 2007  
laid under section 46(4A) of the Forestry Act 1967 and article 3(5) of the Scotland Act 1998 (Transitory and Transitional Provisions) (Statutory Instruments) Order 1999

15 December 2006

The Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (General) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/592)—

The Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Reviews and Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/593)—

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

The Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/601)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls (No. 2) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2006 (SSI 2006/602)

laid under section 20(3) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

18 December 2006

The Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/605)

laid under sections 12(6) and 24(5) of the Superannuation Act 1972

The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/606)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

21 December 2006

The Local Government (Discretionary Payments and Injury Benefits) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/609)

laid under sections 12(6) and 24(5) of the Superannuation Act 1972

The Police (Injury Benefit) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/610)

laid under section 1(6) of the Police Pensions Act 1976

22 December 2006

The Public Service Vehicles (Conduct of Drivers, Inspectors, Conductors and Passengers) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/613)

laid under section 61(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 (SSI 2006/614)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972 and section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (No. 3) Order 2006 (SI 2006/3338)

laid under section 115 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

8 January 2007

The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (No. 2) Order 2006 (SI 2006/3248)  
laid under section 115 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

10 January 2007

The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/1)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

15 January 2007

The Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/2)  
laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

The Argyll and Bute Council (Pilotage Powers) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/3)  
laid under section 30(1) and (2) of the Pilotage Act 1987

The Road Works (Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/4)  
laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works 1991

17 January 2006

The Drugs Assessor (Qualifications and Experience) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/8)  
laid under section 103(3) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

18 January 2007

The Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (Commencement No. 1 and Savings) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/10 (C.2))  
laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

*Note: The Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (Commencement No. 1 and Savings) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/10 (C.2)) was laid in error on 18 January 2007 and was withdrawn on 19 January 2007*

19 January 2007

The Food Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/11)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls (No. 2) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/13)  
laid under section 20(3) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

The Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/14)

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

22 January 2007

The Antisocial Behaviour (Fixed Penalty Offence) (Prescribed Area) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/15)

laid under section 141(3) of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

23 January 2007

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Draft Guidance for Licensing Boards and Local Authorities (SE/2007/9)

laid under section 142(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

*Note: The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005: Draft Guidance for Licensing Boards and Local Authorities (SE/2007/9), which was laid before the Parliament on 23 January 2007, was withdrawn on 24 January 2007*

24 January 2007

The Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004 (Prescribed Risks) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/16)

laid under section 32(2) of the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004

The Tweed Regulation Order 2007 (SSI 2007/19)

laid under article 77(2) of the Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006 (SI 2006/2913)

26 January 2007

The Adults with Incapacity (Ethics Committee) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/22)

laid under section 86(1) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

The Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority (Constitution, Membership and Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/23)

laid under section 40(9) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

The Police Grant (Variation) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/24)

laid under section 32 of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

30 January 2007

The Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/27)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Police (Injury Benefit) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/28)

laid under section 1(6) of the Police Pensions Act 1976

1 February 2007

The Sex Discrimination (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/32)

laid under section 76C(3) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975

2 February 2007

The Contaminants in Food (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/29)—  
The Notification of Marketing of Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/37)—

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

The Licensing Register (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/33)—  
The Licence Transfer (Prescribed Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/34)—

The Licensing (Closure Orders) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/35)—  
laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

The Non Domestic Rating (Rural Areas and Rateable Value Limits) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/36)

laid under section 8 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997

The Sea Fishing (Prohibition on the Removal of Shark Fins) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/39)

laid under section 30(4) and (5) of the Fisheries Act 1981

The Sea Fishing (Restriction on Days at Sea) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/40)

laid under section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981

7 February 2007

The Registration of Civil Partnerships (Prescription of Forms, Publicisation and Errors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/53)

laid under section 126(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004

The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Re-registration) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/54)

laid under section 54(2)(b) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

8 February 2007

The Smoke Control Areas (Exempt Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/55)—

The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/56)—

laid under section 63(1) of the Clean Air Act 1993

9 February 2007

The Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/58)

laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003

The Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/59)—  
The Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/60)—

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/63)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

