Journal of the Scottish Parliament Volume 1: 1st Parliamentary Year, Session 3

(9 May 2007 – 8 May 2008)

Foreword

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

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

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

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

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No. 1 Wednesday 9 May 2007

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

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

Oath **Affirmation**

Alexander Elliot Anderson Salmond

Annabel MacNicoll Goldie

Nicol Stephen **Bashir Ahmad**

William Mackie Aitken Wendy Alexander

Alasdair James Allan

Jacqueline Marie Baillie Richard James Baker

Edward Brocklebank

Gavin Lindberg Brown **Derek Scott Brownlee**

Aileen Campbell Jackson Carlaw

Angela Constance Catherine Craigie

Margaret Patricia Curran Helen Stirling Eadie

Fergus Stewart Ewing Patricia Josephine Ferguson

Alexander Charles Onslow Fergusson

James Ross Finnie

Murdo Fraser

Karen MacDonald Gillon

Patricia Godman Rhoda Grant

Iain Cumming Gray

Christopher Thomas Harvie

Hugh Henry Jim Hume

Alexander Johnstone

James Kelly

Andrew Palmer Kerr John Robert Lamont

Marilyn Margaret Livingstone

Liam Scott McArthur Francis McAveety Thomas McCabe Lewis Macdonald

Margo MacDonald

Jack Wilson McConnell

Robin Charles Moreton Harper

Brian James Adam

Claire Baker

Sarah Herriot Boyack Rhona Margaret Brankin

Keith Brown

Robert Edward Brown William Gerard Butler

Malcolm George Richardson Chisholm

Bruce Robert Hardie Crawford

Roseanna Cunningham Nigel Anderson Don

Bob Doris Linda Fabiani Joe FitzPatrick George Foulkes

Kenneth James Gibson Robert McKay Gibson Marlyn Laing Glen Charles Gordon Christine Grahame Patrick Harvie

Jamie Douglas Hepburn Fiona Jane Hyslop Adam Hamilton Ingram Catherine Mary Jamieson

Bill Kidd

Johann MacDougall Lamont Richard Neilson Lochhead Kenneth Wright MacAskill

Alison McInnes Ian Hume McKee Christina McKelvie Michael McMahon Stuart McMillan Tricia Marwick William Coffey

James Stuart Mather

Michael Stephen Matheson

James Angus Roderick Neil McGrigor

Kenneth Donald Macintosh David William McLetchie

Duncan McNeil

Pauline Mary McNeill Desmond McNulty

Paul Martin

Nanette Margaret Milne Janet Margaret Mitchell Margaret Mary Mulligan John Farquhar Munro Elaine Kildare Murray

Alexander Neil Irene Oldfather Gil Paterson

Peter James Peacock

Michael Stanley Robert Pringle

Michael John Rumbles Michael William Russell

Mary Elizabeth Scanlon

John Scott

Tavish Hamilton Scott

Richard Simpson

Elaine Agnes Smith

Elizabeth Jane Smith

Margaret Joy Smith

Stewart Stevenson

David John Stewart

Jamie Hume Stone

John Ramsay Swinney

David George Thompson

James Tolson

Maureen Elizabeth Watt

Karen Whitefield

David Forbes Whitton

William Stewart Maxwell Alasdair Neil Morgan Hugh O'Donnell

John Park

Catherine Campbell Peattie

Jeremy Purvis
Shona Robison
Iain William Smith
Nicola Sturgeon
Stefan Tymkewycz
Andrew Paton Welsh

Sandra White Bill Wilson

John Gordon Wilson

2. Motion without Notice: Alasdair Morgan, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that S3M-1 be taken at this meeting of Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Rule 8.16: Alasdair Morgan, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of electing a Presiding Officer and two Deputy Presiding Officers, the third sentence of Rule 8.16 of Standing Orders be suspended and that under Rule 8.16 thus varied, this meeting of the Parliament be adjourned until 3.00 pm on Monday 14 May 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.07 pm.

The meeting was recommenced at 3.00 pm on Monday 14 May 2007.

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

Alex Fergusson Margo MacDonald

The result of the first round of voting was—

Alex Fergusson 108 Margo MacDonald 20 Abstentions 0 Spoilt papers 0

Alex Fergusson was duly elected as Presiding Officer.

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

Trish Godman Alasdair Morgan Margaret Smith Jamie Stone

The result of the first round of voting was—

Trish Godman 47 Alasdair Morgan 55 Margaret Smith 12 Jamie Stone 8 Abstentions 1 Spoilt papers 4

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

Trish Godman 49
Alasdair Morgan 61
Margaret Smith 16
Abstentions 0
Spoilt papers 1

Accordingly, Margaret Smith was eliminated at that round and a third round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Trish Godman 49 Alasdair Morgan 77 Abstentions 0 Spoilt papers 0

Alasdair Morgan was duly elected as a Deputy Presiding Officer.

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

Trish Godman Margaret Smith Jamie Stone

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

Trish Godman 69 Margaret Smith 48 Jamie Stone 8 Abstentions 0 Spoilt papers 1

Trish Godman was duly elected as a Deputy Presiding Officer.

The meeting closed at 5.22 pm.

No.2 Wednesday 16 May 2007

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

- **1. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-14—That the Parliament agrees—
- (a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 16 May 2007

10.00 am Business Motion

followed by Selection of the Parliament's nominee for First Minister

Thursday 17 May 2007

11.15 am First Minister's Motion to appoint Scottish Ministers

followed by First Minister's Motion to appoint Junior Scottish Ministers

- (b) that the period for lodging First Minister's Questions for First Minister's Question Time on 31 May 2007 should end at 4.00 pm on Thursday 24 May;
- (c) that the period for Members to submit their names for selection for General Question Time on 31 May 2007 should end at 4.00 pm on Thursday 17 May; and
- (d) that the period for Members to submit their names for selection for General and Themed Question Times on 7 June 2007 should end at 4.00 pm on Thursday 24 May.

The motion was agreed to.

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

Annabel Goldie Jack McConnell Alex Salmond Nicol Stephen

The result of the first round of voting was—

Annabel Goldie	16
Jack McConnell	46
Alex Salmond	49
Nicol Stephen	16
Abstentions	1
Spoilt papers	0

Accordingly, Annabel Goldie and Nicol Stephen were eliminated at that round and a second round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Jack McConnell	46	
Alex Salmond	49	
Abstentions	33	
Spoilt papers	0	

Alex Salmond was duly selected as nominee for appointment as First Minister.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

No. 3 Thursday 17 May 2007

The meeting opened at 11.15 am.

1. Appointment of Ministers: The First Minister moved S3M-26—That the Parliament agrees that Nicola Sturgeon, John Swinney, Kenny MacAskill, Fiona Hyslop and Richard Lochhead be appointed as Ministers.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S3M-26.2 to motion S3M-26—

Leave out "and Richard Lochhead".

With the agreement of the Parliament, amendment S3M-26.2 was withdrawn.

Tavish Scott moved amendment S3M-26.1 to motion S3M-26—

Leave out "John Swinney".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 1, Against 49, Abstentions 73).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 0, Abstentions 75).

2. Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers: The First Minister moved S3M-27—That the Parliament agrees that Bruce Crawford, Linda Fabiani, Jim Mather, Stewart Stevenson, Maureen Watt, Adam Ingram, Shona Robison, Stewart Maxwell, Fergus Ewing and Michael Russell be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 0, Abstentions 75).

The meeting closed at 11.52 am.

No. 4 Wednesday 23 May 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-61—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 23 May 2007

2.30 pm Business Motion

followed by First Minister's Statement: the Government's Priorities

followed by Ministerial Statement: Future of the Post Office

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.30 pm Decision Time

Thursday 24 May 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Election of Members of the Parliamentary Corporation

followed by Motion of the First Minister: Law Officers

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ship-to-Ship Oil Transfer

2.15 pm Executive Debate: the Approach to Government

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 30 May 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate: Wealthier and Fairer

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 31 May 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Ministerial Statement: UK Energy White Paper and Scotland

followed by Executive Debate: Transport

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 6 June 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 June 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

followed by Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

- **2. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister made a statement and answered questions on the Government's Priorities.
- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Future of the Post Office.
- **4. Suspension of Standing Orders:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-62—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 5.6.1(c) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of Members' Business on Wednesday 23, Thursday 24, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 May 2007.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 4.34 pm.

No. 5 Thursday 24 May 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

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

Alex Johnstone Tom McCabe Tricia Marwick Mike Pringle

The Parliament voted to elect the four Members for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

2. Law Officers: The First Minister (Alex Salmond) moved S3M-67—That the Parliament notes that Elish Angiolini QC holds the office of the Lord Advocate on the recommendation of the Parliament agreed to on 5 October 2006 (S2M-4924) and agrees that it be recommended to Her Majesty that Frank Mulholland QC be appointed as Solicitor General for Scotland.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on Ship-to-Ship Oil Transfer.
- **4. The Approach to Government:** The Parliament debated the Approach to Government.
- **5. Motion without Notice:** Bruce Crawford moved, without notice, a motion under Rule 11.2.4 of Standing Orders that Decision Time on Thursday 24 May 2007 be taken at 4.56 pm.
- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took no decisions on any of the items above.

The meeting closed at 4.56 pm.

No. 6 Wednesday 30 May 2007

The meeting opened at 2.15 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Paul Coventry, Stranraer Baptist Church, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Wealthier and Fairer:** The Parliament debated the subject of Wealthier and Fairer.
- **3. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-87—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 31 May 2007—

after

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

replace

followed by Executive Business

with

followed by Executive Debate: Rural Development Programme

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-88—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 6 June 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement: Future of Accident and Emergency Units at

Ayr and Monklands Hospitals

followed by Executive Debate: Safer and Stronger

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 June 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—

Health and Wellbeing;

Rural Affairs and the Environment

followed by Establishment of Committees

followed by Executive Debate: Sex Offenders

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 June 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 June 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Executive Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—

Finance and Sustainable Growth;

Justice and Law Officers

followed by Executive Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Office of the Clerk: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-89—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 June 2007 and 31 August 2008, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 30 November 2007, 24 December (pm), 25

and 26 December 2007, 1 and 2 January 2008, 21 and 24 March 2008, 5 May, 23 and 26 May 2008.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Rule 2.3.1: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-90—That the Parliament agrees the following dates under Rule 2.3.1: 30 June - 2 September 2007 (inclusive), 6 - 21 October 2007 (inclusive), 22 December 2007 - 4 January 2008 (inclusive), 9 - 17 February 2008 (inclusive), 29 March - 13 April 2008 (inclusive) and 28 June - 31 August 2008 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 7 Thursday 31 May 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

- **1. Rural Development Programme:** The Parliament debated the subject of the Rural Development Programme.
- **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 (Alex Salmond).
- **4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism (Jim Mather) made a statement and answered questions on the UK Energy White Paper and Scotland.
- 5. Abolition of Bridge Tolls: The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved S3M-93—That the Parliament recognises the concerns of residents and businesses who have been unfairly treated by the retention of tolls on the Forth and Tay road bridges when similar tolls were removed elsewhere; and that in the interests of fairness supports the removal of the tolls from the Forth and Tay road bridges as soon as is practicable and notes the government's intention to engage in dialogue to pursue this objective with the Forth Estuary Transport Authority and the Tay Road Bridge Joint Board.

Des McNulty moved amendment S3M-93.2 to motion S3M-93—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

", in accepting that the people of Fife and Tayside should not be disadvantaged by the retention of tolls on the Forth and Tay road bridges, requires that consultation aimed at bringing forward proposals leading to the removal of the tolls as soon as practicable also ensures that traffic management and safety issues on the Forth road bridge are dealt with and that any employees affected are treated with dignity and respect; further requires that the government's proposals set out clearly what the financial consequences of the removal of tolls on the transport budget are and outline funding options for the vital replacement Forth crossing, and requires that, as any additional vehicle traffic increases congestion problems in Edinburgh and the wider region, existing commitments to trams and Edinburgh Airport Rail which have already been scrutinised and received parliamentary approval should not be arbitrarily delayed or cancelled and that all future major transport project proposals be properly costed, evaluated and prioritised."

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament, in accepting that the people of Fife and Tayside should not be disadvantaged by the retention of tolls on the Forth and Tay road bridges, requires that consultation aimed at bringing forward proposals leading to the removal of the tolls as soon as practicable also ensures that traffic management and safety issues on the Forth road bridge are dealt with and that any employees affected are treated with dignity and respect; further requires that the government's proposals set out clearly what the financial consequences of the removal of tolls on the transport budget are and outline funding options for the vital replacement Forth crossing, and requires that, as any additional vehicle traffic increases congestion problems in Edinburgh and the wider region, existing commitments to trams and Edinburgh Airport Rail which have already been scrutinised and received parliamentary approval should not be arbitrarily delayed or cancelled and that all future major transport project proposals be properly costed, evaluated and prioritised.

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

No. 8 Wednesday 6 June 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Mark Greene, London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on the Future of Accident and Emergency Units at Ayr and Monklands Hospitals.
- **3. Safer and Stronger:** The Parliament debated the subject of Safer and Stronger.
- **4. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-125—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 13 June 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Ministerial Statement: Higher Education

followed by Executive Debate: Greener

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 June 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—

Finance and Sustainable Growth

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Executive Debate: Health

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 June 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 June 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—

Education and Lifelong Learning Europe, External Affairs and Culture

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. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to be taken on the above items.
- 6. Rescue from Moving Water: The Parliament debated S3M-81 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham—That the Parliament notes with concern the rising number of incidents involving persons trapped in moving water, including incidents in the River Tay at Perth on 23 July and 21 September 2006 and 6 March 2007, two of which resulted in deaths; further notes that there is no clear duty imposed on fire and rescue services to rescue from moving water, resulting in inconsistent practice across Scotland and the threat of disciplinary action against officers who carry out rescues outwith their operational remit, and considers that this is a situation which requires urgent review.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

No. 9 Thursday 7 June 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Sustainable Public Transport Systems: Des McNulty moved S3M-127—That the Parliament believes that Scottish Executive ministers should respect decisions of this Parliament and, in keeping with that key principle, believes that ministers should not delay, substantially alter or cancel strategic transport projects, such as the Edinburgh Tram and Edinburgh Airport Rail Link schemes that have already been subject to parliamentary scrutiny and approval; further believes that any proposed departure from those agreed parliamentary consents should also be subject to parliamentary approval; notes the urgency given that considerable expenditure has already been committed on these schemes, and re-affirms that ministers bear the responsibility for the effective procurement and delivery of major infrastructure projects.

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved amendment S3M-127.3 to motion S3M-127—

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

"recognises the different policy positions of various political parties; notes that the Scottish Government has invited the Auditor General to consider the approach to financial and risk management taken in the preparation of the Edinburgh Tram and Edinburgh Airport Rail Link proposals, and welcomes the fact that ministers will report to the Parliament on this matter before the summer recess."

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S3M-127.3.1 to amendment S3M-127.3—

Insert at end—

"and calls on the Scottish Executive to bring forward a motion for parliamentary debate within its own time on these issues."

Tavish Scott moved amendment S3M-127.2 to motion S3M-127—

Insert at end—

"and notes with concern the decision to involve Audit Scotland in reviewing the Edinburgh Trams and Edinburgh Airport Rail Link projects, particularly given the short timescale in which Audit Scotland is to undertake the review, the lack of detail provided to the Parliament on the terms of reference for the review and the possible implications for the independence of Audit Scotland."

After debate, amendment S3M-127.3.1 to amendment S3M-127.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 60, Abstentions 1).

Amendment S3M-127.3, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 62, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S3M-127.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the different policy positions of various political parties; notes that the Scottish Government has invited the Auditor General to consider the approach to financial and risk management taken in the preparation of the Edinburgh Tram and Edinburgh Airport Rail Link proposals, and welcomes the fact that ministers will report to the Parliament on this matter before the summer recess and calls on the Scottish Executive to bring forward a motion for parliamentary debate within its own time on these issues.

2. Skills and Vocational Education: Hugh Henry moved S3M-126—That the Parliament recognises the concerns in the business community about the shortage of school leavers proficient in science and technical subjects; believes that there is a role for academic institutions concentrating on vocational skills and science, and calls for the introduction of skills academies and science centres of excellence as a contribution to improving both the skills needed for 21st Century Scotland and the life opportunities for our young people.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Fiona Hyslop) moved amendment S3M-126.3 to motion S3M-126—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

"notes the concerns raised by the business community about the shortage of school leavers proficient in science and technical subjects; believes that there is a need for more vocational skills experience for 14 to 18-year-olds, including improvements in school/college links and increased focus on the teaching of science in schools, and notes the Scottish Government's decision to develop a Scottish skills strategy to help deliver the skills needed for 21st century Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S3M-126.1 to motion S3M-126—

Insert at end—

"but also appreciates the excellent facilities and expertise in further education colleges and believes that more use must be made of these for educating school-age pupils so that, taken together with the introduction of specialist vocational schools, this ensures that every young person can readily access vocational education courses from the age of 14, and further believes that each local authority should work with head teachers and local further education institutions to produce a strategy for teaching science and technology."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 64, Abstentions 1).

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-126.2 to motion S3M-126—

Leave out from "about the shortage" to end and insert—

"that opportunities should exist for school pupils to gain vocational and educational skills from the age of 14 through both school and college; believes that there should be closer links between schools, colleges and local businesses building on the highly successful school and college partnerships and the Skills for Work and Determined to Succeed initiatives; reaffirms its support for comprehensive secondary education; rejects the establishment of skills academies, and rather believes that Scotland's colleges should receive an annual 3% real terms increase in funding to help support partnerships with schools, that there should be a new target of 50,000 Modern Apprenticeships by 2011 to widen training opportunities for young people, that secondary schools and colleges should have business incubators to develop entrepreneurial skills and to ensure that Scotland remains competitive in delivering high-level skills and research and that the Scottish Executive should meet the funding bid from Universities Scotland for an additional £168 million funding over the next spending review period."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 110, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 64, 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 (Alex Salmond).
- **5.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Health and Wellbeing, and Rural Affairs and the Environment were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.
- **6. Establishment of Committees:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-137—That the Parliament shall establish committees of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Audit Remit: Set out in Rule 6.7 Number of members: 8

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

Name of Committee: Equal Opportunities

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.9 Number of members: 8

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

Name of Committee: European and External Relations

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.8 Number of members: 8

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Labour Party and the

Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Name of Committee: Finance Remit: Set out in Rule 6.6 Number of members: 8

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party

and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Labour Party.

Name of Committee: Public Petitions

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.10 Number of members: 9

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

Name of Committee: Procedures

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.4 Number of members: 7

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party

and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Labour Party.

Name of Committee: Standards and Public Appointments

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.5 Number of members: 7

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party

and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Labour Party.

Name of Committee: Subordinate Legislation

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.11 Number of members: 7

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Liberal Democrat Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish

National Party.

Name of Committee: Justice

Remit: To consider and report on (a) the administration of criminal and civil justice, community safety, and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and (b) the functions of the Lord Advocate, other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland.

Number of members: 8

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Economy, Energy and Tourism

Remit: To consider and report on the Scottish economy, enterprise, energy, tourism and all other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth apart from those covered by the remits of the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change and the Local Government and Communities Committees.

Number of members: 8

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to transport, infrastructure and climate change falling within the remit of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth.

Number of members: 8

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Health and Sport

Remit: To consider and report on (a) health policy and the NHS in Scotland and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing and (b) matters relating to sport falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Communities and Sport.

Number of members: 8

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Local Government and Communities

Remit: To consider and report on (a) the financing and delivery of local government and local services and planning; and (b) housing, regeneration, anti-poverty measures and other matters (apart from sport) falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Communities and Sport.

Number of members: 8

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture

Remit: To consider and report on (a) further and higher education, lifelong learning, schools, pre-school care, skills and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; and (b) matters relating to culture and the arts falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture.

Number of members: 8

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

Name of Committee: Rural Affairs and Environment

Remit: To consider and report on agriculture, fisheries and rural development and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment.

Number of members: 8

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

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

- 7. Sex Offenders: The Parliament debated the subject of Sex Offenders.
- **8. Urgent First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond), under Rule 13.2.2, made a statement and answered questions on International Judicial Co-operation.
- **9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 6 as noted above.
- 10. Alimta for Mesothelioma Sufferers: The Parliament debated S3M-29 in the name of Des McNulty—That the Parliament recognises that mesothelioma is a particularly aggressive cancer of the lungs, almost exclusively caused by exposure to asbestos; also recognises that West Dunbartonshire has the highest incidence of this work-related disease in Scotland and the second highest in the United Kingdom; further recognises that Alimta is the only drug licensed to treat mesothelioma, where it has been found to deliver significant improvements in the quality of life of sufferers, and considers that Scottish Executive ministers should ensure that Alimta continues to be made available to all existing and new mesothelioma sufferers who, in the professional opinion of consultant oncologists, would benefit from it

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 10 Wednesday 13 June 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Colin Symes, Community Church Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Higher Education.
- **3.** A Greener Scotland: The Parliament debated the subject of A Greener Scotland.
- **4. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-165—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 20 June 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Debate: Government's Objective for a Smarter Scotland

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 June 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—

Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Climate Change

followed by Executive Debate: Housing

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 June 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Executive Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 June 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—

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Health and Wellbeing

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. Membership of Committees: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-166—That the Parliament agrees the membership of committees of the Parliament as follows:

Audit Committee

Membership: Willie Coffey, Murdo Fraser, Charlie Gordon, Jim Hume, Stuart McMillan, Mary Mulligan, Dr Richard Simpson, Andrew Welsh

Equal Opportunities Committee

Membership: Helen Eadie, Marlyn Glen, Bill Kidd, Margaret Mitchell, Hugh O'Donnell, Elaine Smith, Sandra White, Bill Wilson

European and External Relations Committee

Membership: Jackie Baillie, Ted Brocklebank, Alasdair Morgan, Alex Neil, Irene Oldfather, John Park, Gil Paterson, Iain Smith

Finance Committee

Membership; Derek Brownlee, Joe FitzPatrick, James Kelly, Liam McArthur, Tom McCabe, Elaine Murray, Alex Neil, Andrew Welsh

Public Petitions Committee

Membership: Bashir Ahmad, Claire Baker, Angela Constance, Rhoda Grant, Robin Harper, Mr Frank McAveety, Tricia Marwick, Nanette Milne, John Farquhar Munro

Procedures Committee

Membership: Keith Brown, Cathie Craigie, Marlyn Glen, Jamie McGrigor, Christina McKelvie, Hugh O'Donnell, Dave Thompson

Standards and Public Appointments Committee

Membership: Keith Brown, Cathie Craigie, Marlyn Glen, Jamie McGrigor, Christina McKelvie, Hugh O'Donnell, Dave Thompson

Subordinate Legislation Committee

Membership: Jackson Carlaw, Helen Eadie, George Foulkes, Ian McKee, Gil Paterson, Elaine Smith, Mr Jamie Stone

Justice Committee

Membership: Bill Aitken, Bill Butler, Cathie Craigie, Nigel Don, Stuart McMillan, Paul Martin, Margaret Smith, John Wilson

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee

Membership: Brian Adam, Gavin Brown, Iain Gray, Christopher Harvie, Marilyn Livingstone, Tavish Scott, Dave Thompson, David Whitton

Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee

Membership: Rob Gibson, Patrick Harvie, Alex Johnstone, Alison McInnes, Des McNulty, Cathy Peattie, David Stewart, Stefan Tymkewycz

Health and Sport Committee

Membership: Malcolm Chisholm, Ross Finnie, Karen Gillon, Christine Grahame, Lewis Macdonald, Ian McKee, Michael Matheson, Mary Scanlon

Local Government and Communities Committee

Membership: Alasdair Allan, Bob Doris, Kenneth Gibson, Johann Lamont, David McLetchie, Michael McMahon, Duncan McNeil, Jim Tolson

Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee

Membership: Aileen Campbell, Rob Gibson, Ken Macintosh, Christina McKelvie, Pauline McNeill, Jeremy Purvis, Elizabeth Smith, Karen Whitefield

Rural Affairs and Environment Committee

Membership: Richard Baker, Sarah Boyack, Roseanna Cunningham, Jamie Hepburn, Peter Peacock, Mike Rumbles, John Scott, Bill Wilson

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.
- 7. Education is a Human Right: The Parliament debated S3M-40 in the name of Karen Whitefiled-That the Parliament welcomes the Global Campaign for Education event at Moray House on 30 May 2007 with young people from Clarkston, Lawmuir, Echline and Dunnikier primary schools and Kirkcaldy High School, from Malawi who are visiting Kirkcaldy High as part of a school exchange programme and from Save the Children's YES project in Glasgow and young gypsy/travellers attending to highlight the campaign; acknowledges that education is a basic human right; notes that 80 million children around the world, most of whom are girls, are still being denied the opportunity of going to school and almost one billion adults are illiterate; supports the goal to ensure free and compulsory primary education of good quality for all by 2015; considers that this important agenda should continue to be driven forward in order to deliver for children around the world, and supports the efforts of the members of the Global Campaign for Education, including Save the Children and Oxfam in Scotland, in raising awareness of the campaign.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 11 Thursday 14 June 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Trident: Patrick Harvie moved S3M-169—That the Parliament congratulates the majority of Scottish MPs for voting on 14 March 2007 to reject the replacement of Trident and calls on the UK Government not to go ahead at this time with the proposal in the White Paper, *The Future of the United Kingdom's Nuclear Deterrent*.

