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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 6 May 2014

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Gary McLelland, Education Officer, Humanist Society Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

3. The National Youth Work Strategy: Our Ambitions for Improving the Life Chances of Young People in Scotland: The Minister for Children and Young People (Aileen Campbell) moved S4M-09915—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of youth work and community learning and development to making Scotland the best place to grow up and learn; agrees that early intervention assists young people in making positive choices in their lives; acknowledges the publication of the new national youth work strategy, *Our ambitions for improving the life chances of young people in Scotland*, and endorses the collaborative and partnership approach at the heart of the youth work strategy and its implementation plan in taking forward youth work in Scotland.

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S4M-09915.1 to motion 0S4M-9915—

Insert at end—

“, and recognises the dedication of countless volunteers and hardworking but often low-paid staff who deliver youth work services across the country”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the contribution of youth work and community learning and development to making Scotland the best place to grow up and learn; agrees that early intervention assists young people in making positive choices in their lives; acknowledges the publication of the new national youth work strategy, *Our ambitions for improving the life chances of young people in Scotland*; endorses the collaborative and partnership approach at the heart of the youth work strategy and its implementation plan in taking forward youth work in Scotland, and recognises the dedication of countless volunteers and hardworking but often low-paid staff who deliver youth work services across the country.

4. Wildlife Crime, Eradicating Raptor Persecution from Scotland: The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-09916—That the Parliament recognises the impact of wildlife crime in Scotland and the potential strain that this places on Scotland’s reputation; welcomes the Scottish Government’s determination to tackle wildlife crime in Scotland; supports the work of the Partnership for Action against Wildlife Crime; welcomes the introduction of vicarious liability in wildlife crime in 2011 and the announcement in July 2013 of the review of wildlife crime penalties, the introduction of restrictions on general licences and the enforcement work being taken forward by Police Scotland; unreservedly condemns the appalling poisoning incident in Ross-shire that has killed at least 20 red kites and buzzards; recognises that these birds are a critical part of Scotland’s biodiversity and a key element in the growing wildlife tourism sector; expresses concern about the very worrying disappearance of the first sea eagle chick born from the reintroduced sea eagles on the east coast; considers that an update on the fight against wildlife crime is now timely, and welcomes agencies redoubling efforts to work together to protect Scotland’s remarkable wildlife.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-09916.3 to motion S4M-09916—

Leave out from first “welcomes” to “Police Scotland” and insert—

“believes that the commitment to tackle wildlife crime is shared across the Parliament; acknowledges the work undertaken by the Scottish Government and its relevant bodies and partners in working to tackle wildlife crime, including the review of wildlife crime penalties and the consultation for increased powers for the Scottish SPCA; however believes that the latest wildlife crimes show the urgent need for further action in Scotland; calls on the Scottish Government to conduct a study of licensing and game bird legislation in other countries with a view to working with other parties to review wildlife crime legislation in Scotland;”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 0, Abstentions 11).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament recognises the impact of wildlife crime in Scotland and the potential strain that this places on Scotland’s reputation; “believes that the commitment to tackle wildlife crime is shared across the

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5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-09940—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 7 May 2014—

after

2.00 pm	Portfolio Questions Infrastructure, Investment and Cities; Culture and External Affairs
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followed by	Ministerial Statement: Bedroom Tax/Discretionary Housing Payments
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delete

5.00 pm	Decision Time
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and insert

5.30 pm	Decision Time
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The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Microchipping and Muzzling: The Parliament debated S4M-09752 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes the importance of education and awareness in promoting responsible dog ownership in Cunninghame North and across Scotland; welcomes the recent Scottish Government consultation on responsible dog ownership, which proposes introducing compulsory microchipping for all dogs; commends the work of Dogs Trust and the other welfare organisations and local authorities that have called for the introduction of what it considers this important measure; believes that microchipping brings many welfare benefits for dogs, such as the rapid reunification of a lost or straying animal with its owner; recognises what it sees as the government's commitment to promoting responsible

dog ownership, but expresses concern about certain proposals considered in the consultation, such as compulsory muzzling, which, it believes, will not bring welfare benefits or adequately tackle the problems of irresponsible ownership.

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

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
6 May 2014

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 6 May 2014 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Health Care and Associated Professions (Indemnity Arrangements) Order
2014 [draft]
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 2 May 2014 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Food Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/118)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities
Act 1972

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 May 2014 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order
2014 (SSI 2014/117 (C.7))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Company
Insolvency Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/119)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 6 May 2014 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1)
Order 2014 (SSI 2014/121 (C.8))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 6 May 2014—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 31st report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 519)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd report 2014 (Session 4): Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill as amended at stage 2 (SP Paper 520)

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