12 February 2007

The Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 (Commencement No. 7 and Transitional Provisions) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/67)

laid under section 78(2) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

13 February 2007

The Police (Injury Benefit) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/68)

laid under section 1 of the Police Pensions Act 1976

The Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/69)

laid under section 91(5) of the Animal Health Act 1981

15 February 2007

The Local Government Pensions Etc. (Councillors and VisitScotland) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/71)

laid under section 24(5) of the Superannuation Act 1972

The Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/73)

laid under section 331 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Alteration of Housing Finance Arrangements) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/74)

laid under section 109 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

The Licensing (Clubs) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/76)—

The Personal Licence (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/77)—

laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

The Food Supplements (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/78)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

16 February 2007

The Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/79)

laid under section 61(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

19 February 2007

The Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/85)

laid under section 15(8) of the Social Security Act 1990

20 February 2007

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2007 (SSI 2007/87)

laid under section 40 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

The Scottish Police Services Authority (Staff Transfer) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/88)—

The Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/89)—

The Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (Appointment of Police Members) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/90)—

laid under section 103 of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

21 February 2007

The Official Controls (Animals, Feed and Food) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/91)—

The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/94)—

The Common Agricultural Policy Schemes (Cross-Compliance) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/99)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Specification of Persons) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/92)

laid under section 10(9)(a) of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

The Sale of Alcohol to Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/93)—

The Licensing (Training) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/95)—

The Occasional Licence (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/96)—

The Licensing (Designated Airports) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/97)—

The Licensing Qualification (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/98)—

laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

22 February 2007

The Adults with Incapacity (Conditions and Circumstances Applicable to Three Year Medical Treatment Certificates) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/100)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Medical Treatment Certificates) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/104)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Requirements for Signing Medical Treatment Certificates) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/105)—

laid under section 86(1) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/102)—

The National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/103)—

laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

The Quick-frozen Foodstuffs Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/106)—

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

26 February 2007

The Local Government (Allowances and Expenses) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/108)

laid under section 16 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

The Police Grant (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/109)

laid under section 32(8) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

The Police Act (Criminal Records) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/112)

laid under section 125(4) of the Police Act 1997 (as read with section 125(6) of the Police Act 1997)

27 February 2007

The Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/114)—

The St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/115)—

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

28 February 2007

The Dairy Produce Quotas (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/118)—

The Plant Protection Products (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/119)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

1 March 2007

The Supervised Attendance Order (Prescribed Courts) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/120)

laid under section 235(5) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

The Divorce etc. (Pensions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/122)

laid under section 10(9) of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985

The Town and Country Planning (Prescribed Date) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/123)

laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Valuation Appeal Committee (Electronic Communications) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/124)  
laid under section 9(3) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000

The Football Banning Orders (Regulated Football Matches) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/125)  
laid under section 103(3) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

The Conservation of Seals (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/126)  
laid under section 14(1) of the Conservation of Seals Act 1970

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Quota and Third Country Fishing Measures) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/127)  
laid under section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981

The Licensing (Appointed Day and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/128)  
laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

The Testing of Arrested Persons for Class A Drugs (Prescribed Area) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/131)  
laid under section 20B(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995  
(Inserted by section 84 of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006)

The Parental Involvement in Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher Appointments (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/132)  
laid under section 22 of the Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006

The Marketing of Vegetable Plant Material Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/133)  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Police (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/134)  
laid under section 26(10) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

2 March 2007

The Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh (Scotland) Order of Council 2007 (SSI 2007/116)  
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Avian Influenza) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/135)

laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/136)

laid under section 103 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

The Plant Health (Export Certification) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/137)

laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967

The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/138)—

The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/144)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Colours in Food Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/143)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

5 March 2007

The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/142)—

The Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/150)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/147)

laid under section 32(3) of the Animal Health Act 1981

The Education Authority Bursaries (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/149)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/162)

laid under section 21(7) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

6 March 2007

The Education (Graduate Endowment, Student Fees and Support) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/148)

laid under section 1(7) of the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) Scotland Act 2001, section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and sections 1(5) and 2(4) of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983

The Students' Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/153)—  
The Education (Student Loans) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/154)—  
The Education Maintenance Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/156)—  
The Education (Student Loans for Tuition Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/158)—  
The Repayment of Student Loans (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/159)—  
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/152)  
laid under sections 1 and 2 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983

The Graduate Endowment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/155)  
laid under section 1 of the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) Scotland Act 2001 and section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Civil Partnership Act 2004 (Modification of Subordinate Legislation) (Scotland) Revocation Order 2007 (SSI 2007/157)  
laid under section 259(9) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004