Michael McMahon moved amendment S3M-169.3 to motion S3M-169—

Leave out from "congratulates" to end and insert—

"affirms that defence policy is, and should remain, the responsibility of the UK Parliament."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S3M-169.1 to motion S3M-169—

Leave out from "congratulates" to end and insert—

"notes that defence matters are wholly reserved to Scotland's other Parliament at Westminster and that on 14 March 2007 a majority of MPs voted for the replacement of Trident."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 68, Abstentions 42).

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S3M-169.4 to motion S3M-169—

After "Trident" insert—

"recognises that decisions on matters of defence are matters within the responsibility of the UK Government and Parliament".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 18, Abstentions 43).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 16, Abstentions 39).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament congratulates the majority of Scottish MPs for voting on 14 March 2007 to reject the replacement of Trident, recognises that decisions on matters of defence are matters within the responsibility of the UK Government and Parliament and calls on the UK Government not to go ahead at this time with the proposal in the White Paper, *The Future of the United Kingdom's Nuclear Deterrent*.

2. Carbon Offsetting: Robin Harper moved S3M-173—That the Parliament notes the growing popularity of carbon offsetting among individuals and private companies; believes that actions by polluters to reduce carbon emissions elsewhere, or to mitigate the effects of climate change, can play a useful role in supplementing sound environmental policy by government; considers however that carbon offsetting cannot substitute for policies that reduce carbon emissions directly and that any role for offsetting should only be transitional; notes the widely held concerns about many commercial offsetting schemes and the difficulty in verifying the true value of most offsetting schemes; notes the Scottish Government's intention to introduce carbon offsetting in respect of transport infrastructure projects, and calls on the Scottish Government, before introducing such proposals, to consider issues such as the need for rigorous independent assessments of the full direct and indirect carbon impact of each project and its associated offset, continuous updating of data for the lifetime of the infrastructure to establish any changes required to the annual offset funding, compliance with the internationally-recognised Gold Standard and the need to ensure that overall transport policy leads to direct emission reductions.

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved amendment S3M-173.4 to motion S3M-173—

Leave out from "transport policy" to end and insert—

"policy, including transport policy, leads to direct emissions reductions."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 60, Abstentions 1).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S3M-173.1 to motion S3M-173—

Leave out from "and that any role" to end and insert—

"or indirectly; notes the crucial role that transport policy must play in meeting carbon reduction targets and therefore calls on the Scottish Executive to ensure that potential carbon reduction is a central consideration in the evaluation and prioritisation of transport infrastructure projects; reaffirms support for a balanced and sustainable transport policy with the bulk of investment being targeted towards reducing unnecessary journeys and congestion, widening transport choices by providing high-quality and affordable public transport options and support for walking and cycling; further notes the Executive's intention to introduce carbon offsetting, and calls on ministers to consult widely on the applicability and robustness of such schemes, demonstrating that carbon offsetting is additional to rather than a substitute for the direct or indirect planned reduction of carbon emissions."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 81, Abstentions 1).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S3M-173.2 to motion S3M-173—

After "and its associated offset" insert—

"and the related cost to the taxpayer of such schemes,"

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 60, Abstentions 1).

Alison McInnes moved amendment S3M-173.3 to motion S3M-173—

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

"applauds the introduction by the previous Scottish Government of the first-ever Scottish climate change target to exceed the Scottish share of the UK target by an additional one million tonnes by 2010; notes the intention of the current Scottish Government to introduce a climate change Bill; believes that this Bill and other government action should set challenging and achievable targets for reducing carbon emissions of at least 12.5% by 2010 and 60% by 2050; further notes the SNP manifesto commitment to annual targets to reduce carbon emissions; welcomes the commitment to a climate change Bill but believes that early action should be taken in advance of the Bill to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy use and support microgeneration; further believes that the public sector should take the lead by ensuring that all Scottish Government buildings and transport become carbon neutral by 2012; considers that carbon offsetting should normally be viewed as a last resort as a carbon reduction measure, and is concerned that the SNP Government's transport plans and opposition to public transport plans will render existing and future plans to reduce carbon emissions unattainable."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 109, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the growing popularity of carbon offsetting among individuals and private companies: believes that actions by polluters to reduce carbon emissions elsewhere, or to mitigate the effects of climate change, can play a useful role in supplementing sound environmental policy by government; considers however that carbon offsetting cannot substitute for policies that reduce carbon emissions directly and that any role for offsetting should only be transitional; notes the widely held concerns about many commercial offsetting schemes and the difficulty in verifying the true value of most offsetting schemes; notes the Scottish Government's intention to introduce carbon offsetting in respect of transport infrastructure projects, and calls on the Scottish Government, before introducing such proposals, to consider issues such as the need for rigorous independent assessments of the full direct and indirect carbon impact of each project and its associated offset and the related cost to the taxpaver of such schemes, continuous updating of data for the lifetime of the infrastructure to establish any changes required to the annual offset funding, compliance with the internationally-recognised Gold Standard and the need to ensure that overall policy, including transport policy, leads to direct emissions reductions.

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 (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Sustainable Growth and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- **6. Free Personal Care:** The Parliament debated the subject of Free Personal Care.
- **7. Substitution on Committees:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-179—That the Parliament agrees the following nominated committee substitutes, as permitted under Rule 6.3A—

Scottish National Party

Audit Committee Sandra White

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee Nigel Don

Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee Stefan

Tymkewycz

Equal Opportunities Committee Jamie Hepburn

European and External Relations Committee Keith Brown

Finance Committee Roseanna

Cunningham

Health and Sport Committee Joe FitzPatrick

Justice Committee Aileen Campbell

Local Government and Communities Committee Tricia Marwick

Procedures Committee Alasdair Morgan

Public Petitions Committee John Wilson

Rural Affairs and Environment Committee Bill Kidd

Standards and Public Appointments Committee Bob Doris

Subordinate Legislation Committee Christopher

Harvie

Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee Alasdair Allan

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 7 as noted above.
- 9. Scottish Norwegian Commercial Co-operation: The Parliament debated S3M-12 in the name of Rob Gibson—That the Parliament notes that Norway celebrates the 102nd anniversary of its independence on 17 May 2007; welcomes growing economic co-operation between Scotland and Norway to make the most of our sustainable marine hydrocarbon and renewable energy resources, our proximity across the North Sea and ongoing civic and cultural collaborations; in particular welcomes the announcement of a new partnership between Statoil and Scottish Power which aims to produce a commercially viable tidal energy device for a full-scale trial to be run within two years; considers that the Scottish Executive should work with the Norwegian government to create a North Sea electricity supergrid to serve continental markets with secure supplies of clean power, and also believes that the prospects for creating a direct sea route for freight and passengers to link our two nations should be pursued with vigour.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

No. 12 Wednesday 20 June 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Norman Hill, Riverside Hill, Banff, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Government's Objective for a Smarter Scotland:** The Parliament debated the subject of the Government's Objective for a Smarter Scotland.
- **3. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-203—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 21 June 2007—

after

followed by Executive Debate: Housing

insert

followed by SPCB motion on membership of the Scottish Commission for Public

Audit

The motion was agreed to.

- **4. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to be taken on the above items.
- 5. Motor Neurone Disease: The Parliament debated S3M-73 in the name of Margaret Mitchell—That the Parliament acknowledges that motor neurone disease (MND) is a serious, progressively disabling and fatal condition, which can affect any adult and for which medical science currently has no known cause or cure; understands that there are currently 64 people in central Scotland and 280 people throughout Scotland with MND and that this figure is rising; congratulates the Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association for its commitment to improve the lives of sufferers of MND and to help people living with MND; notes that in the financial year 2005-06 the association incurred costs of £63,836 in relation to the services provided by the MND care teams within central Scotland; further notes that there was no financial contribution towards the cost of providing these services from NHS Lanarkshire, NHS Forth Valley or NHS Avrshire and Arran, the three NHS boards covering the central Scotland area; believes that there is a compelling case for NHS boards to meet some of the costs of providing these care teams which would make a huge difference in terms of the care received by those with MND, and therefore considers that the provision of this funding should be addressed as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.

No. 13 Thursday 21 June 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 pm.

1. Olympic Games: Murdo Fraser moved S3M-204—That the Parliament fully supports Glasgow's bid to host the 2014 Commonwealth Games; wishes our competitors every success in the 2010 Commonwealth Games and looks forward to them building on the 29 medals brought back from the 2006 games, which is the largest number of medals ever won by a Scottish team at overseas games; also wishes the British team every success in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and believes that the interests of sport in Scotland and our athletes are best served if they compete as part of the British team in the 2008 Olympic Games and at subsequent Olympic Games.

The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) and moved amendment S3M-204.3 to motion S3M-204—

Leave out from "and believes that" to end and insert—

"notes with considerable concern the negative impact that the spiralling costs of the subsequent Olympic Games is projected to have on lottery support for grassroots sport throughout the United Kingdom; supports the Scottish Football Association and the Tartan Army in their opposition to the proposal for a British football team to take part in the 2008 and 2012 games, and agrees that such a proposal could damage the continuation of a separate Scottish international football team."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 78, Abstentions 1).

Johann Lamont moved amendment S3M-204.1 to motion S3M-204—

Leave out from ", and believes" to end and insert—

"and Paralympics; believes that the interests of sport in Scotland and our athletes are best served if they compete as part of the British team in the 2008 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games and at subsequent Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, and further urges the Scottish Executive to work with all the relevant sporting agencies and organisations to maximise the opportunities for young Scots to benefit from UK Sport World Class Performance programmes."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 62, Abstentions 3; amendment disagreed to on casting vote).

Nicol Stephen moved amendment S3M-204.2 to motion S3M-204—

Insert at end-

"including the 2012 London Olympics, but regrets that the UK Government's insistence on using lottery funds to finance the Games will deprive grassroots sport development in Scotland of essential funding and urges the UK Government to make a commitment

that no further raids will be made on lottery funds to make up any additional Olympic budget shortfall."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 62, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 79, Abstentions 2).

2. Council Tax: Derek Brownlee moved S3M-201—That the Parliament does not support the introduction of a local income tax as a replacement for the council tax.

Des McNulty moved amendment S3M-201.4 to motion S3M-201—

Insert at end—

"and further requires that any proposals for a new system should be published by Scottish Executive ministers before the Parliament considers Stage 2 of the 2008-09 budget process."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 65, Abstentions 1).

Tayish Scott moved amendment S3M-201.2 to motion S3M-201—

Leave out from—

"does not support" to end and insert "believes that local income tax, which is based on ability to pay, is a fairer system of local taxation than the discredited and unfair council tax and notes the position of the Green Party in regard to land value taxation."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 62, Abstentions 2).

Robin Harper moved amendment S3M-201.3 to motion S3M-201—

Insert at end—

"notes the decision, made by the Parliament on 30 January 2003 but never fulfilled, to consider and investigate land value taxation, and calls on the Scottish Government to fulfil this commitment before the introduction of legislation on the future of local government finance."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 62, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that local income tax, which is based on ability to pay, is a fairer system of local taxation

than the discredited and unfair council tax and notes the position of the Green Party in regard to land value taxation.

- **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 (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning, and on Europe, External Affairs and Culture were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.
- **6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Climate Change.
- **7. Housing:** The Parliament debated the subject of Housing.
- **8. Scottish Commission for Public Audit:** Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S3M-212—That the Parliament agrees to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's proposal to appoint Robert Brown, Derek Brownlee, Angela Constance and George Foulkes to be members of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **9. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-220—That the Parliament agrees—
- (a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 27 June 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transport

followed by Executive Debate: Transport

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 June 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Approach to the Comprehensive Spending

Review

followed by Executive Debate: Health and Wellbeing of the People of Scotland

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Debate on the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Amendment

(No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

followed by First Minister Statement: The Council of Economic Advisers

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 General and Themed Question Times on 6 September 2007 should end at 12 noon on Wednesday 27 June.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Substitution on Committees: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-215—That the Parliament agrees the following nominated committee substitutes, as permitted under Rule 6.3A—

Scottish Liberal Democrat Party

Audit Committee Iain Smith

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee Liam McArthur

Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee Hugh O'Donnell

Equal Opportunities Committee Jim Tolson

European and External Relations Committee Jeremy Purvis

Finance Committee Ross Finnie

Health and Sport Committee Mr Jamie Stone

Justice Committee Mike Pringle

Local Government and Communities Committee Robert Brown

Procedures Committee Alison McInnes

Public Petitions Committee Jim Hume

Rural Affairs and Environment Committee John Farguhar

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Standards and Public Appointments Committee Mike Rumbles

Subordinate Legislation Committee Margaret Smith

Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee Tavish Scott

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

12. Local Food: The Parliament debated S3M-28 in the name of Jim Hume—That the Parliament recognises the benefit to our health, the environment and Scotland's farmers, fishermen and rural areas of choosing more local, fresh, seasonal produce; believes that by specifying requirements for freshness, delivery frequency, specific varieties and production standards the public sector can take a lead in the promotion of local food; notes the success of the East Ayrshire school meals pilot in showing how procurement rules can promote locally grown food and support Scotland's local suppliers; considers that the school meals pilot should be rolled-out across Scotland, and recognises the importance of action across the public sector to encourage the procurement of more locally grown produce.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

No.14 Wednesday 27 June 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev George White, Colinton Parish Church, Edinburgh led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-247—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 27 June 2007—

after

followed by Business Motion

insert

followed by SPCB Motion on Members' Allowances Scheme

The motion was agreed to.

- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) made a statement and answered questions on Transport.
- **4. Transport:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S3M-243—That the Parliament endorses the Government's transport priorities and notes that the Government party proposed during the election campaign not to proceed with the Edinburgh Trams and current EARL projects, but planned an additional crossing for the River Forth.

Wendy Alexander moved amendment S3M-243.1 to motion S3M-243—

Leave out from "endorses" to end and insert—

"notes that the Edinburgh Trams project and EARL were approved by the Parliament after detailed scrutiny; further notes the report of the Auditor General for Scotland on these projects and, in light thereof, (a) calls on the Scottish Government to proceed with the Edinburgh Trams project within the budget limit set by the previous administration, noting that it is the responsibility of Transport Initiatives Edinburgh and the City of Edinburgh Council to meet the balance of the funding costs and (b) further calls on the Scottish Government to continue to progress the EARL project by resolving the governance issues identified by the Auditor General before any binding financial commitment is made and to report back to the Parliament in September on the outcome of its discussions with the relevant parties."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the Edinburgh Trams project and EARL were approved by the Parliament after detailed scrutiny; further notes the report of the Auditor General for Scotland on these projects and, in light thereof, (a) calls on the Scottish Government to proceed with the Edinburgh Trams project within the budget limit set by the previous administration, noting that it is the responsibility of Transport Initiatives Edinburgh and the City of Edinburgh Council to meet the balance of the funding costs and (b) further calls on the Scottish Government to continue to progress the EARL project by resolving the governance issues identified by the Auditor General before any binding financial commitment is made and to report back to the Parliament in September on the outcome of its discussions with the relevant parties.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-248—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 5 September 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 6 September 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—

Justice and Law Officers;

Finance and Sustainable Growth

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. Members' Allowances Scheme:** Tom McCabe, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S3M-233—That the Parliament—
- (a) amends with immediate effect the Resolution of the Parliament of 21 June 2001 agreeing to motion S1M-2034 by substituting "is employed by a member or members" for "remains employed by a single member" in paragraph 1.(7)(a) of Part B of the Members' Allowances Scheme referred to in that Resolution; and
- (b) confers functions upon the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to pay allowances in each financial year in accordance with the amended Members' Allowances Scheme.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **7. Establishment of Committee:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-249—That the Parliament agrees—
- (a) to establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Scheme Committee; Remit: To inquire into and report with recommendations for a Committee Bill on a replacement for the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Scheme rules; Duration: Until the Parliament has completed its consideration of the committee's report:

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Labour Party; Membership: Alasdair Morgan, Peter Peacock, David McLetchie and Hugh O'Donnell; and

(b) as an alternative to Rule 6.3.2 of Standing Orders, that this committee shall have four members.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **8. Committee Membership and Substitution on Committees:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-254—That the Parliament agrees—
- (a) that Helen Eadie be appointed as a member and that John Park and Dr Richard Simpson be appointed to replace George Foulkes and Elaine Smith as members of the Subordinate Legislation Committee; and
- (b) the following nominated committee substitutes, as permitted under Rule 6.3A—

Labour Party

Audit Committee James Kelly

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee Irene Oldfather

Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee George Foulkes

Equal Opportunities Committee Claire Baker

European and External Relations Committee Karen Gillon

Finance Committee Peter Peacock

Health and Sport Committee Helen Eadie

Justice Committee Mary Mulligan

Local Government and Communities Committee Rhoda Grant

Public Petitions Committee Marilyn

Livingstone

Rural Affairs and Environment Committee David Stewart

Standards and Public Appointments Committee David Whitton

Subordinate Legislation Committee Richard Baker

Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee Malcolm

Chisholm

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Audit Committee Derek Brownlee

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee Alex Johnstone

Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee Ted Brocklebank

Equal Opportunities Committee Mary Scanlon

European and External Relations Committee Jackson Carlaw

Finance Committee Murdo Fraser

Health and Sport Committee Jamie McGrigor

Justice Committee John Lamont

Local Government and Communities Committee Margaret

Mitchell

Procedures Committee Elizabeth Smith

Public Petitions Committee John Scott

Rural Affairs and Environment Committee Nanette Milne

Subordinate Legislation Committee Bill Aitken

Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee Gavin Brown

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

10. Tartan Day Celebrations: The Parliament debated S3M-59 in the name of Andrew Welsh—That the Parliament compliments the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, the Scottish Executive, Angus Council and other Scottish local authorities for their work in developing the concept of Tartan Day, which marks an annual celebration of the historical enactment of the Arbroath Declaration made on 6 April 1320 and seeks to renew the close historical, cultural, trading and other links between Scotland and the rest of the world, with particular attention being paid to countries where the Scottish diaspora is greatest and encourages the development of individual and international friendship and goodwill through Tartan Day celebrations.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 15 Thursday 28 June 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

- 1. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Approach to the Strategic Spending Review.
- **2. Health and Wellbeing of the People of Scotland:** The Parliament debated the subject of the health and wellbeing of the people of 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 (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Rural Affairs and the Environment, and on Health and Wellbeing were answered by Scottish Ministers and junior Scottish Ministers.
- **6.** The Draft Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Amendment (No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S3M-252—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Amendment (No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved.

John Scott moved amendment S3M-252.1 to motion S3M-252—

Insert at end—

"and, in so doing, requests the Scottish Government to invite Her Majesty's Government to consider complementary legislative measures to protect environmentally sensitive sites such as the Firth of Forth."

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

The motion was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Amendment (No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved and, in so doing, requests the Scottish Government to invite Her Majesty's Government to consider complementary legislative measures to protect environmentally sensitive sites such as the Firth of Forth.

7. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement and answered questions on the Council of Economic Advisers.

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.
- **9. National Diabetes Week, 10 to 16 June 2007:** The Parliament debated S3M-147 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament welcomes the Small Change, Big Difference campaign being run by Diabetes UK Scotland for National Diabetes Week 2007; commends the tremendous support that Diabetes UK Scotland gives to the estimated 173,000 people in Scotland who are living with diabetes; notes that, in the Highlands alone, the number of people living with diabetes stands at 11,111 and this figure is predicted to rise to at least 13,000 by 2017, and therefore considers that the Scottish Diabetes Framework Action Plan should be delivered by 2009, as set out in the Diabetes UK Scotland Manifesto 2007.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

No. 16 Wednesday 5 September 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev James McNaughtan, St Marnock's Parish Church, Kilmarnock led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-412—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 5 September 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Business Motion

followed by Member's Affirmation: Shirley-Anne Somerville

followed by First Minister's Statement: The Scottish Government's Programme

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Government's

Programme

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 September 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Drugs Misuse

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—

Justice and Law Officers;

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: A Sustainable Future for Crichton

University Campus

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 September 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Government's Skills Strategy

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 September 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—

Europe, External Affairs and Culture: Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Broadcasting

3.50 pm Ministerial Statement: National Developments in Planning

followed by Debate on the draft Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act

2005 (Variation of Age Limit for Sale of Tobacco etc. and

Consequential Modifications) Order 2007

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 September 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 September 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—

Health and Wellbeing;

Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 60, Against 54, Abstentions 1).

- **3. Oaths and Affirmations:** Shirley-Anne Somerville made a solemn affirmation before the Clerk.
- **4. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government's Programme.
- **5. Scottish Government's Programme:** The Parliament debated the Scottish Government's Programme.
- **6. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to be taken on the above items.
- 7. Asylum Seekers in Scotland: The Parliament debated S3M-345 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament welcomes discussions between the Scottish and UK governments aimed at tackling the situation of asylum seekers in Scotland and to this end supports calls for asylum seekers to be granted the right to work whilst seeking asylum, which has been backed by Glasgow City Council and the Scottish Refugee Council which comments that "It just makes absolutely no sense to have people sitting at home in enforced idleness when they could be contributing to the economy", and further believes that an amnesty for asylum seeker families who have been in Scotland since before March 2006 would be one which rightly acknowledges that in Glasgow these families have become a valued part of the local community and the vast difference between the situation in Scotland, where roughly 1,500 families would be granted asylum, compared to over 400,000 in the rest of the United Kingdom.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 17 Thursday 6 September 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

- 1. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on the Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak.
- **2. Tackling Drugs Misuse:** The Minister for Community Safety (Fergus Ewing) moved S3M-415—That the Parliament recognises that tackling drugs misuse is one of the great social challenges of our time, requiring determined and sustained action; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to build consensus around a new strategy for tackling drugs misuse; welcomes the recent publication of reports, commissioned by the previous administration, on key aspects of drugs services; supports the Government's determination to improve services to promote recovery from drug addiction, to ensure that children are protected from the drug addictions of their parents, to improve drugs education, to offer young people more opportunities to do something positive and constructive with their lives, to strengthen enforcement and to provide courts with more effective ways of dealing with those whose crimes are driven by addiction, and recognises that there will be resource implications in meeting this challenge.