The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (Path Orders) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/163)  
laid under section 98(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

The Individual Learning Account (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/164)  
laid under section 3 of the Education and Training (Scotland) Act 2000

The Registered Social Landlords Accounting Requirements (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/165)  
laid under section 109(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

The Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/166)—  
The Building (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/169)—  
laid under section 54(2) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

The Building (Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/167)—  
The Building (Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/168)—  
laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

The Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/170)

laid under section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

7 March 2007

The Nursing and Midwifery Student Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/151)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Bell College of Technology (Transfer and Closure) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/171)

laid under section 60 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

The Waste Management Licensing Amendment (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/172)—

The Air Quality Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/182)—

The Curd Cheese (Restriction on Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/188)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Private Rented Housing Panel (Applications and Determinations) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/173)

laid under section 191(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

The Cattle Identification (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/174)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972 and section 56(1) of the Finance Act 1973

The Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/175)

laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/176)

laid under section 58(4) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

The Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/177)

laid under section 275(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The Surface Waters (Fishlife) (Classification) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/178)

laid under section 104(1) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Radioactive Contaminated Land (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/179)

laid under sections 78A(9), 78YC and 161(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

The Criminal Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/180)—

The Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/181)—

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/183)

laid under section 16 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 and 190(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

The Seeds (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/184)

laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

The Inshore Fishing (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Loch Creran) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/185)—

The Inshore Fishing (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Lorn) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/186)

laid under section 9(2) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

The Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2007 (SSI 2007/190)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/191)—

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/192)—

The National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/193)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Disability Discrimination (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/195)

laid under section 67(4D) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995

8 March 2007

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/139)—

The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/205)—

The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/206)—

The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Performers Lists) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/207)—

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/208)—  
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/187)  
laid under section 62(3) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002

The Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/189)  
laid under sections 12(6) and 24(5) of the Superannuation Act 1972

The Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/194)—  
The Horse Passports (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/217)—  
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Gambling Act 2005 (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/196)—  
The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/197)—  
laid under section 355(10) of the Gambling Act 2005

The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/198)  
laid under section 60 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/199)  
laid under sections 34 and 60 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

The Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/200)—  
laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

The Police Pensions (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/201)  
laid under section 1 of the Police Pensions Act 1976

The Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/202)  
laid under section 47 of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

The Charities References in Documents (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/203)—

The Charities Reorganisation (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/204)—  
laid under section 103 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/209)  
laid under section 275(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) 1997

The Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/210)  
laid under section 81(3) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2007 (SSI 2007/211)  
laid under section 40 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

The Valuation Appeals Panels and Committees (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/212)  
laid under section 29(8) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

The Council Tax (Discounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/213)—  
The Council Tax (Discounts) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/214)—  
The Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/215)—  
laid under section 113 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

The Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/216)  
laid under section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/219)  
laid under section 36(5) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

9 March 2007

The Napier University (Scotland) Order of Council 1993 Amendment Order of Council 2007 (SSI 2007/160)  
laid under sections 45 and 60 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

The Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/220)  
laid under section 72 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

The Town and Country Planning (Application of Subordinate Legislation to the Crown) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/221)  
laid under section 122(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

The Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Reviews and Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/222)—

The Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 Supplementary Provisions (Recovery of NHS Charges) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/223)—

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

The Seed (Scotland) (Amendments for Tests and Trials etc.) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/224)

laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/225)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

14 March 2007

The Inshore Fishing (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Lorn) Revocation Order 2007 (SSI 2007/239)

laid under section 9(2) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

15 March 2007

The Inshore Fishing (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Lorn) (No. 2) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/240)

laid under section 9(2) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

23 March 2007

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/259)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

### **3. Instruments not subject to Parliamentary procedure**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

8 May 2006

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 13) (Scotland) Order 2005 Revocation Order 2006 (SSI 2006/242)

laid under section 1(10) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

16 May 2006

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 11) (Scotland) Order 2005 Revocation Order 2006 (SSI 2006/260)

laid under section 1(10) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

2 February 2007

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) Partial Revocation (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/38)

laid under section 1(10) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985

#### **4. Legislative Consent Memorandums**

The following Legislative Consent Memorandums were laid on the dates shown—

26 June 2006

Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Compensation Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S2) 8.1)