Margaret Smith moved amendment S3M-415.1 to motion S3M-415—

Leave out from "supports" to end and insert—

"believes that increased opportunities, improved facilities, more drug-free activities and better drug education are necessary to give young people a positive alternative to drugs; calls on the Scottish Government to introduce a strategy for early intervention with vulnerable young people, particularly those in care or living with a parent who has a drug problem; calls for the establishment of a national register of drug and alcohol services including residential placements; believes that additional resources are required to increase drug and alcohol treatment places, cut waiting times and create more family support services; calls on the Scottish Government to commit to at least double the funding for drug and alcohol treatment in the first year of the next spending review; further notes the direct link between drug and alcohol use and crime and supports the greater use of arrest referral schemes across Scotland; further believes that Drug Testing and Treatment Orders (DTTOs) introduced by the previous administration can make a real difference in cutting crime and reoffending, and calls for DTTOs to be extended to Scotland's district courts and used more frequently to address alcohol abuse among offenders."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Justice and Law Officers and Finance and Sustainable Growth were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- 6. A Sustainable Future for Crichton University Campus: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Fiona Hyslop) moved S3M-416—That the Parliament congratulates local campaigners, including MSPs from all parties, on effectively highlighting the issues surrounding the future of Crichton University Campus in Dumfries, leading to a successful outcome; commends the work of the local stakeholders, academic partners and the Scottish Funding Council in developing an academic strategy for the campus; welcomes the allocation of additional resources by the Scottish Government to protect existing provision, help deliver the strategy and widen the range of higher education opportunities delivered in the south west of Scotland on a long-term sustainable basis, and recognises the importance of the ability of students in rural and island communities to access higher and further education.

Hugh Henry moved amendment S3M-416.1 to motion S3M-416—

Insert at end—

"and calls for an assurance that this funding will be maintained and guaranteed and that this is not being provided to the detriment of funding for other institutions, and further asks for a guarantee that none of the institutions will be able to walk away from any aspects of this arrangement."

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

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Membership of Committee and Substitution on Committees: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S3M-422—That the Parliament agrees that Shirley-Anne Somerville be appointed to replace Stefan Tymkewycz on the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee; and

S3M-423—That the Parliament agrees that Shirley-Anne Somerville be appointed to replace Stefan Tymkewycz as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

9. Maintenance of Common Land on Scottish Housing Estates: The Parliament debated S3M-347 in the name of Trish Godman—That the Parliament is concerned about the many complaints voiced by people throughout Scotland over the neglect of common land on their housing estates, such as Gryffe Castle in Bridge of Weir and Inch Meadows/Roseland Brae in Erskine, even although some residents pay upwards of £400 per annum for the maintenance of such areas of land adjacent to their homes: notes that many of these complainers accuse the Greenbelt Group, in particular, of failing to honour its obligations to householders in relation to the company's maintenance of local common land; is of the view that this company and others engaged in this service should aim for the very best standards of performance, which is a legitimate demand made by householders, and, in addition to the enhancement of these maintenance standards, firmly believes in the examination of alternative management procedures and practices, such as the common hold system, which would enable the community of householders to be given more control of the common land surrounding or adjacent to their homes.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 18 Wednesday 12 September 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1 Time for Reflection:** Dr Jagtar Singh Nijjar, Scottish Interfaith Council, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. The Scottish Government's Skills Strategy: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Fiona Hyslop) moved S3M-443—That the Parliament believes that to equip the Scottish economy for the 21st century it will require its people to be skilled; notes the publication of *Skills for Scotland*, the Scottish Government's strategy to help deliver the skills needed for the 21st century, and the call to action that it contains for individuals, employers, national and local government, trade unions, colleges, universities and schools, community learning and development providers, training providers, public agencies and the third sector, and urges all those involved in the delivery of skills in Scotland to actively engage in its implementation.

lain Gray moved amendment S3M-443.2 to motion S3M-443—

Leave out from "and the call" to end and insert—

"believes it to fall short of the step change required in raising skill levels in Scotland, and calls on Scottish ministers to urgently bring forward proposals to increase access for apprenticeships, expand vocational choices in the school system and ensure that all 16 to 18-year-olds have the opportunity for education, volunteering, training or employment and guarantee the funding required to ensure that our universities and colleges remain world class."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 42, Against 77, Abstentions 0).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S3M-443.1 to motion S3M-443—

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

"believes that all young people should be given the opportunity to access vocational education from the age of 14; calls on the Scottish Government to consider the establishment of skills academies as part of a diverse education system, and, while welcoming the merger of Careers Scotland and learndirect Scotland, calls on the Scottish Government to go further and add the skills functions currently exercised by Scottish Enterprise to the remit of the merged body, in order to form a complete skills agency."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 103, Abstentions 0).

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-443.3 to motion S3M-443—

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

"and regrets that the strategy contains no specific targets or indicators of success for improving skills in Scotland, fails to respond to the recommendations of the Leitch Review of Skills and makes no commitment to increased investment in further or higher education; calls on the Scottish Government to amend its strategy to include specific skills targets, including targets for modern apprenticeships and widening access, and details of how it will measure progress towards these targets and commit to report annually to the Parliament on that progress, and further calls on the Scottish Government to commit to providing an additional £168 million for Scottish universities and at least a 3% real terms annual funding increase for Scotland's colleges over the period of the spending review to ensure that the sectors can make an increased contribution to improving skills in Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 104, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 72, Abstentions 0).

- **3. Emergency Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead), under Rule 13.2.2, made a statement and answered questions on the Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak in Surrey.
- **4. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-460—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 13 September 2007—

delete

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Broadcasting

and insert

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: The Case of Angus Sinclair

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-454—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 19 September 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Waiting Times

followed by Scottish Government Debate: European Treaty

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 September 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Managing the Risks of Flooding in

Scotland

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—

Health and Wellbeing;

Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Penal Policy

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 September 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 September 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-452—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 16 November 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Rule 10.6.5: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-453—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing up to 10 minutes to debate motion S3M-445 on Thursday 13 September 2007, the second and third sentences of Rule 10.6.5 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 7 as noted above.
- Save the Land Reform Act and Restore the Will of Parliament: The 9. Parliament debated S3M-187 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament is concerned about the decision by Perth Sheriff Court to grant a declarator to Ann Gloag, owner of the Kinfauns Castle estate, which has the effect of denying the statutory right to roam over parts of the estate that was previously allowed under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003; notes that Perth and Kinross Council and the Ramblers Association opposed the declarator and gave evidence to the court that such a declarator would be contrary to the intention of the Act; believes that this decision undermines the clear will of the Parliament which legislated for the widest possible access to the countryside and that the court judgement ignores the significance of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code approved by MSPs to accompany and inform the operation of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, and considers that the judgement should be examined and appropriate action taken to give proper effect to the land reform legislation and, if necessary, guidance issued to the courts on the status of the access code.
- **10. Motion without Notice:** Pauline McNeill 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.

No. 19 Thursday 13 September 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Education: Hugh Henry moved S3M-457—That the Parliament regrets that education has not been given a higher priority by this administration; calls for an urgent explanation to be given on funding for higher education and further education; calls for the missing detail to be given on the manifesto commitment to write off student debt; calls for a statement on how the commitment to reduce class sizes for primary 1 to primary 3 which has not been fully explained or costed will be delivered by 2011; calls for more detail on how a teacher will be provided to every early years class by 2011; regrets that nothing has been said about tackling indiscipline in Scotland's schools, and calls for an early statement on how funding will be provided to improve the school estate in Scotland.

The Minister for Children and Early Years (Adam Ingram) moved amendment S3M-457.2 to motion S3M-457—

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

"recognises the importance placed on education in Scotland by all parties in the Parliament; welcomes the prospect of early legislation to abolish the graduate endowment fee; appreciates that the delay by over a year of the comprehensive spending review has dictated the timing of comprehensive announcements on spending plans for education on student debt, teachers' numbers and the school estate, and looks forward to positive and constructive discussion with COSLA on outcome agreements as part of the spending review to improve the education of pupils, recognising that the pace, scale and delivery of improvements in pre-school provision and class size reduction in P1-P3 will be a key element of such agreements."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 76, Abstentions 0).

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-457.1 to motion S3M-457—

Insert at end—

"and further calls for an early announcement on when the SNP manifesto pledge for a 50% increase in free nursery education for 3 and 4-year-olds will be met and how much it will cost."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 46, Abstentions 3).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 46, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament regrets that education has not been given a higher priority by this administration; calls for an urgent explanation to be given on funding for higher education and further

education; calls for the missing detail to be given on the manifesto commitment to write off student debt; calls for a statement on how the commitment to reduce class sizes for primary 1 to primary 3 which has not been fully explained or costed will be delivered by 2011; calls for more detail on how a teacher will be provided to every early years class by 2011; regrets that nothing has been said about tackling indiscipline in Scotland's schools, and calls for an early statement on how funding will be provided to improve the school estate in Scotland and further calls for an early announcement on when the SNP manifesto pledge for a 50% increase in free nursery education for 3 and 4-year-olds will be met and how much it will cost.

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning and on Europe, External Affairs and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **5. Ministerial Statement:** The Lord Advocate (Elish Angiolini) made a statement and answered questions on the case of Angus Sinclair.
- **6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on National Developments in Planning.
- **7. Approval of SSI:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-445—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (Variation of Age Limit for Sale of Tobacco etc. and Consequential Modifications) Order 2007 be approved.

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

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 7 as noted above.
- 9. Macmillan Cancer Support's Recovered but not Covered Campaign: The Parliament debated S3M-273 in the name of Brian Adam—That the Parliament condemns the extortionate premiums charged by many travel insurance firms to cancer patients or persons with a history of cancer treatment, which often lead to their travel insurance prices being considerably higher than journey costs; acknowledges that this problem will worsen with growing numbers of people diagnosed with cancer and living longer who want or need to travel; recognises its impact on patients and their families in Aberdeen North and elsewhere in Scotland; furthermore supports Macmillan Cancer Support's Recovered but not Covered campaign which seeks to make it easier for people affected by cancer to get fair travel insurance prices, and welcomes joint research between Macmillan and the Royal Bank of Scotland

to investigate how cancer sufferers can obtain fairer travel insurance, but considers that these discriminatory and insensitive charges should be ended by other insurance companies.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

No. 20 Wednesday 19 September 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Father Andrew Clark, Roman Catholic Chaplain, HM Prisons Perth and Glenochil led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Waiting Times.
- **3. European Treaty:** The Parliament debated the subject of the European Treaty.
- **4. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-493—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 26 September 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Enterprise Networks

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Housing

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 September 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—

Finance and Sustainable Growth;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Rail Links to Edinburgh Airport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Broadcasting

followed by Procedures Committee Debate: 1st Report 2007 (Session 3),

Merging the Procedures Committee and the Standards and Public

Appointments Committee

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 October 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 October 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken on the above items.

6. Beauly Denny Public Inquiry: The Parliament debated S3M-97 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament is concerned about the conduct of the public inquiry into the proposed Beauly to Denny 400kV electricity transmission line; notes that there is a lack of confidence from many objectors in the current handling of the inquiry and that objectors have raised concerns with Inquiry Reporters but that these concerns have been dismissed; further notes with concern that many objectors' submissions have been ruled inadmissible; believes that serious issues are not being fully considered due to the strict adherence to the inquiry timetable, and further believes that the current conduct of the public inquiry will prevent a fully democratic inquiry and does nothing to reassure the 17,000 objectors that this is a fair process.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

No. 21 Thursday 20 September 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Managing the Risk of Flooding in Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S3M-499—That the Parliament notes that a Flooding Bill will be introduced during this parliamentary session; acknowledges the need for Scotland to take a more sustainable approach to flood risk management in order to tackle the increased risk of flooding associated with issues such as climate change; recognises the importance of the publication of the final report of the Flooding Issues Advisory Committee, which ran for two years, and considers that similar positive engagement with stakeholders, including those who have suffered the effects of flooding, should continue throughout the development of the draft Flooding Bill.

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S3M-499.1 to motion S3M-499—

Insert at end—

"further believes that there are policy and funding issues that can be addressed in advance of primary legislation, and regrets that no commitments have been made to increase financial resources to address this important issue."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

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 (Alex Salmond).
- **4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health and Wellbeing, and on Rural Affairs and the Environment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Scottish Ministers.
- **5. Penal Policy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S3M-498—That the Parliament believes that Scotland should develop a progressive penal policy which improves public safety, delivers appropriate and proportionate punishment, ensures that the interests of victims and communities are given proper consideration, contributes to reducing reoffending and encourages rehabilitation in order to build a safer and stronger Scotland; recognises that, in the case of some offenders, custody is the only appropriate disposal, and welcomes the proposal to establish an independent commission to consider the purpose and use of prison.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S3M-498.1 to motion S3M-498—

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

"notes the proposal to establish an independent commission to consider the purpose and the use of prison; opposes any proposal to remove the availability to sheriffs and judges of short-term sentences, including sentences of six months or less, but supports the continuation of community sentences and other alternatives to custody."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 75, Abstentions 0).

Mike Pringle moved amendment S3M-498.2 to motion S3M-498—

Insert at end—

"believes that any commission should consider as a matter of urgency replacing the Scottish Prison Service with a dedicated Custody and Rehabilitation Service, introducing dual sentencing, rolling out community link centres on a statutory basis to co-ordinate rehabilitation and exploring new strategies to give offenders skills for work, backed by challenging targets for the number of new prisoners leaving custody with nationally accredited qualifications."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 62, Abstentions 44).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-500—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2007 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Membership and Substitution on Committees: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S3M-502—That the Parliament agrees that Hugh Henry be appointed to replace Charlie Gordon on the Audit Committee;

S3M-503—That the Parliament agrees that Trish Godman be appointed to replace Dr Richard Simpson on the Audit Committee;

S3M-504—That the Parliament agrees that Claire Baker be appointed to replace Mary Mulligan on the Audit Committee;

S3M-505—That the Parliament agrees that Lewis Macdonald be appointed to replace Iain Gray on the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;

S3M-506—That the Parliament agrees that Mary Mulligan be appointed to replace Pauline McNeill on the Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee;

S3M-507—That the Parliament agrees that Michael McMahon be appointed as a member of the Equal Opportunities Committee;

S3M-508—That the Parliament agrees that Malcolm Chisholm be appointed to replace Jackie Baillie on the European and External Relations Committee;

S3M-509—That the Parliament agrees that Dr Richard Simpson be appointed to replace Lewis Macdonald on the Health and Sport Committee;

S3M-510—That the Parliament agrees that Helen Eadie be appointed to replace Karen Gillon on the Health and Sport Committee;

S3M-511—That the Parliament agrees that Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Malcolm Chisholm on the Health and Sport Committee;

S3M-512—That the Parliament agrees that Patricia Ferguson be appointed to replace Michael McMahon on the Local Government and Communities Committee;

S3M-513—That the Parliament agrees that Des McNulty be appointed to replace Sarah Boyack on the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee;

S3M-514—That the Parliament agrees that Karen Gillon be appointed to replace Richard Baker on the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee;

S3M-515—That the Parliament agrees that Charlie Gordon be appointed to replace Des McNulty on the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee;

S3M-525—That the Parliament agrees that Richard Baker be appointed to replace Dr Richard Simpson on the Subordinate Legislation Committee;

S3M-516—That the Parliament agrees that George Foulkes be appointed to replace Irene Oldfather as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;

S3M-517—That the Parliament agrees that Richard Baker be appointed to replace George Foulkes as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee;

S3M-518—That the Parliament agrees that Jackie Baillie be appointed to replace Karen Gillon as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the European and External Relations Committee;

S3M-519—That the Parliament agrees that Irene Oldfather be appointed to replace Helen Eadie as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Health and Sport Committee;

S3M-520—That the Parliament agrees that Marlyn Glen be appointed to replace Mary Mulligan as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Justice Committee;

S3M-521—That the Parliament agrees that Trish Godman be appointed to replace David Whitton as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards and Public Appointments Committee;

S3M-522—That the Parliament agrees that Elaine Smith be appointed to replace Richard Baker as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Subordinate Legislation Committee; and

S3M-523—That the Parliament agrees that John Park be appointed to replace Malcolm Chisholm as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 5, 6, and 7 as noted above.
- 9. ICL Factory Explosion Call For Public Inquiry: The Parliament debated S3M-374 in the name of Patricia Ferguson—That the Parliament notes that, three years and three months after the factory explosion that claimed the lives of nine workers, badly injured many more and devastated the community of Maryhill, the companies involved, ICL Plastics and ICL Tech Limited, have pled guilty to breaches of health and safety legislation; recognises the dignified and responsible way in which the families of those involved in this tragedy have conducted themselves throughout this difficult time; notes the support and assistance given by the STUC and the families' lawyers throughout, and further notes the call by the families and their supporters for a wide-reaching public inquiry into the circumstances of this case and looks to the Lord Advocate to facilitate such an inquiry.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 22 Wednesday 26 September 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection: Shobha Nagpal, Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Enterprise Networks.
- 3. Glasgow Housing Association Inspection Report: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S3M-539—That the Parliament notes the recent publication by Communities Scotland of the Inspection Report on Glasgow Housing Association (GHA); recognises the importance of putting the interests of tenants at the centre in moving forward; believes that GHA should accept the inspection report in full and deliver progress on all issues raised in the report including second stage transfer (SST) and especially those SSTs that can move forward quickly; deplores the inadequacy of the original basis for the initial transfer of houses from Glasgow City Council, and calls on all stakeholders to work together to achieve substantial improvements for local communities in Glasgow.

Johann Lamont moved amendment S3M-539.1 to motion S3M-539—

Leave out from "notes" to end and insert—

"agrees that housing is an important priority and calls on the Scottish Executive to come forward with proposals for implementing its housing policy within this session of the Parliament; further notes the Communities Scotland inspection report on Glasgow Housing Association (GHA) and believes that the Executive should act to ensure that GHA meets its responsibilities to its tenants and to owners in the services it provides; further agrees that the Executive should intervene to drive forward progress of second stage transfer in Glasgow, given the critical role of community engagement and ownership in ensuring that the significant investment available to the GHA secures real and lasting improvements to Glasgow's housing, and believes that progress should be based around the following: (1) re-establishing the ministerial progress group, bringing together the broad spectrum of interests and expertise across Glasgow's communities, along with other key stakeholders, to explore the options available to deliver community ownership, (2) exploring the role of Audit Scotland in tackling the issues identified in the Communities Scotland inspection report and (3) exploring possibilities of community right to buy as a means of delivering community ownership."

Robert Brown moved amendment S3M-539.1.1 to amendment S3M-539.1—

Insert at end-

"and (4) requiring GHA to develop an effective business plan which incorporates the delivery of community ownership through second stage transfers and on the basis of break-up of GHA in due course."

After debate, amendment S3M-539.1.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S3M-539.1, as amended, was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 60, Abstentions 0; amendment disagreed to on casting vote).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 60, Abstentions 0; motion disagreed to on casting vote).

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-542—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 27 September 2007—

after

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Rail Links to Edinburgh Airport

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Broadcasting

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Rail Links to Edinburgh Airport

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 106, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

- **5. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-544—That the Parliament agrees—
- (a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 3 October 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Crerar Review

followed by Debate on the draft Provision of School Lunches (Disapplication of

the Requirement to Charge) (Scotland) Order 2007

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 October 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Wildlife Crime

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 October 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 October 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—

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government 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 General and Themed Question Times on 25 October 2007 should end at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 3 October.

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route: The Parliament debated S3M-459 in the name of Mike Rumbles—That the Parliament notes with concern the pledge given in writing by the First Minister on 15 June 2007 to abide by the findings of the public inquiry into the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) and ensure that the project is not financed by PPP/PFI funding; further notes with concern reports that the Scottish Government will make no statement on its intended method of financing the AWPR until after the public inquiry is completed; expresses its concern at the year's delay for the estimated completion of the project that was announced in June 2007 by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change; recognises the importance of the AWPR to the economy of the north east, and believes that clarification should be given as a matter of urgency on how the project will be financed.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

No. 23 Thursday 27 September 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

Waiting Times: Ross Finnie moved S3M-545—That the Parliament is concerned that the Scottish Government's approach to waiting times will lead to an increase in bureaucracy, placing an administrative burden on clinicians; believes that introducing a legally binding guarantee will put further pressure on health professionals leading to a litigation culture in the NHS; regrets the decision by the SNP to put political dogma before patient need in ruling out the use of the private sector to reduce waiting times; regrets the lack of commitment from the Scottish Government to invest further in primary health care facilities; calls on the Scottish Government to continue making progress in reducing the longest waits, while prioritising shorter waiting times for the most serious conditions; calls on the Scottish Government to make an early statement on how it intends to implement its maximum waiting time guarantee without impacting on those with the greatest clinical need, and believes that the Scottish Government must, as a matter of urgency, publish a comprehensive assessment identifying the additional administrative and bureaucratic burdens that these new proposals will place on the NHS, how much they will cost and where the money will come from.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) moved amendment S3M-545.2 to motion S3M-545—

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

"calls on the Scottish Government to build on the progress made by the last administration in reducing waiting times by establishing a new 18-week whole journey waiting time guarantee by 2011 and consulting on a Patients' Rights Bill that will ensure a more patient-focussed NHS."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 76, Abstentions 0).

Margaret Curran moved amendment S3M-545.1 to motion S3M-545—

Leave out from "is concerned" to "on clinicians" and insert—

"calls on the Scottish Government to review the implementation proposals to ensure that the principles of *Fair to All, Personal to Each* are implemented with the least bureaucracy possible and ensure that the new waiting list system provides the highest quality support, particularly for the most vulnerable in our society".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Scottish Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Sustainable Growth, and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Scottish Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- **5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) made a statement and answered questions on Rail Links to Edinburgh Airport.
- **6. Rail Links to Edinburgh Airport:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S3M-546—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government's plans to develop rail links to Edinburgh airport and to improve other rail services.

lain Gray moved amendment S3M-546.1 to motion S3M-546—

Leave out from "the Scottish Government's plans" to end and insert—

"the Edinburgh Airport Rail Link as approved on 14 March 2007 and improvements to other rail services."

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

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

7. Merging the Procedures Committee and the Standards and Public Appointments Committee: Keith Brown, on behalf of the Procedures Committee, moved S3M-497—That the Parliament notes the Procedures Committee's 1st Report, 2007 (Session 3), Merging the Procedures Committee and the Standards and Public Appointments Committee (SP Paper 7), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A to the report be made with effect from 28 September 2007.

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

8. Establishment of Committee: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-543—That the Parliament agrees to establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

Remit: To consider and report on-

(a) the practice and procedures of the Parliament in relation to its business;

- (b) whether a member's conduct is in accordance with these Rules and any Code of Conduct for members, matters relating to members' interests, and any other matters relating to the conduct of members in carrying out their Parliamentary duties;
- (c) the adoption, amendment and application of any Code of Conduct for members; and
- (d) matters relating to public appointments in Scotland.

Where the Committee considers it appropriate, it may by motion recommend that a member's rights and privileges be withdrawn to such extent and for such period as are specified in the motion.

Number of members: 7

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

Membership: Keith Brown, Cathie Craigie, Marlyn Glen, Jamie McGrigor, Christina McKelvie, Hugh O'Donnell, Dave Thompson.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.
- **10.** Warm Zones: The Parliament debated S3M-338 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament commends the excellent work of not-for-profit Warm Zones Ltd, set up with UK Government support in 2000 and operated by National Energy Action, the leading fuel poverty charity in England and Wales, working in partnership with local government, energy companies such as Transco and British Gas, European Union agencies and others; is aware that the Warm Zone project encourages a proactive approach to combating fuel poverty by going into communities to assess the energy efficiency and fuel poverty status of all households in an entire area, with a view to coordinating the free delivery of necessary energy efficiency improvements and related services; appreciates that the Warm Zone all area approach has been effective in reaching vulnerable households which often do not apply for available fuel benefits or grants; believes that, while so far warm zones have only been set up in England and Wales, Scotland with some 384,000 households, one in six, in fuel poverty can learn from the successes achieved south of the border; appreciates that in Gateshead alone warm zones invested £2 million and warm zone teams visited 26,239 homes, carried out 21,067 assessments, surveyed 13,384 homes, installed energy efficiency measures in 9,996 homes and attracted £400,000 extra in benefits for residents in the year to February 2007, attracting £200,000 in European structural funding for job creation and training while reducing energy usage by an average of 40% and attaining a client satisfaction rating of over 97%, and concludes that an area like North Ayrshire, with an estimated 11,000 of 62,000 households in fuel poverty, would be an excellent place to undertake a

warm zone project and ultimately supports the introduction of warm zones across Scotland, believing that discussions should take place between local authorities, Energy Action Scotland, the Scottish Government and other stakeholders about the establishment of warm zones north of the border as part of a concerted and systematic campaign to eradicate fuel poverty once and for all.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 24 Wednesday 3 October 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Valerie Ott, Gatehouse of Fleet Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Rule 10.6.5:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-597—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing up to 15 minutes to debate motion S3M-587 on Wednesday 3 October 2007, the second and third sentences of Rule 10.6.5 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Crerar Review: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S3M-589—That the Parliament welcomes the Crerar review work commissioned by the previous administration; notes the broad principles and vision of a simplified scrutiny landscape, with a proportionate, co-ordinated and risk-based approach, as set out in the Independent Review of Regulation, Audit, Inspection and Complaints Handling of Public Services in Scotland; thanks Professor Crerar and his team for their work; commits to joint working with the Scottish Government over the relevant recommendations, and calls on the Scottish Government to carefully consider the review before returning to the Parliament with further proposals to take forward the conclusions of the report.

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

4. Approval of SSIs: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-587—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Provision of School Lunches (Disapplication of the Requirement to Charge) (Scotland) Order 2007 be approved.

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

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-598—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 24 October 2007

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: First Minister's Visit to the United States

followed by Ministerial Statement: Waiting Times

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Agriculture

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 October 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—

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Alcohol

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 31 October 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 November 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time—

Justice and Law Officers;

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S3M-599—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Licensing (Mandatory Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved; and

S3M-600—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Housing Grants (Assessment of Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. Membership and Substitution on Committees: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S3M-608—That the Parliament agrees that George Foulkes be appointed to replace Trish Godman as a member of the Audit Committee;

S3M-601—That the Parliament agrees that Elizabeth Smith be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

S3M-602—That the Parliament agrees that Trish Godman be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

S3M-603—That the Parliament agrees that Alison McInnes be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee; and

S3M-604—That the Parliament agrees that Alasdair Morgan be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 6 and 7 as noted above.
- **9. NDCS Change Your World Consultation:** The Parliament debated S3M-465 in the name of Cathie Craigie—That the Parliament congratulates the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) on its groundbreaking Change Your World consultation exercise, which represents the first ever discussion with

young deaf and hearing-impaired people in Scotland and the United Kingdom about the issues and challenges which affect them; believes that deafness and other hearing impairments should not be a barrier for children in achieving their true potential; acknowledges the work of the NDCS in representing the interests of all deaf children and young people from birth until they reach independence; welcomes this opportunity to engage with young deaf Scots, and considers that as many young people as possible in Cumbernauld and Kilsyth and across Scotland with a hearing impairment should be encouraged to get involved and make their voice heard.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

No. 25 Thursday 4 October 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. The Scottish National Party's Broken Promises: lain Gray moved S3M-607—That the Parliament regrets the SNP Government's failure to implement a range of policies that the SNP pledged to take forward in its election manifesto and its document, *It's time to look forward*, including reneging on the promise to set out plans to employ 1,000 additional police officers, backtracking on a council tax freeze, failing to implement smaller class sizes in every primary school and not delivering on plans to give £2,000 to first-time house buyers; recognises that the SNP Government is already letting down communities and hardworking families across Scotland, and calls on Scottish ministers to make a statement to the Parliament explaining why they have failed to implement these policy pledges.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) moved amendment S3M-607.3 to motion S3M-607—

Leave out from "regrets" to end and insert—

"congratulates the SNP Government for its early action to deliver on a range of commitments, including the abolition of the graduate endowment, the retention of accident and emergency services at Ayr and Monklands hospitals and the abolition of tolls on the Tay and Forth bridges, and looks forward to the government continuing to deliver for the people of Scotland."

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S3M-607.1 to motion S3M-607—

Leave out from "regrets" to end and insert—

"notes the SNP Government's failure to implement a range of policies that the SNP pledged to take forward in its election manifesto and its document, *It's time to look forward*, including reneging on the promise to set out plans to employ 1,000 additional police officers, backtracking on a council tax freeze, failing to implement smaller class sizes in every primary school, shelving the commitment to adopt the Better Regulation Commission's policy of "one in one out" and not delivering on plans to give £2,000 to first-time house buyers; recognises that the SNP Government is already letting down communities and hardworking families across Scotland, and calls on Scottish ministers to make a statement to the Parliament explaining why they have failed to implement these policy pledges."

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-607.2 to motion S3M-607—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

"further notes the SNP Government's reluctance to keep its promise to students and dump student debt by writing off the debt to the Student Loans Company for Scottish domiciled graduates; notes the SNP Government's refusal to meet its manifesto pledge for mandatory carbon reduction targets of 3% per annum; recognises that the SNP gained votes on these pre-election promises to the people of Scotland which they are now failing to keep, and calls on Scottish ministers to make a statement to the

Parliament explaining which of these pre-election promises are no longer government policy and why, and which promises they do intend to implement and by when."

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S3M-607.4 to motion S3M-607—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

"further notes that the previous administration had its own failures, as will every government; recognises, however, the widespread disillusionment with confrontational and negative politics; recognises that in a parliament of minorities, and especially under a minority government, no single party can expect to implement its full manifesto without consultation or compromise; accepts that the current administration cannot claim a mandate to implement every manifesto commitment and that no political party that has served in coalition government was able to do so either; notes the words of Donald Dewar MSP, on being elected as Scotland's first First Minister, that "Cooperation is always possible where there are common aims and values, even though there may be great and dividing differences in other areas"; further notes the words of Annabel Goldie MSP that Scotland "wants posturing and petty playground antics to be left at the door", those of the First Minister that "our overwhelming responsibility is to work together in the people's interest" and Nicol Stephen MSP's commitment to be "constructive and positive", and urges all members to hold the Scottish Government to account but also to work constructively and positively wherever possible for the benefit of the people and the country in the spirit of the founding principles of the Parliament."

After debate, amendment S3M-607.3 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 71, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S3M-607.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S3M-607.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 48, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S3M-607.4 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the SNP Government's failure to implement a range of policies that the SNP pledged to take forward in its election manifesto and its document, It's time to look forward, including reneging on the promise to set out plans to employ 1,000 additional police officers, backtracking on a council tax freeze, failing to implement smaller class sizes in every primary school, shelving the commitment to adopt the Better Regulation Commission's policy of "one in one out" and not delivering on plans to give £2,000 to first-time house buyers; further notes the SNP Government's reluctance to keep its promise to students and dump student debt by writing off the debt to the Student Loans Company for Scottish domiciled graduates; notes the SNP Government's refusal to meet its manifesto pledge for mandatory carbon reduction targets of 3% per annum; recognises that the SNP gained votes on these pre-election promises to the people of Scotland which they are now failing to keep, and calls on Scottish ministers to make a statement to the Parliament explaining which of these pre-election promises are no longer government policy and why, and which promises they do intend to implement and by when.

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning, Europe, and on External Affairs and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 5. Wildlife Crime: The Minister for Environment (Michael Russell) moved S3M-609—That the Parliament notes the collaborative work being undertaken by a variety of agencies to fight wildlife crime and commends the enthusiasm and commitment of those involved in that fight; regrets that, despite these efforts and some highly successful prosecutions, 2006 was the worst year ever for recorded wildlife poisoning incidents and figures so far for 2007 show no improvement; condemns those responsible for such acts which destroy vital parts of our natural and national heritage while damaging our international reputation, and welcomes the thematic inspection of arrangements for the prevention, investigation and prosecution of wildlife crime which will be undertaken by HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in association with HM Chief Inspector of Prosecutions in Scotland which will make recommendations by 31 March 2008.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S3M-609.1 to motion S3M-609—

Insert at end—

"and urges ministers to ensure that each Scottish police force appoint at least one full-time police wildlife crime co-ordinator, that wildlife crime cases are prosecuted wherever possible by fiscals with specialist training and that guidance is produced which pulls together all legislation relevant to wildlife crime for use by landowners, managers and their staff, and further urges ministers to monitor the effectiveness of such guidance and report back to the Parliament."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament notes the collaborative work being undertaken by a variety of agencies to fight wildlife crime and commends the enthusiasm and commitment of those involved in that fight; regrets that, despite these efforts and some highly successful prosecutions, 2006 was the worst year ever for recorded wildlife poisoning incidents and figures so far for 2007 show no improvement; condemns those responsible for such acts which destroy vital parts of our natural and national heritage while damaging our international reputation, and welcomes the thematic inspection of arrangements for the prevention, investigation and prosecution of wildlife crime which will be undertaken by HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary in association with HM Chief Inspector of Prosecutions in Scotland which will make recommendations by 31 March 2008 and urges

ministers to ensure that each Scottish police force appoint at least one full-time police wildlife crime co-ordinator, that wildlife crime cases are prosecuted wherever possible by fiscals with specialist training and that guidance is produced which pulls together all legislation relevant to wildlife crime for use by landowners, managers and their staff, and further urges ministers to monitor the effectiveness of such guidance and report back to the Parliament.

- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 5 as noted above.
- 7. Glasgow Milton and Chirnsyde Community Initiative: The Parliament debated S3M-72 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament praises the continued courage and determination of the local community in the Glasgow Milton area in standing up against organised crime; thanks community activists who have worked tirelessly to ensure that community facilities provided in the area are safe for the local community to use, and looks forward to the speedy reopening of the Chirnsyde Community Initiative with a new management committee that will provide a range of much-needed local services for the people of Milton and Ashfield.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 26 Wednesday 24 October 2007

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Claire Martin, Holyrood Secondary School, Glasgow led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Urgent First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond), under Rule 13.2.2, made a statement and answered questions on the Gould Report.
- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Waiting Times.
- **4. Agriculture:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S3M-667—That the Parliament notes with concern the impact on our livestock industry, particularly the sheep sector, of the recent outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in England; calls on the UK Government to recognise its financial and moral responsibility to reimburse Scotland's farmers; acknowledges the work being done in Scotland to support the sustainability of the Scottish livestock industry and the viability of rural communities; welcomes the review, to be led by Professor Jim Scudamore and commissioned by the Scottish Government, into Scotland's response to the outbreaks, and recognises the need to reduce the risk of future outbreaks and minimise the impact of future disruption.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S3M-667.2 to motion S3M-667—

Leave out from "concern" to "communities" and insert—

"great concern the recent foot and mouth disease outbreak and its impact on our livestock industry, particularly the sheep sector; urges Scottish ministers to implement immediately a Scottish emergency scheme for Scottish farmers and crofters and use the powers and budget available to them such as supplementing Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme payments and introducing headage payments to provide additional support to our livestock industries at this difficult time; further recognises that it is the responsibility of the Scottish Government to provide funding to address the wider economic implications of the outbreak, as was the case in 2001; regrets the time it has taken to develop practical support for Scottish farming and crofting communities, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop constructive relations with the UK Government in order to address the future challenges in our agriculture and rural industries".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

John Scott moved amendment S3M-667.1 to motion S3M-667—

After "communities" insert—

"believes that the Scottish Government should introduce additional measures to support Scotland's sheep industry".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament notes with concern the impact on our livestock industry, particularly the sheep sector, of the recent outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in England; calls on the UK Government to recognise its financial and moral responsibility to reimburse Scotland's farmers; acknowledges the work being done in Scotland to support the sustainability of the Scottish livestock industry and the viability of rural communities; believes that the Scottish Government should introduce additional measures to support Scotland's sheep industry; welcomes the review, to be led by Professor Jim Scudamore and commissioned by the Scottish Government, into Scotland's response to the outbreaks, and recognises the need to reduce the risk of future outbreaks and minimise the impact of future disruption.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-676—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 31 October 2007

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Housing

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Early Years and Early Intervention

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 November 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Alternative Dispute Resolution

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Justice and Law Officers;

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Child Protection

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Environment

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 November 2007

2.15 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 November 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 pm General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSIs: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S3M-671—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Club Gaming and Club Machine Permits (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved;

S3M-672—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved;

S3M-673—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction and Summary Cause) Order 2007 be approved; and

S3M-674—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Small Claims (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 6 as noted above.
- **8.** Can't Afford to Foster: The Parliament debated S3M-80 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament recognises the valuable contribution made by Scotland's foster carers; notes with concern that there is a shortage of 1,700 fostering households in Scotland, including in the Scottish Borders; further notes that, at a time when more children, many of whom display challenging behaviour, are living with foster carers than at any other time, 37% of foster carers receive no payment at all while two-thirds of those who are paid receive less than the minimum wage, and accordingly considers that the fostering network should be supported as a matter of priority.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 27 Thursday 25 October 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Free Personal Care: Mary Scanlon moved S3M-679—That the Parliament notes with concern that the interpretation, implementation and funding of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 has been beset by difficulties, many of which remain unresolved; believes that the decision of Lord Macphail on the Petition of Argyll and Bute Council dated 17 October 2007 is contrary to the intention of the Parliament, and calls on the Scottish Government to assure all people over 65 currently resident in independent care homes who have been assessed as eligible for free personal care, and others who may be assessed in future as so eligible, that councils will continue to fund their personal care regardless of whether or not there is a contract to which a council is a party.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) moved amendment S3M-679.1 to motion S3M-679—

Leave out from "has been beset" to end and insert—

"have raised difficulties, many of which remain unresolved; notes that the decision of Lord Macphail dated 17 October 2007 on the Petition of Argyll and Bute Council reflects the guidance issued in July 2003; wishes to reassure those assessed, either now or in the future, as requiring free personal or nursing care that their entitlement to receive it is not affected by Lord Macphail's decision; agrees, however, that the current operation of the law, although in line with existing guidance, may in some cases result in an undue delay between assessment and a local authority care contract being concluded; therefore supports the Scottish Government's ongoing dialogue with COSLA to address issues such as waiting lists, eligibility criteria and food preparation, together with its assurance that it will take action, if necessary, to clarify the law, and considers that Lord Sutherland's review of the level and distribution of resources for free personal care will make a valuable contribution to ensuring that the policy is put on a secure and sustainable basis for the long term."

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

Ross Finnie moved amendment S3M-679.2 to motion S3M-679—

Leave out from "with concern" to end and insert—

"the judgement of Lord Macphail on personal care and its consequences; notes with disappointment the SNP Government's handling of this issue and recognises the need for urgent clarity to allay the concerns of older people and their families as well as to give clear guidance to service providers; calls on the Scottish Government to take the appropriate steps to provide this clarification as soon as possible, including a statement to the Parliament on the issue, and further calls on the Scottish Government to take all steps necessary to ensure that local authorities do not find that in providing free care for self-funders they are acting *ultra vires*."

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes with concern that the interpretation, implementation and funding of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 have raised difficulties, many of which remain unresolved: notes that the decision of Lord Macphail dated 17 October 2007 on the Petition of Argyll and Bute Council reflects the guidance issued in July 2003; wishes to reassure those assessed, either now or in the future, as requiring free personal or nursing care that their entitlement to receive it is not affected by Lord Macphail's decision; agrees, however, that the current operation of the law, although in line with existing guidance, may in some cases result in an undue delay between assessment and a local authority care contract being concluded; therefore supports the Scottish Government's ongoing dialogue with COSLA to address issues such as waiting lists, eligibility criteria and food preparation, together with its assurance that it will take action, if necessary, to clarify the law, and considers that Lord Sutherland's review of the level and distribution of resources for free personal care will make a valuable contribution to ensuring that the policy is put on a secure and sustainable basis for the long term.

2. Police Numbers: Bill Aitken moved S3M-677—That the Parliament notes with serious concern that, almost six months after its election, the Scottish Government has made no progress towards the SNP's manifesto commitment of 1,000 more police officers; expresses concern also at an apparent dilution of that commitment, and calls on the Scottish Government to keep that election promise by increasing the number of police officers from 16,234 to 17,234 by the end of this parliamentary session.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved amendment S3M-677.1 to motion S3M-677—

Leave out from "with serious concern" to end and insert—

"that the Scottish Government will set out its plans for a more visible police presence in the context of the Strategic Spending Review 2007 and will deliver an additional 1,000 police officers in our communities through increased recruitment, improved retention and redeployment."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 77, Abstentions 2).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

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

- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Rural Affairs and the Environment and on Health and Wellbeing were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- Alcohol: Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S3M-6. 681—That the Parliament notes Scotland's first Alcohol Awareness Week and endorses the partnership approach between the government, industry and the voluntary sector to educate consumers about alcohol units, while recognising that further work is needed to ensure that alcohol is accepted as different to any other product for sale; further agrees that tackling the problems surrounding the misuse of alcohol is one of the great social and public health challenges of our time, requiring direct, innovative, long-term and sustained action; recognises that this includes tougher enforcement action against those who sell and promote alcohol irresponsibly; notes the importance of close cooperation with, and support of, Scotland's police forces and licensing boards in this respect; welcomes the recent commitments by the Scottish Government to regulate the display and promotion of alcohol in off-sales premises and to find a method of ensuring that those licensees who profit from Scotland's alcohol culture help offset the damage done by that culture, as well as to develop a long-term strategy to tackle the negative effects of alcohol misuse, and further notes the need for the NHS to play its part in early identification and intervention for those individuals drinking at harmful or hazardous levels.

Paul Martin moved amendment S3M-681.2 to motion S3M-681—

After "product for sale" insert—

"further notes the high incidence of underage drinking and the harm done to those young people and the negative effect that underage drinking can have on Scottish communities; believes that the Scottish Government should call a summit of all relevant stakeholders to develop an effective strategy to tackle underage drinking;".

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

Bill Aitken moved amendment S3M-681.1 to motion S3M-681—

Leave out from "notes the importance" to end and insert—

"and underlines the fact that those who do so should face losing their licences; notes the importance of close co-operation with, and support of, Scotland's police forces and licensing boards in this respect, as well as developing a long-term strategy to tackle the negative effects of alcohol misuse, and further notes the need for the NHS to play its part in early identification and intervention for those individuals drinking at harmful or hazardous levels."

The amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 109, Abstentions 0).

Ross Finnie moved amendment S3M-681.3 to motion S3M-681—

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

"welcomes Scotland's first Alcohol Awareness Week and calls for a co-ordinated approach by all relevant stakeholders to tackle the problems of alcohol misuse that are a key social and public health priority; recognises that tougher action against those who sell and promote alcohol irresponsibly is a necessary step but must form part of a comprehensive strategy that emphasises the importance of education and addresses the social and cultural factors related to alcohol misuse; believes that this policy framework must strike a balance between state and individual responsibility and must not be overly reliant on the criminal justice system to bring about the changes desired, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit additional investment to treatment and rehabilitation."

The amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 92, Abstentions 2).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes Scotland's first Alcohol Awareness Week and endorses the partnership approach between the government, industry and the voluntary sector to educate consumers about alcohol units, while recognising that further work is needed to ensure that alcohol is accepted as different to any other product for sale: further notes the high incidence of underage drinking and the harm done to those young people and the negative effect that underage drinking can have on Scottish communities; believes that the Scottish Government should call a summit of all relevant stakeholders to develop an effective strategy to tackle underage drinking; further agrees that tackling the problems surrounding the misuse of alcohol is one of the great social and public health challenges of our time, requiring direct, innovative, long-term and sustained action; recognises that this includes tougher enforcement action against those who sell and promote alcohol irresponsibly; notes the importance of close co-operation with, and support of, Scotland's police forces and licensing boards in this respect; welcomes the recent commitments by the Scottish Government to regulate the display and promotion of alcohol in off-sales premises and to find a method of ensuring that those licensees who profit from Scotland's alcohol culture help offset the damage done by that culture, as well as to develop a long-term strategy to tackle the negative effects of alcohol misuse, and further notes the need for the NHS to play its part in early identification and intervention for those individuals drinking at harmful or hazardous levels.

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 6 as noted above.
- **8.** Public-Social Partnership Pilot in North Lanarkshire: The Parliament debated S3M-383 in the name of Michael McMahon—That the Parliament welcomes the public-social partnership (PSP) pilot in North Lanarkshire as an innovative method of engaging communities in public service design and

delivery; notes that PSPs allow public bodies to use the procurement process to create added social benefit in the community and to engage service users in the design of services; further notes that the PSP model is innovative in its approach to testing new methods of service delivery under local authorities' duty to demonstrate best value, and recognises that, to reap the potential community benefits of PSPs, social enterprises must be fully supported in accessing long-term service level agreements and public contracts.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

No. 28 Wednesday 31 October 2007

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Father Michael John Galbraith, St Kentigern's, Edinburgh led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) on Housing was taken as read. The Cabinet Secretary answered questions on the statement.
- 3. Early Years and Early Intervention: The Minister for Children and Early Years (Adam Ingram) moved S3M-722—That the Parliament recognises the importance of early years policy in delivering improved outcomes for children and young people; believes that early intervention has a crucial role to play in reducing inequalities, particularly in health and education, but also more widely; welcomes the intention to develop a long-term early years strategy; agrees that parenting, support for families and community capacity-building are areas which require a strong focus; believes that services must work more closely together to support children and families, and highlights the importance of a highly skilled and collaborative workforce in delivering a new strategic approach to early years policy.

Rhona Brankin moved amendment S3M-722.2 to motion S3M-722—

Insert at end—

"notes the failure of the SNP Government to provide a statement on its commitment to reduce class sizes to 18 in primary 1 to primary 3 by 2011, as called for by the Parliament on 13 September 2007, and agrees that the Scottish Government should bring forward detailed plans and costings on its commitment to reduce class sizes within the imminent strategic spending review statement."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 45, Abstentions 2).