28 November 2006

Nicol Stephen MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S2) 9.1)

30 November 2006

Cathy Jamieson MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S2) 10.1)

4 December 2006

Nicol Stephen MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Further Education and Training Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S2) 11.1)

5 December 2006

Mr Tom McCabe MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Statistics and Registration Service Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S2) 12.1)

25 January 2007

Cathy Jamieson MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM (S2) 13.1)

27 February 2007

Cathy Jamieson: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Borders Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S2) 14.1)



**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

16 May 2006

Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman Annual Report 2005-06 (SE/2006/75)  
laid under paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 to the Law Reform  
(Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990

31 May 2006

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for  
May 2006 (SPSO/2006/04) —

- Case 200501345: University of Glasgow—
- Case 200401800: Lanarkshire NHS Board—
- Case 200500299: Lanarkshire NHS Board—
- Case 200501127: Argyll & Clyde NHS Board—
- Case 200501128: A General Practitioner in the Argyll and Clyde NHS  
Board area—
- Case 200402334: A Dental Practice in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde  
NHS Board area—
- Case 200500518: A Dental Practitioner in the Greater Glasgow and  
Clyde NHS Board area—
- Case 200402133: Lothian NHS Board—
- Case 200501127: Argyll & Clyde NHS Board—
- Case 200501128: A General Practitioner in the Argyll and Clyde NHS  
Board area—
- Case 200301943: Grampian NHS Board—
- Case 200500400: Orkney NHS Board—
- Case 200402133: Lothian NHS Board—
- Case 200500701: A Dental Practitioner in the Lothian NHS Board  
area—
- Case 200501610: Lothian NHS Board—
- Case 200501938: A GP Practice in the Lothian NHS Board area—
- Case TS0105\_04: Lothian NHS Board - Lothian University Hospitals  
Division—
- Case 200501079: Forth Valley NHS Board—
- Case 200502186: A GP Practice in the Forth Valley NHS Board Area—
- Case 200501366: Almond Housing Association Ltd—
- Case 200401943: East Ayrshire Council—
- Case 200501880: Argyll and Bute Council—
- Case 200501052: Fife Council—
- Case 200501688: Stirling Council—
- Case 200500402: Fife Council—
- Case 200501157: Fife Council—
- Case 200501297: Dumfries and Galloway Council—
- Case 20040220: Scottish Executive Health Department—  
laid under section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman  
Act 2002

12 June 2006

British Potato Council Report and Accounts 2004-05 (SE/2006/79)  
laid under section 7 of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947 as amended by the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit and Public Bodies) Order 2003 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

15 June 2006

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2003-04 (SE/2006/92)  
laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

Community Planning: An Initial Review – A main report and key findings summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2006/7)  
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 June 2006

Scottish Funding Councils: Report on the audit of the dissolution accounts for the period 1 April to 2 October 2005 (SE/2006/99)—  
Scottish Higher Education Funding Council: Report and Accounts for the period from 1 April 2005 to the date of dissolution on 2 October 2005 (SE/2006/100)—  
Scottish Further Education Funding Council: Report and Accounts for the period from 1 April 2005 to the date of dissolution on 2 October 2005 (SE/2006/101)—  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 June 2006

Public sector pension schemes in Scotland: a main report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2006/8)  
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 June 2006

Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2005-06 (SE/2006/84)  
laid under section 5(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000  
Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/102)  
laid under section 56(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

21 June 2006

Food Standards Agency Annual Report 2005-06 (SE/2006/87)  
laid under section 4 of the Food Standards Act 1999

22 June 2006

Government Chemist Review 2005 (SE/2006/103)

laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

23 June 2006

The Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2005 (SE/2006/78)

laid under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989  
and paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Prisoners and Criminal  
Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

26 June 2006

Audit Scotland Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2006 and Auditor's Report  
thereon (SP Paper 610)

laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

27 June 2006

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for  
June 2006 (SPSO/2006/05)—