Elizabeth Smith moved amendment S3M-722.3 to motion S3M-722—

After first "families" insert—

"and the institution of marriage".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-722.1 to motion S3M-722—

Insert at end—

"further believes that the Scottish Government's approach to early years must incorporate a strategy for play and communication, give greater support for play provision for two-year-olds and develop primary 1 into a transition year from nursery to formal education."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 45, Abstentions 15).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of early years policy in delivering improved outcomes for children and young people; believes that early intervention has a crucial role to play in reducing inequalities, particularly in health and education, but also more widely; welcomes the intention to develop a long-term early years strategy; agrees that parenting, support for families and community capacity-building are areas which require a strong focus; believes that services must work more closely together to support children and families, and highlights the importance of a highly skilled and collaborative workforce in delivering a new strategic approach to early years policy; notes the failure of the SNP Government to provide a statement on its commitment to reduce class sizes to 18 in primary 1 to primary 3 by 2011, as called for by the Parliament on 13 September 2007: that the Scottish Government should bring forward detailed plans and costings on its commitment to reduce class sizes within the imminent strategic spending review statement; and further believes that the Scottish Government's approach to early years must incorporate a strategy for play and communication, give greater support for play provision for twoyear-olds and develop primary 1 into a transition year from nursery to formal education.

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-731—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 November 2007

2.15 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

followed by Ministerial Statement: Creative Scotland and Cultural Policy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: National Food Policy for Scotland

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 November 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's EU Priorities

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 November 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 November 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health and Wellbeing;

Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Stage 1 Debate: Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-730—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 21 December 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Parliamentary Bureau Motions: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S3M-732—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be appointed as the lead committee in consideration of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

S3M-733—That the Parliament agrees that Nigel Don be appointed to replace Tricia Marwick as a member of the Public Petitions Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. Further Job Losses at Young's Seafood, Annan: The Parliament debated S3M-662 in the name of Elaine Murray—That the Parliament regrets the announcement on 11 October 2007 by Young's Seafood of the loss of 89 jobs from its Annan plant; notes that 100 jobs had already been lost in February this year and at that time the company announced that it remained committed to a long-term future for its Annan site; notes also that only approximately 25 jobs are likely to remain at Young's Seafood in Annan; believes that the workforce and the local community have been badly let down by the company, and considers that the consultation period for the current tranche of job losses should be extended from 30 to 90 days to enable workers facing redundancy to consider relocation options and that those workers wishing to take up employment opportunities at other sites should be offered appropriate financial support.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

No. 29 Thursday 1 November 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Alternative Dispute Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S3M-738—That the Parliament recognises the need to develop a broad range of appropriate dispute resolution schemes, as alternatives to the formal court system, which can offer more flexibility, quicker resolution, less stress and reduced expense for citizens.

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

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Justice and Law Officers and Finance and Sustainable Growth were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- **5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Children and Early Years (Adam Ingram) made a statement and answered questions on Child Protection.
- 6. The Environment: The Minister for Environment (Michael Russell) moved S3M-739—That the Parliament notes the important relationships among Scotland's natural and built environment, culture and history, which together make us who we are; recognises the achievements over the centuries of artists such as Sir Walter Scott, James Hogg, Alexander Naysmith, Robin Jenkins, Sorley MacLean, Joan Eardley and Ian Hamilton Finlay and, continuing those connections today, Angus Farquhar, Alasdair Gray, Andy Scott and Frances Walker among many others; is glad that so many artists from Scotland and from elsewhere have taken their inspiration from Scotland's people, landscape and natural resources and the ways of life which they support and continue to do so, and recognises the need for the Scottish Government to work closely with cultural and environmental organisations, local authorities, community groups and individuals to celebrate, explore and reveal the diversity and ever-changing nature of Scotland, its people and its place in the world.

Des McNulty moved amendment S3M-739.1 to motion S3M-739—

Insert at end—

"further notes the involvement of artists, architects and urban designers with housing associations, local authorities and others in efforts to regenerate urban as well as rural environments; notes the importance of the Environmental Justice Fund and the Community Regeneration Fund in enabling communities that have suffered from degraded environments to gain support to regenerate their communities, and calls on

the Scottish Government to do more to protect and enhance Scotland's landscapes, particularly in light of the challenges brought by climate change, and to link together cultural entitlements with environmental justice."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S3M-739.2 to motion S3M-739—

Leave out "in the world" and insert—

"within the United Kingdom and the wider world".

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the important relationships among Scotland's natural and built environment, culture and history, which together make us who we are; recognises the achievements over the centuries of artists such as Sir Walter Scott, James Hogg, Alexander Naysmith, Robin Jenkins, Sorley MacLean, Joan Eardley and Ian Hamilton Finlay and, continuing those connections today, Angus Farquhar, Alasdair Gray, Andy Scott and Frances Walker among many others; is glad that so many artists from Scotland and from elsewhere have taken their inspiration from Scotland's people, landscape and natural resources and the ways of life which they support and continue to do so, and recognises the need for the Scottish Government to work closely with cultural and environmental organisations, local authorities, community groups and individuals to celebrate, explore and reveal the diversity and ever-changing nature of Scotland, its people and its place within the United Kingdom and the wider world.

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. Crown Estate Taxation on Harbour Developments: The Parliament debated S3M-568 in the name of Tavish Scott—That the Parliament notes the vital importance to island and coastal communities of their ports and harbours which serve lifeline transport links and, by supporting such industries as fishing, aquaculture, offshore oil, tourism and renewable energy, provide major employment opportunities; further notes that ports and harbours in the Highlands and Islands are largely owned by local authorities, trusts or other public bodies that operate for the benefit of the communities they serve and reinvest any profits in these communities; views with concern the charges such ports and harbour owners have to pay to the Crown Estate for the rental of areas of seabed; further views with concern the royalty charges imposed by the Crown Estate when material dredged from the seabed to assist navigation is used productively by harbour owners for land reclamation rather than being wastefully dumped at sea, and believes that serious consideration should be given as to how the Parliament's powers to legislate over the property rights

of the Crown in Scotland, as outlined in the December 2006 report of the Crown Estate Review Working Group, could be used to lift this unjustifiable burden of Crown Estate taxation from ports and harbour operators.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

No. 30 Wednesday 7 November 2007

The meeting opened at 2.15 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Marian Docherty, Head Teacher, St David's High School, Dalkeith, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. SPCB Question Time:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture (Linda Fabiani) made a statement and answered questions on Creative Scotland and Cultural Policy.
- **4. A National Food Policy for Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S3M-784—That the Parliament believes that Scotland should have a national food policy and would benefit greatly by having a clear, consistent and coherent approach to food covering health, environmental, social, cultural and economic factors and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to launch a national debate and consultation on a food policy for Scotland that takes into account the views of the Parliament, industry and wider society.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S3M-784.3 to motion S3M-784—

Leave out from "that takes into account" to end and insert—

", building on work done by the previous administrations, and believes that policy priorities should include local procurement, affordability, sustainability and reducing Scotland's climate footprint, taking into account the views of the Parliament, industry and wider society."

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

John Scott moved amendment S3M-784.1 to motion S3M-784—

After "factors" insert—

"; believes that a national policy must include more assistance for public procurement of home-grown Scottish food to be achieved by improved co-operation between Scotland's local food producers and government,".

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

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S3M-784.2 to motion S3M-784—

Insert at end—

"believes that educating children about where their food comes from must be central to any national food policy; resolves that early action is required to amend public procurement policy to ensure greater use of freshly produced healthy food in the public sector, including in our schools, hospitals and other public bodies; calls on the Scottish Government to assist in the development of farmers' co-operatives and farmers' markets, and further calls on the Scottish Government to work with retailers to encourage more use of local Scottish produce in stores."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that Scotland should have a national food policy and would benefit greatly by having a clear, consistent and coherent approach to food covering health, environmental, social, cultural and economic factors; believes that a national policy must include more assistance for public procurement of home-grown Scottish food to be achieved by improved co-operation between Scotland's local food producers and government; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to launch a national debate and consultation on a food policy for Scotland, building on work done by the previous administrations, and believes that policy priorities should include local procurement, affordability, sustainability and reducing Scotland's climate footprint, taking into account the views of the Parliament, industry and wider society; believes that educating children about where their food comes from must be central to any national food policy; resolves that early action is required to amend public procurement policy to ensure greater use of freshly produced healthy food in the public sector, including in our schools, hospitals and other public bodies; and calls on the Scottish Government to assist in the development of farmers' cooperatives and farmers' markets, and further calls on the Scottish Government to work with retailers to encourage more use of local Scottish produce in stores.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-789—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 14 November 2007

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Strategic Spending Review

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strategic Spending Review

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 November 2007

9.15 am Scottish Government Debate: Competition, Regulation and

Business Structures in the Scottish Legal Services Market

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health and Wellbeing;

Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Stage 1 Debate: Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 November 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 November 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.
- 7. House of Lords Ruling on Pleural Plaques: The Parliament debated S3M-655 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament expresses its concern over the House of Lords ruling against compensation claims for the people suffering from the pleural plaques condition which is a scarring of the lungs caused by exposure to asbestos; notes that this rejection now closes the door to further compensation claims, despite the High Court ruling in February 2005 that anyone suffering from pleural plaques should receive compensation; recognises the work of Clydeside Action on Asbestos for the campaigning work it has undertaken, and notes that a draft bill seeking a Scottish solution will be sent to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice.
- **8. Motion without Notice:** Robert Brown moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.17 pm. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

No. 31 Thursday 8 November 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Holding the SNP Government to Account: Wendy Alexander moved S3M-788—That the Parliament recognises the critical importance of the forthcoming three-year spending review to meeting the hopes and aspirations of the people of Scotland; welcomes the detailed scrutiny of the SNP Government's spending plans by parliamentary committees as a central part of the budget process; believes that there should be the widest possible debate about the spending priorities for the next three years, and therefore resolves to set aside chamber time for individual debates on the budget priorities for each Cabinet Secretary's portfolio: Finance and Sustainable Growth, Health and Wellbeing, Education and Lifelong Learning, Justice and Rural Affairs and the Environment not later than the conclusion of Stage 2 of the budget process.

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S3M-788.1 to motion S3M-788—

Leave out from "there should be" to end and insert—

"an effective budget scrutiny process is critical in ensuring that public services are delivered in a way which provides optimal value for money; believes that the process should be sufficiently robust to cope with majority and minority government; believes that there is scope to review the operation of the current procedures as laid down in the Standing Orders and the agreement between the Finance Committee and the Scottish Government; believes that the appropriate vehicle for such a review would be the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, in consultation with the other committees of the Parliament, particularly the Finance Committee, and requests that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee undertakes a review of the budget process for future years."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Tayish Scott moved amendment S3M-788.2 to motion S3M-788—

Insert at end-

"further recognises that no one party has a majority in the Parliament and, therefore, requires that the Scottish Government commits to enhancing the existing arrangements to provide early access to the civil service to support the Finance Committee and opposition parties wishing to pursue recommendations for amendments to the budget to ensure that they are fully aware of the consequences of any change proposed to the budget."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 44, Abstentions 16).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the critical importance of the forthcoming three-year spending review to meeting the hopes and aspirations of the people of Scotland; welcomes the detailed scrutiny of the SNP Government's spending plans by parliamentary committees as a central part of the budget process; believes that an effective budget scrutiny process is critical in ensuring that public services are delivered in a way which provides optimal value for money; believes that the process should be sufficiently robust to cope with majority and minority government; believes that there is scope to review the operation of the current procedures as laid down in the Standing Orders and the agreement between the Finance Committee and the Scottish Government; and believes that the appropriate vehicle for such a review would be the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, in consultation with the other committees of the Parliament, particularly the Finance Committee, and requests that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee undertakes a review of the budget process for future years.

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- **4.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Europe, External Affairs and Culture, and on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **5. Scottish Government's EU Priorities:** The Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture (Linda Fabiani) moved S3M-793—That the Parliament notes the importance of EU policies and legislation to the Parliament, its Committees and to Scotland and notes the priorities identified by the Scottish Government for particular attention.

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

- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 5 as noted above.
- 7. Autism Parliamentary Network: The Parliament debated S3M-91 in the name of Nanette Milne—That the Parliament affirms its commitment to work during the new Parliamentary session to improve the lives of people with autistic spectrum disorder; is concerned that, while progress has been made, individuals with autistic spectrum disorder still experience difficulties in accessing the appropriate services and support necessary for them to fulfil their potential, both in Aberdeenshire and across Scotland, and welcomes the development of an Autism Parliamentary Network, co-ordinated by the National Autistic Society Scotland, which will serve as an information channel to support Members of the Scottish Parliament in their endeavours to create a society where autism is fully understood and where people with autistic

spectrum disorder are fully respected and supported and receive timely, quality services that are appropriate to their individual needs.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 32 Wednesday 14 November 2007

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Imam Mustaquem Shah, UK Islamic Mission, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-838—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 14 November 2007—

after

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's successful bid to host the 2014

Commonwealth Games in Glasgow

The motion was agreed to.

- **3. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's successful bid to host the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.
- **4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Strategic Spending Review.
- **5. Strategic Spending Review:** The Parliament debated the Strategic Spending Review.
- **6. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-837—That the Parliament agrees—
- (a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 21 November 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government's Economic

Strategy

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 November 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Annual Sea Fisheries Negotiations

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: A Better Future for Scotland's

Children: Ending Violence Against Women

followed by Appointment of the Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human

Rights

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 November 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 November 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

- (b) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for Question Times on 10 January 2008 ends at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 19 December 2007;
- (c) that the deadline for lodging questions for Question Times on 10 January 2008 shall be 12.00 noon on Thursday 3 January 2008; and
- (d) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for Question Times on 17 January 2008 ends at 12.00 noon on Thursday 3 January 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Designation of Lead Committee: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-842—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Communities Committee be appointed as the lead committee in consideration of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSIs: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S3M-840—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Fundable Bodies (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2007 be approved; and

S3M-841—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Protection of Charities Assets (Exemption) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

9. Rule 2.3.1: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-839—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 11 – 26 October 2008 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Office of the Clerk: Bruce Crawford moved S3M-843—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk will be closed on 27, 28 and 31 December 2007.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

- 12. Car Parking Charges at Stobhill Hospital: The Parliament debated S3M-612 in the name of Paul Martin—That the Parliament notes with concern the proposal by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to introduce car parking charges at Stobhill Hospital later this year; recognises the impact that this proposal will have on the local community through inconsiderate parking by car commuters in residential areas surrounding the hospital; is concerned that current provision of public transport to and from Stobhill Hospital is insufficient, and considers that a new car parking policy that would remove car parking charges at Stobhill Hospital should be developed.
- **13. Motion without Notice:** Paul Martin moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.31 pm. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.31 pm.

No. 33 Thursday 15 November 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Competition, Regulation and Business Structures in the Scottish Legal Services Market: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S3M-847—That the Parliament notes the Office of Fair Trading's response to the super-complaint by Which? on restrictions on business structures and direct access in the Scottish legal profession and the Law Society of Scotland's consultation on alternative business structures; believes that the regulatory and business structures of the Scottish legal profession should reflect Scottish circumstances and support improved access to high-quality legal services in a competitive and appropriately regulated market in accordance with competition law, and notes the Scottish Government's approach of working closely with the legal profession to secure reforms that will allow the Scottish legal profession to compete internationally while enhancing access to justice in local communities.

Paul Martin moved amendment S3M-847.1 to motion S3M-847—

Insert at end—

"and considers that this approach should also widen choice, provide easier access to legal services and create the conditions for more affordable services so that social justice will be at the heart of future changes."

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

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

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Office of Fair Trading's response to the super-complaint by Which? on restrictions on business structures and direct access in the Scottish legal profession and the Law Society of Scotland's consultation on alternative business structures; believes that the regulatory and business structures of the Scottish legal profession should reflect Scottish circumstances and support improved access to high-quality legal services in a competitive and appropriately regulated market in accordance with competition law; notes the Scottish Government's approach of working closely with the legal profession to secure reforms that will allow the Scottish legal profession to compete internationally while enhancing access to justice in local communities, and considers that this approach should also widen choice, provide easier access to legal services and create the conditions for more affordable services so that social justice will be at the heart of future changes.

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

- **4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health and Wellbeing, and on Rural Affairs and the Environment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **5. Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved S3M-780—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 4, Abstentions 2).

6. Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved S3M-691—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scotlish Parliament resulting from the Abolition of Bridge Tolls (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) by division: For 110, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 5 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. Perceived Norms of Alcohol and Tobacco Consumption - Pilot Studies in Scottish Educational Institutions: The Parliament debated S3M-668 in the name of Bill Wilson—That the Parliament notes the recent survey on student alcohol consumption carried out by McAlaney and McMahon in the University of Paisley and detailed in Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/guery.fcgi?linkbar=plain&db=journals&ter m=0096-882X (2007; 68(3):385 - 392); notes that it replicates work in the United States of America that has demonstrated that most people overestimate the alcohol and tobacco intake of their peers and that this misperception of the norm leads to increased consumption; notes the authors' statement that this raises the possibility of applying social norms interventions, as demonstrated to be effective in the USA, to the United Kingdom; further notes that pilot schemes along these lines are being undertaken in several schools in the Croydon area of England, and considers that the practicality of initiating such schemes in Scottish educational institutions should be investigated.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

No. 34 Wednesday 21 November 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Anne McIntyre, National Director, Parliamentary Prayer Scotland led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Scottish Government's Economic Strategy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S3M-883—That the Parliament recognises the importance of creating a more successful country with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish and notes the publication of *The Government Economic Strategy*, which sets out the Scottish Government's approach to aligning the public, private and voluntary sectors to achieve this objective.

lain Gray moved amendment S3M-883.3 to motion S3M-883—

Insert at end—

"calls on the government to make the necessary investment in skills, schools, colleges, universities and infrastructure, and believes that Scotland can best achieve sustainable economic growth as part of the United Kingdom."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 1).

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S3M-883.1 to motion S3M-883—

Insert at end-

"and, recognising the importance of small businesses to the Scottish economy, calls on the Scottish Government, if additional resources become available, to prioritise the acceleration of the full implementation of the reductions in business rates for small businesses announced in the budget on 14 November 2007."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 3, Abstentions 52).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S3M-883.2 to motion S3M-883—

Insert at end—

"believes that higher education has a vital contribution to make to the Scottish economy in delivering high-level skills, research and knowledge transfer, and is therefore disappointed and dismayed at the failure of the SNP government to support this economically vital sector with the funds it requires to remain internationally competitive."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 3, Abstentions 53).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of creating a more successful country with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish and notes the publication of *The Government Economic Strategy*, which sets out the Scottish Government's approach to aligning the public, private and voluntary sectors to achieve this objective and, recognising the importance of small businesses to the Scottish economy, calls on the Scottish Government, if additional resources become available, to prioritise the acceleration of the full implementation of the reductions in business rates for small businesses announced in the budget on 14 November 2007.

3. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-890—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 22 November 2007—

after

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth;

Justice and Law Officers

delete

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: A Better Future for Scotland's

Children: Ending Domestic Abuse Against Women

followed by Appointment of the Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human

Rights

and insert

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Pandemic Flu

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Better Future for Scotland's

Children: Ending Domestic Abuse Against Women

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-888—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 28 November 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Equality and Diversity

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 November 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tourism

11.40 pm General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: St Andrew's Day

followed by Appointment of the Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human

Rights

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 December 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 December 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-889—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 18 April 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-887—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 7 December 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-891—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Licensing (Mandatory Conditions No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 7 as noted above.
- **9.** Recycling Waste Wood: The Parliament debated S3M-752 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow Wood Recycling Project, a Drumchapel-based social enterprise finding new ways to recycle and reuse wood through collecting waste wood from offcuts to skirting boards and roofing; welcomes the support that this project has received from Glasgow School of Art students, who are incorporating the waste wood into their work, and Edrington's bottling plant in providing its old whisky barrels to be recycled into garden furniture amongst other things; believes that local initiatives such as these are of fundamental value in tackling the environmental problems facing local communities and Scotland as a whole, and hopes that as the Glasgow Wood Recycling Project grows more people will use and benefit from this service.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 35 Thursday 22 November 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Annual Sea Fisheries Negotiations: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S3M-893—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government in negotiating a deal which is fair and just for Scotland's fishing communities and which reflects in full the leadership which Scotland's fishermen are showing the rest of Europe on sustainable fisheries.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S3M-893.2 to motion S3M-893—

Insert at end—

"agrees that the precautionary principle should prevail in setting levels of permissible fishing activity; acknowledges that much more work needs to be done to create a truly sustainable fishery in the North Sea, including measures to reduce dramatically if not eliminate discards, recognising that one good year class does not of itself create a sustainable fishery stock, and further agrees that there needs to be dialogue between the fishing industry, scientists and conservation interests to ensure continuous improvement in stocks and a long-term sustainable future for the industry."

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

John Scott moved amendment S3M-893.1 to motion S3M-893—

After "Government" insert—

", working with the UK Government,".

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government, working with the UK Government, in negotiating a deal which is fair and just for Scotland's fishing communities and which reflects in full the leadership which Scotland's fishermen are showing the rest of Europe on sustainable fisheries; agrees that the precautionary principle should prevail in setting levels of permissible fishing activity; acknowledges that much more work needs to be done to create a truly sustainable fishery in the North Sea, including measures to reduce dramatically if not eliminate discards, recognising that one good year class does not of itself create a sustainable fishery stock, and further agrees that there needs to be dialogue between the fishing industry, scientists and conservation interests to ensure continuous improvement in stocks and a long-term sustainable future for the industry.

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

- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Sustainable Growth, and on Justice and Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- **5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Pandemic Flu.
- **Against Women:** The Minister for Children and Early Years (Adam Ingram) moved S3M-894—That the Parliament believes that it is unacceptable that thousands of children in Scotland are affected by domestic abuse, seriously impacting on their wellbeing, safety, health, schooling and life experience; pays tribute to those working in the field to help women and children affected by domestic abuse and those taking on the challenge of wider issues of violence against women; reaffirms its commitment to ending violence against women and recognises as part of its support for the UN 16 days of activism against gender violence, the importance of tackling not only domestic abuse, rape and sexual assault but also emerging issues such as human trafficking, and welcomes the establishment of the National Delivery Group on Children Affected by Domestic Abuse, the cross-cutting approach being taken and the involvement of children and young people.

Johann Lamont moved amendment S3M-894.1 to motion S3M-894—

After first "violence against women" insert—

"acknowledges the need to review the effect of current enforcement measures to tackle violence against women, in order to ensure that women and children receive the protection and security that they require".

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that it is unacceptable that thousands of children in Scotland are affected by domestic abuse, seriously impacting on their wellbeing, safety, health, schooling and life experience; pays tribute to those working in the field to help women and children affected by domestic abuse and those taking on the challenge of wider issues of violence against women; acknowledges the need to review the effect of current enforcement measures to tackle violence against women, in order to ensure that women and children receive the protection and security that they require; reaffirms its commitment to ending violence against women and recognises as part of its support for the UN 16 days of activism against gender violence, the importance of tackling not only domestic abuse, rape and sexual assault but also emerging issues such as human trafficking, and welcomes the establishment of the National Delivery Group on Children

Affected by Domestic Abuse, the cross-cutting approach being taken and the involvement of children and young people.