Case 200501681: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board  
Case 200501748: A Dental Practitioner in the Greater Glasgow and  
Clyde NHS Board area  
Case 200502319: Highland NHS Board  
Case 200400447: Lothian NHS Board  
Case 200500864: Lothian NHS Board  
Case 200501033: A Dental Practitioner in the Lothian NHS Board area  
Case 200501864: Lothian NHS Board  
Case 200401897: A GP Practice in Forth Valley NHS Board area  
Case 200500831: Fife NHS Board  
Case 200500942: Forth Valley NHS Board  
Case 200500861: Tayside NHS Board  
Case 200501162: A General Practitioner in the Grampian NHS Board  
area  
Case 200501564: Grampian NHS Board  
Case 200501358: South Lanarkshire Council  
Case 200500953: Glasgow City Council  
Case 200500441: The Highland Council  
Case 200500797: Argyll and Bute Council  
Case 200501263: The Highland Council  
Case 200501381: Comhairle nan Eilean Siar  
Case 200501822: The City of Edinburgh Council  
Case 200502300: The City of Edinburgh Council  
Case 200502310: The City of Edinburgh Council  
Case 200400766: Fife Council  
Case 200500224: Fife Council  
Case 200500422: Fife Council  
Case 200402195: East Lothian Council  
Case 200402347: South Ayrshire Council  
Case 200500369: South Ayrshire Council  
Case 200500658: Scottish Borders Council  
Case 200501457: South Ayrshire Council  
Case 200502480: Scottish Borders Council

Case 200500246: Inverclyde Council  
Case 200500826: Inverclyde Council  
Case 200500893: Inverclyde Council  
Case 200500954: North Ayrshire Council  
Case 200501952: Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority  
Case 200502380: Inverclyde Council  
Case 200501034: Student Awards Agency for Scotland  
Case TH0062\_04: The Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care laid under section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Risk Management Authority Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 (SE/2006/110)  
laid under section 13 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003

28 June 2006

Report on Toll Roads and Toll Orders in Scotland 2005 (SE/2006/98)  
laid under section 41 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Report to Parliament: Farm Woodland Scheme, Farm Woodland Premium Scheme and Scottish Forestry Grants Scheme Farmland Premium (SE/2006/107)  
laid under section 2(3) of the Farm Land and Rural Development Act 1988

29 June 2006

Scottish Economic Report June 2006 (SE/2006/105)

Scottish Drug Enforcement Agency Annual Report 2005-06 and Annual Plan 2006-07 (SE/2006/115)

Section 70 Grant Payments – In accordance with: Transport Scotland Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2005-06 (SE/2006/116)  
laid under section 70(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

30 June 2006

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/119)  
laid under paragraph 8(3) of schedule 9A to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Communities Scotland Regulation & Inspection Annual Report 2005/06 (SE/2006/118)

5 July 2006

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/86)  
laid under section 7 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 and section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

6 July 2006

Meat Hygiene Service Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/106)  
laid under section 7 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act  
2000 and section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Executive Environment Group: Code of Practice on the Discharge of  
Functions by Scottish Public Authorities under the Environmental Information  
(Scotland) Regulations 2004 (SE/2006/121)  
laid under section 18(4) of the Environmental Information (Scotland)  
Regulations 2004

10 July 2006

UK Sport Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/89)  
laid under sections 14(3) and 35(5) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993  
(as amended by the National Lottery Act 1998 and section 88(3) of the  
Scotland Act 1998

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Part 5, Chapter 3) Report of the Appointed  
Person for Scotland 2005-06 (SE/2006/91)

laid under section 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

*Note: This document was subsequently withdrawn on 11 July 2006*

11 July 2006

Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/93)  
laid under section 5(6) of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1983

13 July 2006

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Part 5, Chapter 3) Report of the Appointed  
Person for Scotland 2005-06 (SE/2006/91)

laid under section 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

Office of Surveillance Commissioners: Annual Report of Chief Surveillance  
Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to Scottish Ministers 2005-06  
(SE/2006/95)

laid under section 107(3) of the Police Act 1997

14 July 2006

Historic Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/113)  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2004-  
05 (SE/2006/117)

laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

18 July 2006

Meat and Livestock Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2006/Meat  
Promotion Wales Annual Report 2005-06 (SE/2006/80)

laid under section 19 of the Agriculture Act 1967

19 July 2006

Council on Tribunals Annual Report 2005-06 (SE/2006/85)

laid under section 4(7) of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 and section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

20 July 2006

British Library Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/104)

laid under sections 4(3) and 5(3) of the British Library Act 1972 and section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