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. Bog Myrtle (Sweet Gale) Industry: The Parliament debated S3M-425 in the name of Mary Scanlon—That the Parliament recognises the potential for the bog myrtle (sweet gale) industry in the Highlands and Scotland; considers that support should be accelerated for the industry, which sees bog myrtle grow wild and be cultivated on plantations across the Highlands, and is soon to be expanded to other regions including Moray, Aberdeenshire and the Borders; notes that immediate support is necessary to establish development, planting and research study which will ensure that the industry develops quickly and that crofters, farmers and landowners involved in the production of bog myrtle see an immediate effect, and believes that support should be given to the commercial planting programme to help mitigate the risk undertaken by initial growers to establish crops in order to see the production of bog myrtle increase in the Highlands and establish the crop in other parts of Scotland in an effort to meet the anticipated global demand for this plant from the healthcare industry and drinks manufacturers and ensure that the subsequent planting by growers continues on a sustained basis.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

No. 36 Wednesday 28 November 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Father David Borland, St Andrew's and St Cuthbert's, Kirkcudbright led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-941—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 28 November 2007—

after

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Pension Benefits Statements

The motion was agreed to.

- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Pension Benefits Statements.
- **4. Equality and Diversity:** The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved S3M-928—That the Parliament is committed to securing equality of opportunity and a fairer Scotland in which diversity of need is recognised, respect for others is fostered, stereotypes and discriminatory attitudes and behaviours are challenged and people have more control over their lives and welcomes Equality and Diversity Week, the creation of the Equality and Human Rights Commission and the commitment of the Scottish Government to promoting and mainstreaming equality and to working in partnership with public bodies, the voluntary sector, business interests and communities to tackle disadvantage and the barriers to equality.

Johann Lamont moved amendment S3M-928.2 to motion S3M-928—

Insert at end—

"further recognises that equality impact assessment tools should be used in determining and assessing policy priorities and spending allocations, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a statement to the Parliament detailing how the above commitments on equality and diversity will be delivered through the Scottish budget."

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

Hugh O'Donnell moved amendment S3M-928.1 to motion S3M-928—

Insert at end-

"further welcomes the creation of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights with a remit to promote and encourage best practice in human rights including the rights of those groups whose rights are not otherwise sufficiently promoted; regrets the absence of a commitment to the mainstreaming of equality in the Scottish budget document; is concerned at the rolling up into the local government settlement of equalities funding, including the Violence Against Women Fund and the Women's Aid Fund where they will have to compete with other local government delivery priorities, and therefore believes that the Scottish Government should clarify its commitment to mainstreaming equality and how its identified equalities funding will support that objective."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 61, Abstentions 41).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is committed to securing equality of opportunity and a fairer Scotland in which diversity of need is recognised, respect for others is fostered, stereotypes and discriminatory attitudes and behaviours are challenged and people have more control over their lives and welcomes Equality and Diversity Week, the creation of the Equality and Human Rights Commission and the commitment of the Scottish Government to promoting and mainstreaming equality and to working in partnership with public bodies, the voluntary sector, business interests and communities to tackle disadvantage and the barriers to equality; further recognises that equality impact assessment tools should be used in determining and assessing policy priorities and spending allocations, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a statement to the Parliament detailing how the above commitments on equality and diversity will be delivered through the Scottish budget.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-942—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 5 December 2007

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health

followed by Ministerial Statement: Class Sizes

followed by Scottish Government Debate: National Fostering and Kinship Care

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 December 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Summary Justice Reform

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 December 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 December 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-940—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 29 February 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-938—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Budget (Scotland) Act 2007 Amendment Order 2007 be approved.

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

8. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-939—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Incidental, Supplemental and Consequential Provisions) Order 2007 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Committee Remit and Duration: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-937—That the Parliament agrees to amend the remit and duration of the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Committee as follows:

Remit: To inquire into and report with recommendations for a Committee Bill on a replacement for the Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme rules and the Grants to Members and Officeholders Order;

Duration: Until the Parliament has completed its consideration of the committee's report and any ensuing Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.
- 11. Science and the Parliament, Wednesday 28 November 2007: The Parliament debated S3M-768 in the name of Des McNulty—That the Parliament welcomes the Science and the Parliament event being held on 28 November 2007 in Our Dynamic Earth, organised once again by the Royal Society of Chemistry in association with Scotland's leading science organisations; notes that this year's theme is "The Science Behind the Energy Debate" in recognition of the important contribution that Scotland's scientific community can make to the debate on this vital policy area; further notes that Scotland is a world leader in many scientific disciplines; recognises the need to foster an environment that enhances pupil and student participation in science, to invest in the science infrastructure and equipment of our educational establishments, to increase investment in research along with supporting greater industrial research and to assist in the practical application

of our world-beating research, and hopes that this year's Science and the Parliament event will play a positive part in contributing to the debate on how the Parliament and the Scottish Government address Scotland's energy needs and obligations to tackle climate change in the years ahead.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 37 Thursday 29 November 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Tourism: The Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism (Jim Mather) moved S3M-945—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that tourism has in increasing sustainable economic growth in line with the Scottish Government's Economic Strategy; reiterates its support for the ambitions set out in the Tourism Framework for Change that tourism revenue should increase by 50% in real terms in the decade to 2015 and that Scotland should be one of Europe's most sustainable tourism destinations; recognises the appetite in the industry to improve and exceed visitor expectation, and welcomes the fact that these ambitions are shared between the public, private and third sectors.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S3M-945.2 to motion S3M-945—

After "destinations" insert—

"recognises the importance to tourism of improved access for visitors to Scotland by land, sea and air; notes with concern the Scottish Government's failure to propose an alternative to the Route Development Fund or to increase the marketing budget of VisitScotland over the next three years; believes that improved skills and training are the key to achieving higher standards".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 61, Abstentions 1).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S3M-945.3 to motion S3M-945—

Insert at end—

"further recognises the important work done by the excellent network of tourist information centres; believes that decision-making at a local level is a crucial element of an effective tourism strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to give a more detailed explanation as to how the 50% growth ambition is to be met and the role of the public, private and third sectors in doing so."

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

Liam McArthur moved amendment S3M-945.1 to motion S3M-945—

Leave out from second "recognises" to end and insert—

"believes that this objective is put at risk by the cuts to the budgets and business support activities of Highlands and Islands Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise which will reduce local decision-making and have a negative impact on the start-up and growth of tourism businesses across Scotland; notes with concern the lack of consultation over the restructuring of VisitScotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to safeguarding the budgets and autonomy of the island offices under the control of VisitOrkney, VisitShetland and VisitHebrides."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the vital role that tourism has in increasing sustainable economic growth in line with the Scottish Government's Economic Strategy; reiterates its support for the ambitions set out in the Tourism Framework for Change that tourism revenue should increase by 50% in real terms in the decade to 2015 and that Scotland should be one of Europe's most sustainable tourism destinations; recognises the appetite in the industry to improve and exceed visitor expectation; welcomes the fact that these ambitions are shared between the public, private and third sectors; further recognises the important work done by the excellent network of tourist information centres; believes that decision-making at a local level is a crucial element of an effective tourism strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to give a more detailed explanation as to how the 50% growth ambition is to be met and the role of the public, private and third sectors in doing so.

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning, Europe, and on External Affairs and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **5. St Andrew's Day:** The Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture (Linda Fabiani) moved S3M-946—That the Parliament believes in the importance of celebrating Scotland's national day; recognises the opportunity that it offers to both celebrate what it means to be Scottish in the 21st century and to promote a fair and inclusive society; notes the Scottish Government's proactive support of a programme of events throughout the country and all of Scotland's six cities; commends the work of schools and community groups across Scotland in teaching our young people about St Andrew's Day and promoting diversity through their celebrations, and furthermore thanks the St Andrew's societies, Caledonian societies, Scottish Development International, Globalscots, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and all the other overseas organisations who have planned over 100 wide-ranging celebrations in countries around the world.

Malcolm Chisholm moved amendment S3M-946.3 to motion S3M-946—

Insert at end—

"and, recognising that St Andrew's Day is the start of Scotland's Winter Festival which includes Christmas Day and New Year's Day and concludes on Burns Night, looks forward to the success of all components of the Winter Festival starting with the events

on St Andrew's Day, and in this context regrets that the Scottish Government has overturned the decision of the previous Parliament to commission a study into the impact of a ban on large retailers trading on New Year's Day."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 60, Abstentions 15).

Ted Brocklebank moved amendment S3M-946.2 to motion S3M-946—

Leave out from "to both celebrate" to end and insert—

"both to celebrate what it means to be Scottish in the 21st century and to promote a fair and inclusive society; notes the Scottish Government's proactive support of a programme of events throughout the country and all of Scotland's cities, including the cathedral city of St Andrews itself and urges it to build on St Andrew's Day as a launch-pad for a winter tourist season; commends the work of schools and community groups across Scotland in teaching our young people about St Andrew's Day and its importance in a national as well as an international context and promoting diversity through their celebrations, and furthermore thanks the St Andrew's societies, Caledonian societies, Scottish Development International, Globalscots, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and all the other overseas organisations who have planned over 100 wide-ranging celebrations in countries around the world."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 42, Abstentions 0).

lain Smith moved amendment S3M-946.1 to motion S3M-946—

Insert at end—

"but notes the failure of the SNP government to keep the SNP manifesto promise to "make St Andrew's Day a full national holiday"."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72, Against 46, Abstentions 2).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes in the importance of celebrating Scotland's national day; recognises the opportunity that it offers both to celebrate what it means to be Scottish in the 21st century and to promote a fair and inclusive society; notes the Scottish Government's proactive support of a programme of events throughout the country and all of Scotland's cities, including the cathedral city of St Andrews itself and urges it to build on St Andrew's Day as a launch-pad for a winter tourist season; commends the work of schools and community groups across Scotland in teaching our young people about St Andrew's Day and its importance in a national as well as an international context and promoting diversity through their celebrations, and furthermore thanks the St Andrew's societies, Caledonian societies, Scottish Development International, Globalscots, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and all the other overseas organisations

who have planned over 100 wide-ranging celebrations in countries around the world but notes the failure of the SNP government to keep the SNP manifesto promise to "make St Andrew's Day a full national holiday".

6. Appointment of the Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights: Pauline McNeil moved S3M-884—That the Parliament nominates Professor Alan Miller to Her Majesty The Queen for appointment as Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights.

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

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 5 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. Coalfields Regeneration Trust in Scotland: The Parliament debated S3M-524 in the name of Cathy Jamieson—That the Parliament commends the work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust in Scotland in supporting and helping to rebuild coalfield communities; notes the positive impact made by the trust throughout the former Scottish coalfields; welcomes the support that the trust has provided for community-based organisations in East Ayrshire, such as Yipworld.com, the Muirkirk Enterprise Group and the Bellsbank Women's Project, and for other projects in local authority areas throughout Scotland that provide opportunities and activities for local people, and hopes that support will continue for the work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust in helping to create healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities in Scotland's coalfield areas.
- **9. Motion without Notice:** Cathy Jamieson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.08 pm. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.08 pm.

No. 38 Wednesday 5 December 2007

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Neil Urquhart, Fullarton Church, Irvine led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Prescription Charges.
- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Class Sizes.
- 4. National Fostering and Kinship Care: The Minister for Children and Early Years (Adam Ingram) moved S3M-965—That the Parliament recognises that the needs of a child are paramount and that families should be supported to stay together; agrees that, where the child needs to live away from his or her birth parents, care within the family circle by a kinship carer should be the first option unless it is not in the best interests of the child; believes that all placements for a child who must live away from his or her birth parents must provide a safe and nurturing home, whether for a planned short-term period or on a permanent basis, and affirms its commitment to the provision of equitable and appropriate support for all carers of looked-after children, with systems in place to ensure that carers can provide the best possible opportunities and chances to all looked-after children.

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

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-980—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 6 December 2007—

after

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Summary Justice Reform

insert

followed by Scottish Government Motion: Membership of the Committee of the

Regions and the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and

Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-981—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 12 December 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Health Strategy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Benefits of Woodland and

Greenspaces

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 December 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Local Government Finance Settlement 2008-

2011

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance

Settlement 2008-2011

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 December 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 December 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Stage 3 Debate: Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S3M-977—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Inquiries and Hearings Procedure) Rules 2007 be approved;

S3M-978—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications and Objections Procedure) Rules 2007 be approved; and

S3M-979—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Consents under Enactments) Regulations 2007 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 7 as noted above.
- **9.** Lancastria: The Parliament debated S3M-786 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament notes the armistice commemorations and takes time to reflect on the remarkable sacrifice made by veterans of many countries during numerous conflicts since the First World War; notes, in particular, the loss of the troopship, Lancastria, which was sunk on 17 June 1940 with the loss of 4,000 lives, an estimated 400 of them Scots, including individuals from the South of Scotland; notes the decades of official silence surrounding this loss, the worst for British forces in the whole of the Second World War, and supports the calls from the remaining survivors and relatives of victims for official recognition of this tragedy.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 39 Thursday 6 December 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. A New Agenda for Scotland: Wendy Alexander moved S3M-976—That the Parliament, recognising mainstream public opinion in Scotland, supports the establishment of an independently chaired commission to review devolution in Scotland; encourages UK Parliamentarians and parties to support this commission also and proposes that the remit of this commission should be:

"To review the provisions of the Scotland Act 1998 in the light of experience and to recommend any changes to the present constitutional arrangements that would enable the Scottish Parliament to better serve the people of Scotland, that would improve the financial accountability of the Scottish Parliament and that would continue to secure the position of Scotland within the United Kingdom",

and further instructs the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to allocate appropriate resources and funding for this review.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) moved amendment S3M-976.2 to motion S3M-976—

Leave out from "recognising" to end and insert—

"welcomes the Scottish Government's National Conversation which has reinvigorated the debate on Scotland's constitutional future and caused the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties to seek an agreement on more responsibilities for the Scottish Parliament; congratulates those parties on their changed position; believes that independence and equality offer the best future for Scotland, and supports a referendum in this parliamentary term in which the people of Scotland have the right to choose independence, the status quo, or more responsibilities for Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 76, Abstentions 3).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 46, Abstentions 3).

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Health and Wellbeing were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Summary Justice Reform: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S3M-983—That the Parliament recognises that a summary justice system should deal with offending behaviour quickly and effectively; believes that the implementation of the provisions contained in the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 will help bring about improvement in how the summary justice system deals with offending behaviour; considers that the legal aid system should complement the reformed summary justice system and ensure that solicitors receive fair remuneration for their work in advising clients while also providing best value to taxpayers, and looks forward to the Justice Committee providing effective post-enactment scrutiny on the impact of the programme of summary justice reform.

Bill Aitken moved amendment S3M-983.1 to motion S3M-983—

After second "behaviour" insert—

"and recognises also that the success of a revised summary justice system will be dependent on fine payments being enforced and a much tighter and rigorous control of community service orders, and that in some cases custodial sentences are the only appropriate disposal".

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

Margaret Smith moved amendment S3M-983.2 to motion S3M-983—

Insert at end—

"and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the views of professionals are taken into account in the consultation on summary justice to ensure that access to justice for the weakest and most disadvantaged in society is protected."

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 that a summary justice system should deal with offending behaviour quickly and effectively; believes that the implementation of the provisions contained in the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 will help bring about improvement in how the summary justice system deals with offending behaviour; recognises also that the success of a revised summary justice system will be dependent on fine payments being enforced and a much tighter and rigorous control of community service orders, and that in some cases custodial sentences are the only appropriate disposal; considers that the legal aid system should complement the reformed summary justice system and ensure that solicitors receive fair remuneration for their work in advising clients while also providing best value to taxpayers; looks forward to the Justice Committee providing effective post-enactment scrutiny on the impact of the programme of summary justice reform; and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the views of professionals are taken into account

in the consultation on summary justice to ensure that access to justice for the weakest and most disadvantaged in society is protected.

Membership of the Committee of the Regions and the Regional 6. Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Bruce Crawford) moved S3M-982—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government's proposal to nominate as representatives of the Parliament Alex Neil MSP as full member and Malcolm Chisholm MSP as alternate member on the UK delegation to the regional chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, and Keith Brown MSP and Irene Oldfather MSP as full members and Alison McInnes MSP and Ted Brocklebank MSP as alternate members on the UK delegation to the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current session to 2010. and notes that the representation from local government to the Committee of the Regions will be Councillor Corrie McChord and Councillor Roger Knox as full members and Councillor Graham Garvie and Councillor Jim McCabe as alternate members.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 5 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. 100 Years of Scouting: The Parliament debated S3M-639 in the name of Robert Brown—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Council of the Scout Association on the centenary of the Scout Movement being celebrated throughout 2007, on the level and commitment of volunteers to the delivery of the scouting programme in all 32 local authority areas and on the contribution made by scouting to the lives of young people in Scotland and worldwide; recognises the contribution of scouting to non-formal and outdoor education and applauds the commitment to engaging young people in decision-making through its Voice for Young People initiative and the participation of 120 young people in its recent annual conference; notes that the 1st Glasgow Scout Troop was the first officially recognised Scout group in the world; notes also the achievement of Carrie Gibson, a Scout leader from Greenock, on being the first person ever to have scaled Mount Everest through scouting as part of the Scottish Scouts 7 Summits Expedition; welcomes the work put into the £2 million centenary 7 on Appeal to help put scouting on a solid footing for the next centenary; is concerned at the difficulties that the major vouth organisations have in accessing capital development funding; applauds the increase in membership across all sections of the Scouts in Scotland, and believes that scouting continues to make a major contribution to the development of citizenship and leadership and to life-enhancing opportunities for young people in Scotland and across the world.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

No. 40 Wednesday 12 December 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Jack Glenny, Greenock and Paisley Presbytery led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government's Health Strategy.
- 3. The Benefits of Woodland and Greenspaces: The Minister for Environment (Michael Russell) moved S3M-1008—That the Parliament recognises the value of the physical environment in promoting health and wellbeing; recognises the role that woodland and other greenspace plays in this through increased opportunities for physical activity, relaxation and social interaction in people's everyday lives, and calls on the environmental and health sectors to work together to further develop the contribution of woodland and other greenspace to Scotland's health.

Des McNulty moved amendment S3M-1008.3 to motion S3M-1008—

After "lives" insert—

"notes the significant revisions to SPP 11: Open Space and Physical Activity between the draft consultation and the published document, including the omission of statutory consultation on non-sporting green spaces and proposed minimum standards of open space within developments, and believes that the Scottish Executive should consult further on these significant changes to planning policy,".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

Nanette Milne moved amendment S3M-1008.2 to motion S3M-1008—

After "lives" insert—

"further recognises the economic significance of woodlands and the need to support the development and expansion of Scotland's commercial forestry sector".

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

Jim Hume moved amendment S3M-1008.4 to motion S3M-1008—

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

"believes that the voluntary and public sectors can work proactively to promote the use of existing woodland and other greenspace, particularly by young people, through such activities as nature kindergartens, outdoor education centres and footpath networks; recognises the importance of local authorities developing core path plans in improving public access to greenspace; further recognises the need to work with land managers

to increase access to land through management contract incentives; therefore calls on the Scottish Government to commit to long-term funding to sustain better access for everyone to urban and rural woodland and greenspace through management contract incentives; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that local authorities create better public access to their area by developing and implementing core path plans, and calls on the environmental and health sectors to work together to further develop the contribution of woodland and other greenspace to Scotland's health."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 62, Abstentions 2).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the value of the physical environment in promoting health and wellbeing; recognises the role that woodland and other greenspace plays in this through increased opportunities for physical activity, relaxation and social interaction in people's everyday lives; further recognises the economic significance of woodlands and the need to support the development and expansion of Scotland's commercial forestry sector, and calls on the environmental and health sectors to work together to further develop the contribution of woodland and other greenspace to Scotland's health.

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1014—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 19 December 2007

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: EU Reform Treaty

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 December 2007

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Climate Change Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 January 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 January 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

- **5. Approval of SSI:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1015—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Scottish Police Services Authority (Police Support Services) (Modification) Order 2007 be approved.
- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 5 as noted above.
- 7. Air Ambulance Service in Orkney: The Parliament debated S3M-331 in the name of Liam McArthur—That the Parliament notes the continuing

concerns felt in Orkney about the provision of air ambulance cover in the islands, the validity of which were demonstrated by the recent failure of the Scottish Ambulance Service helicopter to evacuate a patient from Papa Westray because of the weather conditions, with the patient only being evacuated thanks to the co-operation of the pilot of a Loganair BN Islander who was able to use his local experience of the weather to make use of a short weather window to reach the island; further notes that this would not have been possible had the evacuation been needed outside Loganair's operational hours; believes that an independent review of the provision of air ambulance cover in Orkney is urgently needed, and further believes that the outcome of such a review would be the recognition of the need to provide a Kirkwall-based BN Islander air ambulance to provide a back up to the main Scottish Ambulance Service aircraft.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 41 Thursday 13 December 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Sport and Young People: Ross Finnie moved S3M-1018—That the Parliament rejects the case for the abolition of sportscotland; notes the importance of grass-roots sport and the opportunities that currently exist to increase sporting participation and enhance sporting performance, particularly among young people, in Scotland as we look forward to the London Olympics of 2012 and the Glasgow Commonwealth Games of 2014; recognises that sportscotland has established itself as an effective arms-length body for distributing both Treasury and lottery funding as well as successfully performing important co-ordinating and strategic functions in the development of integrated sporting performance pathways, and therefore calls for sportscotland to be retained.

The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved amendment S3M-1018.2 to motion S3M-1018—

Leave out from "rejects" to end and insert—

"notes that sportscotland is under review as part of a wider review of the public sector delivery landscape; welcomes the intention to remove any duplication or unnecessary bureaucracy; believes that there should be a parliamentary debate on this matter following the outcome of the review; recognises the important role that sportscotland has played as an effective arms-length body for distributing both Treasury and lottery funding, as well as successfully performing important co-ordinating and strategic functions in the development of integrated sporting performance pathways; further notes the importance of grassroots sport and the opportunities that currently exist to increase participation and enhance sporting performance, in particular those presented by the London Olympics in 2012 and the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014, and in this context believes that it is opportune to consider the effectiveness of current structures to ensure that they best meet the needs of Scottish sport."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 79, Abstentions 0).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S3M-1018.1 to motion S3M-1018—

After first "sportscotland" insert—

"without prejudice to any proposals which may improve the performance of that body".

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament rejects the case for the abolition of sportscotland without prejudice to any proposals which may improve the performance of that body; notes the importance of grass-roots

sport and the opportunities that currently exist to increase sporting participation and enhance sporting performance, particularly among young people, in Scotland as we look forward to the London Olympics of 2012 and the Glasgow Commonwealth Games of 2014; recognises that sportscotland has established itself as an effective arms-length body for distributing both Treasury and lottery funding as well as successfully performing important coordinating and strategic functions in the development of integrated sporting performance pathways, and therefore calls for sportscotland to be retained.

2. Civil Liberties: Margaret Smith moved S3M-1017—That the Parliament believes that the fundamental liberties enjoyed by generations of our citizens must not be eroded; welcomes the commitment by the previous Scottish Executive that ID cards would not be needed to access devolved services and its proportionate position on DNA retention; is concerned at the threat to civil liberties from the UK Government's expensive and unworkable proposal to introduce compulsory ID cards; believes that the Scottish Government should not put citizens' privacy at risk by allowing the UK ID database to access personal information held by the Scottish Government, local authorities or other devolved public agencies; therefore calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that all data protection procedures are secure and that audit of data under its jurisdiction is independent of government and accountable to the Parliament, and takes the view that there should be no blanket retention of DNA samples and that the Assistant Information Commissioner for Scotland should have specific powers to carry out spot checks on the compliance by Scottish government agencies and bodies with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Bill Aitken moved amendment S3M-1017.1 to motion S3M-1017—

Insert at end—

"and believes that the money proposed to be spent on ID cards should be used for more worthwhile projects, such as a dedicated UK border police force, more prison places or on increasing the number of drug rehabilitation places."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 18, Abstentions 91).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S3M-1017.2 to motion S3M-1017—

Leave out from "are secure" to "accountable to the Parliament" and insert—

"comply with the principles of data protection, namely that personal information must be fairly and lawfully processed, processed for limited purposes, adequate, relevant and not excessive, accurate and up to date, not kept for longer than necessary, processed in line with individuals' rights, secure and not transmitted to other countries without adequate protection, and that audit of data under its jurisdiction is independent of government and accountable to the Parliament; further calls on the Scottish Government to review plans for Scottish Citizens Accounts on the basis of these principles".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 16, Abstentions 42).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 1, Abstentions 60).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the fundamental liberties enjoyed by generations of our citizens must not be eroded; welcomes the commitment by the previous Scottish Executive that ID cards would not be needed to access devolved services and its proportionate position on DNA retention; is concerned at the threat to civil liberties from the UK Government's expensive and unworkable proposal to introduce compulsory ID cards; believes that the Scottish Government should not put citizens' privacy at risk by allowing the UK ID database to access personal information held by the Scottish Government, local authorities or other devolved public agencies; therefore calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that all data protection procedures comply with the principles of data protection, namely that personal information must be fairly and lawfully processed, processed for limited purposes, adequate, relevant and not excessive, accurate and up to date, not kept for longer than necessary, processed in line with individuals' rights, secure and not transmitted to other countries without adequate protection, and that audit of data under its jurisdiction is independent of government and accountable to the Parliament; further calls on the Scottish Government to review plans for Scottish Citizens Accounts on the basis of these principles, and takes the view that there should be no blanket retention of DNA samples and that the Assistant Information Commissioner for Scotland should have specific powers to carry out spot checks on the compliance by Scottish government agencies and bodies with the Data Protection Act 1998.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Rural Affairs and the Environment, and Justice and Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- **6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Local Government Finance Settlement 2008-2011.
- 7. Local Government Finance Settlement 2008-2011: The Parliament debated the Local Government Finance Settlement 2008-2011.
- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 2 as noted above.
- **9. Standing United with Glasgow's Pakistani Community:** The Parliament debated S3M-868 in the name of Bashir Ahmad—That the Parliament is united with members of the Glasgow Pakistani community who

protested outside the Pakistan Vice-Consulate's office in Glasgow in November 2007; shares their concerns over the emergency rule imposed by General Musharraf in Pakistan; joins in their calls demanding that the rule of law is adhered to, the judiciary is reinstated and free and fair elections are held as scheduled in January 2008, and considers that representations should be made to Westminster on their behalf and that appropriate pressure be applied to General Musharraf to comply with the democratic wishes of the Pakistani community.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

No. 42 Wednesday 19 December 2007

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Kathy Galloway, the Iona Community led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1063—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 19 December 2007—

after

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transport

The motion was agreed to.

- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Transport.
- **4. EU Reform Treaty:** The Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture (Linda Fabiani) moved S3M-1053—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government should hold a referendum on the EU Reform Treaty.

Malcolm Chisholm moved amendment S3M-1053.1 to motion S3M-1053—

Leave out from "the UK Government" to end and insert—

"membership of the European Union has been hugely positive for Scotland and Britain, delivering more jobs, a single market, freedom to work and live abroad, environmental protection, security and an enhanced place for Scotland and Britain in the world; believes that the European Union needs to become more efficient, more effective and more accountable and welcomes the signing of the European Reform Treaty as a significant step towards tackling these concerns, and believes that the treaty will allow the European Union to move on from debates about institutions to concentrating on the fundamental challenges of climate change, globalisation, terrorism and international development."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 64, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 17, Abstentions 45).

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1061—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 5.6.1(c) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of Members' Business on Thursday 20 December 2007.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1060—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 20 December—

after

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

delete

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Climate Change Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S3M-953 Bill Butler:

Support Project Scotland

and insert

followed by Members' Business – debate on the subject of S3M-953 Bill Butler:

Support Project Scotland

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Climate Change Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1059—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 9 January 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Serious Organised Crime

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Health and Social Care Bill - UK

Legislation

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 January 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Gould Report

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 January 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 January 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

9. Support for Border News: The Parliament debated S3M-464 in the name of John Lamont—That the Parliament considers that moves by ITV to merge some of its smaller regional news services should be opposed; believes that these proposals pose a significant threat to the future of Border television and would be damaging to regional news in the region; considers that a merger of Border television news with STV news services would also be a bad move for television in Scotland and would provide a downgraded service for the customer, and believes that local and regional television services provide a valuable role in an increasingly centralised market.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

No. 43 Thursday 20 December 2007

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Fiona Hyslop) moved S3M-964—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill.

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-964.1 to motion S3M-964—

Insert at end-

"and, in so doing, calls for a statutory duty on Scottish Ministers to provide student support and provision made thereunder to be improved for existing and future students and further calls for more research into the barriers to accessing further and higher education to be undertaken."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 16, Abstentions 45).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill and, in so doing, calls for a statutory duty on Scottish Ministers to provide student support and provision made thereunder to be improved for existing and future students and further calls for more research into the barriers to accessing further and higher education to be undertaken.

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- 4. Support Project Scotland: The Parliament debated S3M-953 in the name of Bill Butler—That the Parliament expresses its dismay at the decision of the Scottish Government to withdraw funding from Project Scotland, the ground-breaking volunteering project, which since its inception has secured well over 1,000 placements for young people throughout Scotland; recognises the very real and tangible benefits both to local communities and organisations, such as the Temple Shafton Youth Project in Glasgow, which have participated in the scheme and wholeheartedly applauds the effort and commitment of the volunteers involved; acknowledges that participants have been able to discover and develop new skills during their time with Project Scotland; notes the cross-party support for motion S3M-695 in the name of Sandra White, which acknowledged the positive role played by Project Scotland in helping "those previously excluded from participating fully in

society to realise their true potential and aspirations", and believes that the decision should be reversed and support given to a project which, through the sterling efforts of volunteers, has made a significant contribution to a more inclusive and co-operative Scotland.

- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Sustainable Growth Officers were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- **6. Abolition of Bridge Toll (Scotland) Bill:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1058—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Abolition of Bridge Tolls (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:

Group 1: 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 2 was agreed to without division.

Amendment 1 was agreed to (by division: For 106, Against 2, Abstentions 16).

8. Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved S3M-992—That the Parliament agrees that the Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 122, Against 3, Abstentions 1).

9. Climate Change Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved S3M-1023—That the Parliament endorses the principle of introducing for the United Kingdom as a whole statutory targets and a related framework for action to mitigate climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions as set out in the Climate Change Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 14 November 2007, and agrees that the provisions in the Bill which fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

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

The meeting closed at 4.34 pm.

No. 44 Wednesday 9 January 2008

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Albert Bogle, St Andrew's Parish, Bo'Ness, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) made a statement and answered questions on sportscotland.
- Serious Organised Crime: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny 3. MacAskill) moved S3M-1101—That the Parliament recognises that serious organised crime is a major problem that has a devastating impact on communities and businesses in Scotland; believes that tackling this menace should be a key priority for a safer and stronger Scotland; supports the Scottish police service and UK and European law enforcement agencies in ramping up their efforts to disrupt and destroy the criminal networks which inflict misery on law-abiding citizens; commends the agencies responsible for recovering over £17 million worth of assets using the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; supports the view that serious organised crime cannot be seen to pay and supports further measures to ensure that criminals are stripped of the profits made from the misery they cause in order to reinvest in the youth of Scotland and communities, and supports the role of the newly established Serious Organised Crime Taskforce in spearheading a renewed drive and commitment to address this type of crime.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S3M-1101.1 to motion S3M-1101—

Insert at end—

"and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the necessary resources are in place to effectively implement the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002."

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

Margaret Smith moved amendment S3M-1101.2 to motion S3M-1101—

Insert at end—

"but regrets the Scottish Government's continued failure to implement the SNP's election promise of 1,000 extra police officers, which would contribute to the fight against serious crime."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72, Against 48, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that serious organised crime is a major problem that has a devastating impact on communities and businesses in Scotland; believes that tackling this menace should be a key priority for a safer and stronger Scotland; supports the Scottish police service and UK and European law enforcement agencies in ramping up their efforts to disrupt and destroy the criminal networks which inflict misery on law-abiding citizens; commends the agencies responsible for recovering over £17 million worth of assets using the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; supports the view that serious organised crime cannot be seen to pay and supports further measures to ensure that criminals are stripped of the profits made from the misery they cause in order to reinvest in the youth of Scotland and communities, and supports the role of the newly established Serious Organised Crime Taskforce in spearheading a renewed drive and commitment to address this type of crime; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the necessary resources are in place to effectively implement the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, but regrets the Scottish Government's continued failure to implement the SNP's election promise of 1,000 extra police officers, which would contribute to the fight against serious crime.

4. Health and Social Care Bill - UK Legislation: Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S3M-1044—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the UK Health and Social Care Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 November 2007, which legislate in devolved areas in respect of provisions relating to the regulation of the healthcare professions should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1109—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 5.6.1(c) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of Members' Business on Wednesday 23 January 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1108—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 16 January 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Fisheries

followed by Scottish Government Debate: OECD Report into Scottish

Education: the Quality and Equity of Schooling in Scotland

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 January 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Energy

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Justice

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Dormant Bank and Building Society

Accounts Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 January 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 24 January 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Justice and Law Officers;

Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1107—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 1 February 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.
- Government Powers to Ensure Terrestrial Broadcast of Sport: The Parliament debated S3M-858 in the name of Keith Brown-That the Parliament expresses displeasure about the ongoing lack of access for viewers in Ochil and across Scotland to the fixtures of the Scotland men's football team on terrestrial television, in particular the Scotland v Italy fixture scheduled for 17 November 2007; criticises the BBC for again scheduling in all parts of the United Kingdom the live England match on 21 November instead; notes that within the framework of the EU broadcasting directive (89/552/EC) the UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport designates sporting events into three categories, corresponding to those which must be broadcast on terrestrial television (A), those for which highlights must be broadcast on terrestrial television (B) and the remainder for which no such requirements exist; further notes that the FIFA World Cup finals and UEFA European Championship finals come under category A while the qualifying matches for these tournaments do not even come under category B; observes that other countries such as Germany require that all national men's football team matches be made available under corresponding regulations; believes that all competitive participation in international men's football by Scotland should be made available to terrestrial broadcasters under these regulations. and considers that powers over broadcasting should be transferred to the Scottish Parliament so that the Scottish Government can take such action.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

No. 45 Thursday 10 January 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Spending Review 2007: Iain Gray moved S3M-1105—That the Parliament regrets the difficulties faced by subject committees in scrutinising the Spending Review 2007 due to the failure of the Scottish Government to provide figures to the level of detail established in previous budget consideration; notes the widely expressed concerns that provision in some areas is inadequate or rendered vulnerable through immediate removal of ring-fencing, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the Parliament's committees in their detailed consideration of these areas and, as a starting point, amend its spending review proposals to boost economic growth and protect the most vulnerable in our society.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved amendment S3M-1105.2 to motion S3M-1105—

Leave out from "regrets" to end and insert—

"looks forward to the replacement of significant amounts of ring-fencing by single outcome agreements with local authorities that will support the achievement of national outcomes set out in the spending review; recognises that the effectiveness of the national outcomes and the removal of ring-fencing will require to be monitored, and looks forward to the continuation of full scrutiny of the Scottish Government's budget in the Finance Committee and the Parliament as part of the budget process."

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S3M-1105.2.1 to amendment S3M-1105.2—

Insert at end—

"notes the decision of the Parliament on 8 November 2007 in relation to a review of the budget process for future years, and calls on all interested parties to participate fully in that review when it commences."

Tavish Scott moved amendment S3M-1105.3 to motion S3M-1105—

Leave out from "regrets" to end and insert—

"recognises that no party holds a parliamentary majority and believes therefore that the 2007 Spending Review was an opportunity to create a budget of the whole Parliament; regrets the SNP Government's failure to match its rhetoric on consensus with action in this Parliament; believes that the budget document is the most opaque seen under devolution and fails to provide an appropriate level of detail and transparency; regrets the Government's failure to detail how it intends to achieve the proposed £1.6 billion of efficiency savings; notes the concerns across the public sector at delays to infrastructure investment caused by uncertainty over the future of PPP; believes that urgent reform of the budget process is required to increase the opportunities for parliamentary committees to take evidence on alternative spending proposals and consider government spending plans in more detail; welcomes the resolution of the Parliament to establish a review of the budget process, and calls for this review to

commence as a matter of urgency, involve wider civic Scotland, consider the timescale, content and nature of the budget process and report to the Parliament at the earliest possible opportunity in order that its recommendations can be implemented in time for the 2009-10 budget."

Amendment S3M-1105.2.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S3M-1105.2, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 60, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S3M-1105.3 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 61, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament looks forward to the replacement of significant amounts of ring-fencing by single outcome agreements with local authorities that will support the achievement of national outcomes set out in the spending review; recognises that the effectiveness of the national outcomes and the removal of ring-fencing will require to be monitored; looks forward to the continuation of full scrutiny of the Scottish Government's budget in the Finance Committee and the Parliament as part of the budget process; notes the decision of the Parliament on 8 November 2007 in relation to a review of the budget process for future years, and calls on all interested parties to participate fully in that review when it commences.

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning, and on Europe, External Affairs and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **5. Gould Report:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Bruce Crawford) moved S3M-1110—That the Parliament welcomes the Gould report, including the recommendation calling for the further devolution of executive and legislative powers to the Scottish Government and the Parliament for the conduct of its own elections, and calls on Her Majesty's Government and the Scottish Government to discuss, agree and publish a timetable for appropriate implementation of the report's recommendations.

Andy Kerr moved amendment S3M-1110.3 to motion S3M-1110—

Leave out from "conduct" to end and insert—

"administration of its own elections; calls on Her Majesty's Government and the Scottish Government to discuss, agree and publish a timetable for appropriate implementation of the report's recommendations having regard to the conclusions from

both the Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee and the House of Commons' Scottish Affairs Select Committee, and believes that the proposed Scottish Constitutional Commission should consider the full legislative framework for Scottish Parliament elections."

Annabel Goldie moved amendment S3M-1110.3.1 to amendment S3M-1110.3—

After "its own elections" insert—

"and the decoupling of future elections to this Parliament and Scotland's councils".

lain Smith moved amendment S3M-1110.2 to motion S3M-1110—

Insert at end—

"but believes that changes in the powers of the Parliament should be for a purpose and notes that a single transferable vote (STV) system offers the most effective way of electing parliaments, giving voters more choice than any other system, wasting fewer votes and increasing accountability; further notes the successful use of STV for the local government elections in 2007, and therefore believes that the 2011 Scottish Parliament elections should be conducted using STV."

After debate, amendment S3M-1110.3.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S3M-1110.3, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 16, Abstentions 2).

Amendment S3M-1110.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 59, Abstentions 48).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Gould report, including the recommendation calling for the further devolution of executive and legislative powers to the Scottish Government and the Parliament for the administration of its own elections and the decoupling of future elections to this Parliament and Scotland's councils; calls on Her Majesty's Government and the Scottish Government to discuss, agree and publish a timetable for appropriate implementation of the report's recommendations having regard to the conclusions from both the Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee and the House of Commons' Scottish Affairs Select Committee, and believes that the proposed Scottish Constitutional Commission should consider the full legislative framework for Scottish Parliament elections.

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

7. The St Margaret of Scotland Hospice: The Parliament debated S3M-711 in the name of Des McNulty—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding care provided for terminally ill and frail elderly patients by the St Margaret of Scotland Hospice in the 57 years since its foundation; notes with concern the uncertainty faced by Scotland's largest hospice as a result of proposals to remove places for the care of frail elderly people with complex needs, and believes that NHS Greater Glasgow and Scottish ministers should be made aware of the very strong support that exists for St Margaret's in Clydebank and throughout the west of Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

No. 46 Wednesday 16 January 2008

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Canon Andrew Mann, St Columba's Catholic Church, Banchory led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on Fisheries.
- 3. OECD Report into Scottish Education: the Quality and Equity of Schooling in Scotland: The Minister for Schools and Skills (Maureen Watt) moved S3M-1131—That the Parliament welcomes the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Reviews of Policies for National Education: Quality and Equity of Schooling in Scotland and its findings; notes the many positive aspects of our school education system highlighted by the OECD, and agrees that this report is an invaluable international evidence base on which to debate and develop Scotland's educational policies for the future, recognising the significant challenges identified by the OECD.

Rhona Brankin moved amendment S3M-1131.2 to motion S3M-1131—

Insert at end-

"recognises the challenge in closing the gap in achievement associated with poverty and deprivation and the need for improved vocational education and high quality training; calls on the Scottish Government to take leadership and place an emphasis on literacy and numeracy, devolve power further to head teachers, develop leadership in schools and further develop vocational studies linked to high quality training, and regrets that this government has failed to address these priorities and has failed to deliver on key pledges made in the SNP manifesto."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 47, Abstentions 19).

Elizabeth Smith moved amendment S3M-1131.1 to motion S3M-1131—

Insert at end—

"further notes that the report's key challenge to Scottish schools is to make them work consistently well and equitably and that this outcome is dependent upon greater autonomy within school management, much greater emphasis within the curriculum on basic skills in English and mathematics and greater opportunities for pupils to follow vocational opportunities."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 46, Abstentions 18).

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-1131.3 to motion S3M-1131—

Insert at end—

"welcomes the recognition of the success of educational innovations and developments in Scotland since 1999, and believes that the OECD recommendations for further development of the vocational provision of education, for the development of further leadership in school head teams and for a greater emphasis on transition into primary and between primary and secondary education, with greater devolved but more transparent funding to deliver them, should be the priorities of the Scotlish Government in improving even further Scotland's strong internationally renowned education system."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 106, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 46, Abstentions 16).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Reviews of Policies for National Education: Quality and Equity of Schooling in Scotland and its findings; notes the many positive aspects of our school education system highlighted by the OECD; agrees that this report is an invaluable international evidence base on which to debate and develop Scotland's educational policies for the future, recognising the significant challenges identified by the OECD; recognises the challenge in closing the gap in achievement associated with poverty and deprivation and the need for improved vocational education and high quality training; calls on the Scottish Government to take leadership and place an emphasis on literacy and numeracy, devolve power further to head teachers, develop leadership in schools and further develop vocational studies linked to high quality training, and regrets that this government has failed to address these priorities and has failed to deliver on key pledges made in the SNP manifesto; further notes that the report's key challenge to Scottish schools is to make them work consistently well and equitably and that this outcome is dependent upon greater autonomy within school management, much greater emphasis within the curriculum on basic skills in English and mathematics and greater opportunities for pupils to follow vocational opportunities; welcomes the recognition of the success of educational innovations and developments in Scotland since 1999, and believes that the OECD recommendations for further development of the vocational provision of education, for the development of further leadership in school head teams and for a greater emphasis on transition into primary and between primary and secondary education, with greater devolved but more transparent funding to deliver them, should be the priorities of the Scottish Government in improving even further Scotland's strong internationally renowned education system.

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1143—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 23 January 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 24 January 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Health Improvement

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Justice and Law Officers;

Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Waste

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Report

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Reappointment of

the Scottish Information Commissioner

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 January 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 31 January 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. Young People in the Workplace: The Parliament debated S3M-1074 in the name of Cathy Peattie—That the Parliament notes that young people are making a significant contribution to economic development and social progress in Scotland; notes that younger people often experience poorer job security, pay and conditions of employment and are significantly more likely to be injured in the workplace than older workers; recognises that trade unions play a vital role in protecting and training young people, contributing to a safer working environment in all workplaces and promoting and supporting the learning and skills development of young people; recognises the important role of trade union bargaining on issues such as apprenticeship schemes and workforce training, for example at Ineos in Grangemouth where, as part of the wage deal, apprentices are guaranteed employment on completion of their apprenticeships, and commends all those involved in the Unions into Schools Project, funded by the previous Scottish Executive and now the Scottish Government, which works in schools to ensure an understanding of the contribution made by trade unions.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

No. 47 Thursday 17 January 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

Energy: The Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism (Jim Mather) moved S3M-1152—That the Parliament notes the Energy Bill introduced by the UK Government; welcomes the Bill's provisions in relation to promotion of renewable energy which will allow the Scottish Parliament to determine levels of support for emerging technologies; recognises the potential of carbon capture and storage for reducing carbon emissions and supports further dialogue with the UK Government on exercise of powers in relation to regulation of carbon storage; welcomes the Scottish Government's position that new nuclear power stations are not necessary to meet renewable electricity targets or carbon emissions targets and are not wanted in Scotland; welcomes the UK Government's recognition that the Bill's provisions on nuclear decommissioning should not extend to Scotland, and believes that Scotland can have a secure, low-carbon, non-nuclear energy future through a combination of a growing renewables sector exploiting a range of technologies, including marine energy, cleaner energy from fossil fuels, improved energy efficiency resulting from better insulated buildings and increased awareness of the benefits that accrue from behavioural change and demand reduction.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S3M-1152.2 to motion S3M-1152—

Leave out from "notes" to end and insert—

"supports the further development of a Scottish energy strategy, in partnership with the UK Government, which delivers a mixed energy supply and a focus on energy efficiency to meet our energy needs, secure sustainable economic growth and tackle climate change; believes that the Scottish Government should work towards more ambitious targets for generating electricity from renewable technologies; believes that Scotland needs the full range of renewables to be developed including biomass, marine and local combined heat and power technologies; believes that the investment in the grid and the costs of transmitting electricity should continue to be shared by consumers across Great Britain; believes that, while there are ongoing concerns about different sources of energy generation, we should not rule out any single energy source, as doing so may risk both the security of our electricity supply and thousands of jobs across Scotland, and calls on Scottish ministers to work in partnership with UK ministers on addressing our future energy needs."

Gavin Brown moved amendment S3M-1152.2.1 to amendment S3M-1152.2—

Insert at end-

"calls for more emphasis to be placed on decentralised energy, promoting microgeneration and small providers to give communities greater control of their energy production and increased energy efficiency."

Liam McArthur moved amendment S3M-1152.1 to motion S3M-1152—

After "fossil fuels" insert—

"microgeneration and biomass; acknowledges the important role of the enterprise networks in helping to achieve this and the need for renewables to remain a priority for a well-resourced Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, and further recognises the central importance of".

Amendment S3M-1152.2.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 62, Abstentions 3).

Amendment S3M-1152.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 64, Abstentions 1).

Amendment S3M-1152.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 15, Abstentions 45).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 58, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Energy Bill introduced by the UK Government; welcomes the Bill's provisions in relation to promotion of renewable energy which will allow the Scottish Parliament to determine levels of support for emerging technologies; recognises the potential of carbon capture and storage for reducing carbon emissions and supports further dialogue with the UK Government on exercise of powers in relation to regulation of carbon storage; welcomes the Scottish Government's position that new nuclear power stations are not necessary to meet renewable electricity targets or carbon emissions targets and are not wanted in Scotland; welcomes the UK Government's recognition that the Bill's provisions on nuclear decommissioning should not extend to Scotland, and believes that Scotland can have a secure, low-carbon, non-nuclear energy future through a combination of a growing renewables sector exploiting a range of technologies, including marine energy, cleaner energy from fossil fuels, microgeneration and biomass; acknowledges the important role of the enterprise networks in helping to achieve this and the need for renewables to remain a priority for a well-resourced Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, and further recognises the central importance of improved energy efficiency resulting from better insulated buildings and increased awareness of the benefits that accrue from behavioural change and demand reduction.