National Lottery Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/108)

laid under section 14(3) of, and section section 11(4) of Schedule 2A to, the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 (as amended by the National Lottery Act 1998) and section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2006 (SE/2006/111)

laid under section 7(1) and (3) of the National Heritage Act 1980 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Heritage Lottery Fund National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2006 (SE/2006/112)

laid under section 34(3) and 35(5) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

VisitBritain Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2006 (SE/2006/114)

laid under section 6 of the Development of Tourism Act 1969 and section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/120)

laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

British Waterways – Public Benefits from Historic Waterways: Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/130)

laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962

21 July 2006

NHS Blood and Transplant Report and Accounts for the 6 month period 1 October 2005 to 31 March 2006 (SE/2006/97)

laid under section 98(1c) of the National Health Service Act 1977 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Annual Review of Controls on Imports of Animal Products: April 2005 - March 2006 (SE/2006/131)

24 July 2006

Horticultural Development Council Annual Report & Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2006/124)

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25 July 2006

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## **J**

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## **K**

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## **L**

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Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Office or Body as Specified Authority) Order 2006 (draft), S2M-4436, *Wednesday 24 May 2006*

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Office or Body as Specified Authority) (Scottish Legal Complaints Commission) Order 2006 (draft), S2M-5308, *Wednesday 13 December 2006*

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*Stage 3, S2M-5695, Wednesday 14 March 2007*  
*School Transport Safety, S2M-5425, Thursday 8 February 2007*  
*Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006 (draft), S2M-4621, Wednesday*  
*28 June 2006*  
*Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No.3)*  
*Order 2006, S2M-5200, Wednesday 22 November 2006*  
*Scotland in the United Kingdom, S2M-5779, Thursday 22 March 2007*  
*Scotland International, Wednesday 25 October 2006*  
*Scotland's Duty to its Senior Citizens, S2M-4901, Thursday 5 October 2006*  
*Scotland's Historical Places and Artefacts, S2M-5017, Thursday 9 November*  
*2006*  
*Scottish Commissioner for Human Rights Bill—*  
*Business Motion, S2M-5058, Thursday 2 November 2006*  
*Stage 3, S2M-4920, Thursday 2 November 2006*  
*Scottish Enterprise, S2M-4367, Thursday 11 May 2006*  
*Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2007 (draft), S2M-5454, Thursday*  
*25 January 2007*  
*Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2007 (draft), S2M-5382,*  
*Wednesday 24 January 2007*  
*Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time—*  
*Wednesday 10 May 2006*  
*Wednesday 22 November 2006*  
*Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Bill—*  
*Business Motion, S2M-4371, Wednesday 10 May 2006*  
*Stage 3, S2M-4271, Wednesday 10 May 2006*  
*Scottish Water, S2M-5510, Thursday 1 February 2007*  
*Sectarianism in Scotland, S2M-3906, Wednesday 24 May 2006*  
*Senior Judiciary (Vacancies and Incapacity) (Scotland) Bill—*  
*Emergency Bill, S2M-4536, Thursday 15 June 2006*  
*Stage 1, S2M-4542, Thursday 15 June 2006*  
*Stage 3, S2M-4543, Thursday 15 June 2006*  
*Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation, S2M-5671, Thursday 8 March 2007*  
*Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Notification Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations*  
*2007 (draft), S2M-5702, Wednesday 7 March 2007*  
*Sitting Days—*  
*Small Businesses, S2M-4863, Thursday 28 September 2006*  
*Social Work Inspections (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (draft), S2M-5051,*  
*Wednesday 1 November 2006*

Standards and Public Appointments Committee, Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament, S2M-5719, *Wednesday 14 March 2007*

St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill—  
 Stage 1, S2M-4827, *Thursday 28 September 2006*  
 Stage 3, S2M-5113, *Wednesday 29 November 2006*

Statistics and Registration Service Bill – UK Legislation, S2M-5467, *Thursday 1 February 2007*

Stone of Destiny's Return to Scone Palace, S2M-5229, *Wednesday 13 September 2006*

Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2006 (draft), S2M-4538, *Thursday 15 June 2006*

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 21st Report 2006, Inquiry into the Regulatory Framework in Scotland – Draft Report, S2M-4502, *Thursday 8 June 2006*

Substitution on Committees—  
 S2M-4478, *Wednesday 31 May 2006*  
 S2M-4502, *Thursday 8 June 2006*  
 S2M-4617, *Wednesday 28 June 2006*  
 S2M-4618, *Wednesday 28 June 2006*  
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 S2M-5054, *Wednesday 1 November 2006*  
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 S2M-5279, *Wednesday 6 December 2006*  
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 S2M-5384, *Wednesday 10 January 2007*  
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 S2M-5396, *Thursday 11 January 2007*  
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Success of Scots Trad Music Awards 2006, S2M-5261, *Wednesday 14 March 2007*

Supporting Positive Transitions from School Towards Work—  
 S2M-5098, *Wednesday 8 November 2006*

Suspension of Standing Orders—  
 S2M-4546, *Wednesday 14 June 2006*  
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Switch Off Energy Debt, S2M-5525, *Wednesday 28 February 2007*

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2005-06 Financial Governance and Outcomes, S2M-4601, *Wednesday 28 June 2006*

Tackling Alcohol Misuse, S2M-5692, *Wednesday 7 March 2007*

The Caithness Economy Post-Dounreay, S2M-4888, *Wednesday 25 October 2006*

The Carbon Trust, S2M-5207, *Thursday 14 December 2006*

The Draft Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2007, S2M-5442, *Wednesday 24 January 2007*

The Financial Powers of the Parliament, S2M-5005, *Thursday 2 November 2006*

The Future of Scotland, *Thursday 29 March 2007*

The Future of Scotland's Organic Farming, S2M-5655, *Wednesday 28 February 2007*

The Implications of the Kerr Report: Future Needs of the NHS, *Thursday 18 May 2006*

The Lack of Park-and-Ride in South Edinburgh, S2M-5715, *Wednesday 21 March 2007*

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2007, S2M-5503, *Wednesday 7 February 2007*

The Scottish Executive Budget Review, S2M-5063, *Thursday 2 November 2006*

The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, S2M-5785, *Wednesday 28 March 2007*

The Trafficking of Impoverished Women into Forced Prostitution in Scotland, S2M-3983, *Thursday 25 May 2006*

The Environment, S2M-5607, *Wednesday 21 February 2007*

Themed Question Time—

*Thursday 11 May 2006*

*Thursday 18 May 2006*

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Threat to Crichton Campus in Dumfries, *S2M-5444, Thursday 15 February 2007*

Threat to the Rural Post Office Network in Scotland, *S2M-4876, Wednesday 6 December 2006*

Time for Reflection—

*Wednesday 10 May 2006*

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Stage 1, *S2M-4612, Thursday 29 June 2006*

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Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (draft), *S2M-5707, Wednesday 7 March 2007*

Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Order 2007 (draft), *S2M-5708, Wednesday 7 March 2007*

Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities from the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive to the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority Order 2007 (draft), *S2M-5661, Wednesday 28 February 2007*

Transfer of Functions to the Shetland Transport Partnership Order 2006 (draft), *S2M-4859, Wednesday 27 September 2006*

Transfer of Functions to the South-West of Scotland Partnership Order 2006 (draft), *S2M-4860, Wednesday 27 September 2006*

Transport and Works (Scotland) Bill—  
Stage 1, *Wednesday 22 November 2006*  
Financial Resolution, *Wednesday 22 November 2006*  
Business Motion, *S2M-5561, Thursday 8 February 2007*  
Stage 3, *S2M-5361, Thursday 8 February 2007*

Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Bill – UK Legislation, *S2M-5427, Wednesday 31 January 2007*

Trident, *S2M-4864, Thursday 28 September 2006*

Trident, *S2M-5355, Thursday 21 December 2006*

Tysabri for People with MS, *S2M-5305, Thursday 1 March 2007*

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Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill—  
Business Motion, *S2M-4544, Wednesday 14 June 2006*  
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Waverley Railway (Scotland) Bill Committee, Appropriate Assessment on the River Tweed Special Area of Conservation, *S2M-4450, Wednesday 14 June 2006*

Withdrawal of Alimta for Mesothelioma Patients, *S2M-4742, Thursday 28 September 2006*

Workers' Rights, *S2M-5581, Thursday 15 February 2007*

World Diabetes Day 2006, *S2M-5099, Wednesday 15 November 2006*

World Heritage Site Status for St Andrews, *S2M-4344, Thursday 1 June 2006*

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Young People and Families, *S2M-4999, Thursday 26 October 2006*