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Health and Wellbeing were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Firearms: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S3M-1153—That the Parliament recognises the increasing public concern about gun crime; agrees that action is required to give better protection to our communities by effectively banning the ownership and use of all firearms and air weapons other than for recognised and legitimate occupational and sporting interests, and supports the Scottish Government's intention to engage with the wide range of interests, including the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS), sporting bodies and gun lobbies, in reenergising the United Kingdom debate started in 2004, but not progressed, on reform of the existing firearms regime into a system that is simpler to understand, administer and enforce and places prime importance on public safety.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S3M-1153.2 to motion S3M-1153—

Leave out from "gun crime" to end and insert—

"the unacceptable incidence of gun crime and in particular the illegal misuse of air weapons across Scotland; welcomes the actions of the previous Scottish Executive, working with the UK Home Office, to restrict the sale of airguns and increase the age at which an airgun can be obtained; notes that there is a case for reviewing the effect of these provisions with a view to implementing further restrictions on the ownership of airguns other than for recognised and legitimate occupational and sporting interests; but further believes that improved firearm legislation would be best obtained by retaining consistency across all parts of the United Kingdom, and therefore calls on Scottish ministers to engage constructively with the UK Government to better control and reduce serious and violent crime in Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Bill Aitken moved amendment S3M-1153.1 to motion S3M-1153—

Leave out from "action" to end and insert—

"laws regarding firearms control should be regularly reviewed but notes that firearms legislation is reserved to Westminster; notes also with regret that the great majority of weapons used in gun crime are held illegally in breach of the existing law; acknowledges that the most effective way of making Scotland's communities safer is more effective enforcement of the existing law, and calls on the Scottish Government to support an increase in police resources to improve enforcement of current firearms legislation."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 49, Abstentions 44).

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 73, Abstentions 0).

6. Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill - UK Legislation: Jim Mather S3M-1087—That the Parliament supports the principle of clauses in the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill, introduced in the

House of Lords on 7 November 2007, providing for the collection and distribution of sums released from dormant bank and building society accounts for social and environmental purposes, and agrees that the provisions in the Bill that relate to the distribution of such sums in Scotland should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Jeremy Purvis amendment S3M-1087.1 to motion S3M-1087— Insert at end—

"and, in so doing, calls on ministers to return to the Parliament following Royal Assent to the Bill and make a statement that the funds to be distributed in Scotland will be diverted towards youth services and facilities for all parts of Scotland."

The Presiding Officer informed the Parliament that the motion had been withdrawn under rule 8.2.9. Accordingly, the amendment in the name of Jeremy Purvis fell.

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

Defence Aviation Repair Agency Almondbank - No To Privatisation: The Parliament debated S3M-969 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham— That the Parliament respects the important role played by the DARA rotary wing and components business at Almondbank near Perth which provides indepth maintenance, repair and overhaul of components for the UK's military helicopter fleet; applauds the management and workforce at DARA for creating what has become a world-class centre of excellence; recognises the important role played by helicopters at the front line of modern conflicts; notes that an announcement is expected in Westminster on 15 December 2007 on the future of DARA; regrets that, far from protecting the critical work that DARA does to keep its helicopters flying, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) seems set to sell the organisation to the private sector with the sole bidder being the small Canadian company, Vector Aerospace, in a decision which would mean the permanent loss of helicopter support to the MoD and would be effectively exporting the intellectual property and design skills required to maintain operational sovereignty; welcomes the proposals submitted by the joint trade unions which, through measures such as mobile repair teams, integrating service personnel into the business, funding for capability rather than fixed pricing and directing MoD work into the business, would ensure the long-term viability and success of the business inside the MoD; notes that Baroness Taylor of Bolton is the minister responsible for the decision, and believes that support should be given to the unions' proposals which will protect jobs, technologies and armed forces personnel.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

No. 48 Wednesday 23 January 2008

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Margaret Peacock, Religious Society of Friends led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Budget (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S3M-1176—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) Bill.

Andrew Welsh moved amendment S3M-1176.1 to motion S3M-1176—

Insert at end—

"but, in so doing, recommends that the Scottish Government (a) brings forward proposals setting out how, over the period covered by the spending review, the level of police recruitment can be increased beyond that currently planned and (b) considers whether there is scope to increase the business rate reductions applying in 2008-09 beyond those stated in the Spending Review as the first stage of the acceleration of the reductions, setting out what changes will be required to the 2008-09 Budget as a result."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 1, Abstentions 62).

lain Gray moved amendment S3M-1176.2 to motion S3M-1176—

Insert at end—

"and, in so doing, calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward proposals setting out how, over the spending review period: funding can be provided to increase the modern apprenticeship programme by 15,000 places per year; vocational training opportunities can be provided as an option for secondary school pupils throughout Scotland; new direct air services from Scotland can be supported through replacement of the existing route development fund with a scheme which complies with European competition law; additional funding for universities can be provided through end-year flexibility or otherwise; the level of police establishment will be increased to 17,261; vulnerable two-year-olds can be provided with nursery education, and services for disabled children, the homeless, victims of domestic abuse and those suffering from mental health problems can be expanded beyond existing levels in every part of Scotland, setting out what changes will be required to the 2008-09 Budget as a result of these proposals."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S	S3M-1176.3	to motion	S3M-1176—
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Insert at end-

"but, in so doing, believes that this is a budget of SNP broken promises; believes that the budget document is the most opaque seen since devolution; regrets the failure of the SNP government to provide adequate information on its detailed spending proposals, efficiency savings programme and alternatives to PPP; is further concerned that the budget choices made by the SNP government will lead to cuts in vital public services across Scotland, and therefore calls on the SNP government to address these issues as a matter of urgency."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 62, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) Bill but, in so doing, recommends that the Scotlish Government (a) brings forward proposals setting out how, over the period covered by the spending review, the level of police recruitment can be increased beyond that currently planned and (b) considers whether there is scope to increase the business rate reductions applying in 2008-09 beyond those stated in the Spending Review as the first stage of the acceleration of the reductions, setting out what changes will be required to the 2008-09 Budget as a result.

3. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1197—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 24 January 2008—

after

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Dormant Bank and Building Society

Accounts Bill – UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1198—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 30 January 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering More Effective Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Importance of Scottish History in the

School Curriculum

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill –

UK Legislation

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 31 January 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Poverty

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 February 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 February 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Europe, External Affairs and Culture;

Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1199—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act 2005 (Modification) Order 2008 be approved.

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

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

No. 49 Thursday 24 January 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism (Jim Mather) moved S3M-1200—That the Parliament supports the principle of clauses in the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 7 November 2007, providing for the collection and distribution of sums released from dormant bank and building society accounts for social and environmental purposes, and agrees that the provisions in the Bill that relate to the distribution of such sums in Scotland should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-1200.1.1 to amendment S3M-1200.1—

After "young people;" insert—

"believes that ministers should make a clear statement of intent as part of the consultation exercise that funding for children and young people's services is a priority, as was the case in the consultation launched by the UK Government".

lain Gray moved amendment S3M-1200.1 to motion S3M-1200—

Insert at end-

"and, in so doing, calls on ministers to ensure a full and open consultation involving all interests with a social or environmental purpose and, in particular, organisations providing services, facilities or opportunities to meet the needs of young people; notes that a further vote will be required in the Scottish Parliament, and calls on ministers to return to the Parliament at the conclusion of the consultation exercise for further consideration of the distribution of the funds not later than September 2008."

After debate, amendment S3M-1200.1.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 65, Abstentions 45).

Amendment S3M-1200.1 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the principle of clauses in the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 7 November 2007, providing for the collection and distribution of sums released from dormant bank and building society accounts for social and environmental purposes, and agrees that the provisions in the Bill that relate to the distribution of such sums in Scotland should be considered by the UK Parliament and, in so doing, calls on ministers to ensure a full and open consultation involving all interests with a social or environmental purpose and, in particular, organisations providing

services, facilities or opportunities to meet the needs of young people; notes that a further vote will be required in the Scottish Parliament, and calls on ministers to return to the Parliament at the conclusion of the consultation exercise for further consideration of the distribution of the funds not later than September 2008.

- **2. Health Improvement:** The Parliament debated the subject of health improvement.
- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- 5. Scottish Campuses Can Go Greener: The Parliament debated S3M-1100 in the name of Patrick Harvie—That the Parliament recognises the huge potential of educational institutions to provide organisational leadership in environmental performance, reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful impacts on the world and inspire individuals to take action on environmental issues; congratulates the student campaign group, People & Planet, for its Go Green programme which aims to promote a systematic approach to monitoring and improving environmental performance by schools, colleges and universities; recognises that most Scottish institutions appear at the lower end of the People & Planet environmental league table for 2007, showing that there is significant room for improvement; notes that People & Planet groups in Scotland, including at the University of Glasgow and the University of Strathclyde, will be campaigning for greater progress during Go Green Week from 16 to 24 February 2008, and wishes the students every success in their campaign.
- **6. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Justice and Law Officers, and Rural Affairs and the Environment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- **7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on Waste.
- **8. Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Report:** The Minister for Environment (Michael Russell) moved S3M-1204—That the Parliament welcomes the collaborative work being undertaken by a wide variety of partners across the public, private and voluntary sectors to take forward implementation of the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy from 2004 to 2007, as set out in *Scotland's Biodiversity: It's In Your Hands A Progress Report 2005-07*; commends the enthusiasm and commitment of all those involved in that work, and acknowledges that continued effort by all the partners engaged in conserving biodiversity in Scotland is required in order to address the challenges identified in the progress report such as climate change, invasive non-native species, river basin management, sustainable management of the natural

world, the development of the ecosystems approach, wildlife crime and the need for the broader engagement of all citizens so that Scotland can play its part in delivering our national and international commitments to the cause of halting biodiversity loss.

David Stewart moved amendment S3M-1204.1 to motion S3M-1204—

Insert at end—

"and calls on the Scottish Government to confirm the commitment to meeting the 2010 EU Gothenburg biodiversity targets."

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

Jim Hume moved amendment S3M-1204.2 to motion S3M-1204—

Insert at end—

"notes that land users, land managers, inshore fishery interests, sea fishing interests and land practitioners are charged with delivering environmental benefits, and recognises that there is a need for these stakeholders in particular to be formally involved in the strategy at all levels, to understand the objectives, and thereafter to contribute practical solutions to the strategy and its overall aim."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the collaborative work being undertaken by a wide variety of partners across the public, private and voluntary sectors to take forward implementation of the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy from 2004 to 2007, as set out in Scotland's Biodiversity: It's In Your Hands - A Progress Report 2005-07; commends the enthusiasm and commitment of all those involved in that work, and acknowledges that continued effort by all the partners engaged in conserving biodiversity in Scotland is required in order to address the challenges identified in the progress report such as climate change, invasive non-native species, river basin management, sustainable management of the natural world, the development of the ecosystems approach, wildlife crime and the need for the broader engagement of all citizens so that Scotland can play its part in delivering our national and international commitments to the cause of halting biodiversity loss; calls on the Scottish Government to confirm the commitment to meeting the 2010 EU Gothenburg biodiversity targets, and notes that land users, land managers, inshore fishery interests, sea fishing interests and land practitioners are charged with delivering environmental benefits, and recognises that there is a need for these stakeholders in particular to be formally involved in the strategy at all levels, to understand the objectives, and thereafter to contribute practical solutions to the strategy and its overall aim.

9. Reappointment of the Scottish Information Commissioner: Mike Pringle, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S3M-1193—That the Parliament nominates Kevin Dunion to Her Majesty The Queen for reappointment as the Scottish Information Commissioner from 24 February 2008 until 23 February 2012.

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

- **10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 8 and 9 as noted above.
- 11. Time for a Fresh Debate on Organ Donation: The Parliament debated S3M-483 in the name of George Foulkes—That the Parliament commends the ongoing work that British Medical Association Scotland is doing to raise awareness of organ donation; recognises that the number of people on the active and temporarily suspended transplant waiting list in Scotland rose by almost 20% from 695 in September 2005 to its highest level of 818 in July 2007 and yet only 50 organs were donated in Scotland last year and that at 10 June 2007 there were 135 people in the NHS Lothian area registered with UK Transplant as waiting for an organ; recognises that the current opt-in system of organ donation is unable to meet the increasing demands placed upon it; acknowledges the need for a full and proper public debate to establish the level of support that exists for a move to a system of presumed consent that will both inform future proposals in this area and raise awareness of the desperate need for organ donors, and considers that moves to turn the tremendous level of public and, increasingly, professional support that exists for organ donation into something meaningful should be supported by implementing a system of presumed consent.
- **12. Motion without Notice:** George Foulkes moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.05 pm. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

No. 50 Wednesday 30 January 2008

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend Sheilagh Kesting, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland led Time for Reflection.
- **2. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement and answered questions on delivering more effective government.
- 3. Importance of Scottish History in the School Curriculum: The Minister for Schools and Skills (Maureen Watt) moved S3M-1238—That the Parliament recognises the importance of ensuring that young people understand Scotland's and their place in the world, both currently and in a historical context, and in pursuit of this aim welcomes the opportunities for more exciting, engaging and relevant teaching presented by the Curriculum for Excellence and, in particular, the publication of the draft social studies outcomes and experiences by Learning and Teaching Scotland, along with the recent decision by the Scottish Qualifications Authority to include questions on Scottish history as a compulsory component of the Higher History examination.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S3M-1238.2 to motion S3M-1238—

Insert at end-

"further recognises that without basic literacy and numeracy skills young people have difficulty accessing the curriculum, including history, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide leadership to tackle literacy and numeracy in Scottish schools which will facilitate an improved understanding of history."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 0, Abstentions 15).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S3M-1238.1 to motion S3M-1238—

Insert at end—

"however, emphasises that it is important that Scottish history is taught in a balanced manner, which encourages young people to evaluate the evidence critically and come to their own conclusions, and that it is taught in its rightful context, namely alongside local, British, European and world history, and further emphasises that courses must be of a high quality with teachers being supported by new teaching resources and continuing professional development training as necessary."

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

Hugh O'Donnell moved amendment S3M-1238.3 to motion S3M-1238—

Insert at end—

"and believes that history should be taught without political interference."

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 importance of ensuring that young people understand Scotland's and their place in the world, both currently and in a historical context, and in pursuit of this aim welcomes the opportunities for more exciting, engaging and relevant teaching presented by the Curriculum for Excellence and, in particular, the publication of the draft social studies outcomes and experiences by Learning and Teaching Scotland, along with the recent decision by the Scottish Qualifications Authority to include questions on Scottish history as a compulsory component of the Higher History examination; further recognises that without basic literacy and numeracy skills young people have difficulty accessing the curriculum, including history; calls on the Scottish Government to provide leadership to tackle literacy and numeracy in Scottish schools which will facilitate an improved understanding of history; however, emphasises that it is important that Scottish history is taught in a balanced manner, which encourages young people to evaluate the evidence critically and come to their own conclusions, and that it is taught in its rightful context. namely alongside local, British, European and world history, and further emphasises that courses must be of a high quality with teachers being supported by new teaching resources and continuing professional development training as necessary, and believes that history should be taught without political interference.

4. Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S3M-1201—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill, reintroduced in the House of Commons on 7 November 2007, relating to investigation of bribery and corruption by foreign officers, violent offender orders and repatriation of prisoners, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1259—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing up to 2 hours 5 minutes to debate motion S3M-1256 (Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2008) on Thursday 7 February 2008, the final sentence of Rule 10.7.1 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1252—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 6 February 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Education and Skills Bill - UK

Legislation

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 February 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Support for Survivors of Historic In-care and

Institutional Abuse

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Commercial Forestry

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance

(Scotland) Order 2008

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 February 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 February 2008

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

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. Referral of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1254—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2008 be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1253—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Members' Remuneration and Supplementary Provisions) Order 2008 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 7 and 8 as noted above.
- 10. Maximising Migrants' Opportunities: The Parliament debated S3M-1145 in the name of Margo MacDonald—That the Parliament welcomes the contribution made by migrants from eastern Europe to the economy of the Lothians and Scotland; recognises that many are in employment that does not utilise their skills and qualifications; notes the current shortage of skills in the Scottish workforce and suggests that the Scottish Government undertakes a pilot scheme to better match the education and work experience of migrants with the skills shortages in Scotland, and further suggests that a welcome centre in Edinburgh airport could identify migrants' qualifications and facility with the English language and provide advice on employment, training courses and other services.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

No. 51 Thursday 31 January 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Accessible Passenger Transport and the National Concessionary Fares Scheme: Des McNulty moved S3M-1246—That the Parliament notes the importance of accessible passenger transport to achieving the Scottish Government's climate change objectives and in tackling the significant inequalities in Scottish society; expresses concern over capped allocations for reimbursement for concessionary travel and the Bus Service Operators Grant over the next three years and the implications for fare-paying passengers; urges ministers to reconsider their decision not to increase the Bus Service Operators Grant in line with the support given by the UK Government to bus service providers in England and Wales; calls on ministers to urgently review the national concessionary travel scheme to extend eligibility to disabled people in receipt of the lower rate of disability allowance and to older and disabled people using community transport in rural areas, enabling these extensions to be introduced by the parliamentary summer recess, and invites ministers to consult users, passenger service operators and the Parliament on other desirable changes to the scheme.

Alison McInnes moved amendment S3M-1246.2 to motion S3M-1246—

Insert at end-

"recognises the valuable contribution that Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) can make to social inclusion and accessibility, particularly in rural areas and for disabled and elderly passengers; notes with concern that the Scottish Government's budget has caused uncertainty over the future of DRT provision; considers that expansion of DRT is an essential aspect of improving accessibility in Scotland, and therefore calls on ministers to end the uncertainty and develop DRT services in Scotland."

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S3M-1246.1 to motion S3M-1246—

Leave out from "expresses concern" to end and insert—

"recognises that it is vital that accessible and affordable public transport is available to help the Scottish Government to meet its climate change objectives and to ensure the continuation of vital urban and rural services; calls on the Scottish Government to provide a substantial increase in the budget for the Bus Service Operators Grant in 2008-09 and to consider keeping fares more affordable for the longer term; notes the Scottish Government's intention to review the national concessionary travel scheme, and calls on ministers during that review to ensure that they maximise the benefits for the public throughout Scotland while guaranteeing the best return on a scheme which represents a significant investment of public money."

Alex Johnstone	e moved amend	dment S3M-1	246.1.1 to an	nendment S	:3M-
1246.1—					

Insert at end-

"and notes that Labour and Liberal Democrat ministers in the previous administration chose not to grant eligibility to disabled people in receipt of the lower rate of disability allowance and to older and disabled people using community transport in rural areas when they created the National Concessionary Fares Scheme."

After debate, amendment 1246.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 63, Abstentions 1).

Amendment 1246.1.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 1).

Amendment 1246.1, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the importance of accessible passenger transport to achieving the Scottish Government's climate change objectives and in tackling the significant inequalities in Scottish society; recognises that it is vital that accessible and affordable public transport is available to help the Scottish Government to meet its climate change objectives and to ensure the continuation of vital urban and rural services: calls on the Scottish Government to provide a substantial increase in the budget for the Bus Service Operators Grant in 2008-09 and to consider keeping fares more affordable for the longer term; notes the Scottish Government's intention to review the national concessionary travel scheme; calls on ministers during that review to ensure that they maximise the benefits for the public throughout Scotland while guaranteeing the best return on a scheme which represents a significant investment of public money, and notes that Labour and Liberal Democrat ministers in the previous administration chose not to grant eligibility to disabled people in receipt of the lower rate of disability allowance and to older and disabled people using community transport in rural areas when they created the National Concessionary Fares Scheme.

2. Education: Rhona Brankin moved S3M-1258—That the Parliament recognises the importance of high-quality school buildings to young people's learning; notes the SNP's commitment to match the previous administration's school building programme "brick for brick"; further notes that the previous administration built 200 schools between 2003 and 2007; condemns the Scottish Executive for its total failure to publish details of its school building programme, and calls on the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning to make a statement to the Parliament detailing the Executive's plans for building the new schools that Scotland's children deserve and that the SNP promised in its 2007 manifesto.

Elizabeth Smith moved amendment S3M-1258.1 to motion S3M-1258—

Leave out from "; notes the SNP's commitment" to end and insert—

"and the need for energy efficiency, quality design including the incorporation of sound ecological and sustainable design principles, and value for money for the public purse in building schools; recognises the need for the Scottish Government and local authorities to continue to improve Scotland's school estate; notes the SNP's commitment to match the previous administration's proposed school building programme "brick for brick", and calls on the Scottish Government to make a statement to the Parliament detailing its plans for new schools and how these will be funded."

The Minister for Schools and Skills (Maureen Watt) moved amendment S3M-1258.1.1 to amendment S3M-1258.1.—

Insert at end-

"and further notes that future plans for school buildings will be usefully informed by the imminent publication of Audit Scotland's report on improving the Scottish school estate and the Scottish Government's proposals for the Scottish Futures Trust and the Infrastructure Investment Plan."

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-1258.2 to motion S3M-1258—

Insert at end—

"recognises the publication of the Scottish Government's consultation on the Scottish Futures Trust and its support for the use of private finance, and is concerned that the failure of the SNP government to bring forward an alternative funding mechanism and support is causing confusion and uncertainty and is holding back councils across Scotland who want to improve schools in their areas."

After debate, amendment 1258.1.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 13, Abstentions 44).

Amendment 1258.1, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 12, Abstentions 1).

Amendment 1258.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 63, Abstentions 3).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 0, Abstentions 13).

Accordingly, the Parliament agreed—That the Parliament recognises the importance of high-quality school buildings to young people's learning and the need for energy efficiency, quality design including the incorporation of sound ecological and sustainable design principles, and value for money for the public purse in building schools; recognises the need for the Scottish Government and local authorities to continue to improve Scotland's school estate; notes the SNP's commitment to match the previous administration's proposed school building programme "brick for brick"; calls on the Scottish Government to make a statement to the Parliament detailing its plans for new schools and how these will be funded, and further notes that future plans for school buildings will be usefully informed by the imminent publication of Audit Scotland's report on improving the Scottish school estate and the Scottish

Government's proposals for the Scottish Futures Trust and the Infrastructure Investment Plan."

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 6. Poverty: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S3M-1260—That the Parliament agrees that poverty, inequality and deprivation are among the greatest challenges to be faced in Scotland today, that tackling these challenges is core to the delivery of the Government Economic Strategy and that development of a framework for taking forward these aspects of the Government Economic Strategy will contribute to the creation of a fairer Scotland.

Margaret Curran moved amendment S3M-1260.2 to motion S3M-1260—

Leave out from "that tackling these challenges" to end and insert—

"; regrets that the SNP's approach fails to respond to the needs of the poorest households in Scotland and fails to engage those groups experienced in tackling poverty in finding solutions, and believes that social justice is a priority for the Scottish people and should remain a central policy commitment of the Scottish Government and the Scottish Parliament."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 66, Abstentions 13).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S3M-1260.1 to motion S3M-1260—

Insert at end—

"recognises that the Scottish Government, UK Government and local governments need to work together to get people off welfare and into work where possible and to increase the percentage of benefit take-up ensuring that those most in need of help get it, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward proposals to achieve these aims."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 3, Abstentions 54).

Ross Finnie moved amendment S3M-1260.3 to motion S3M-1260—

Leave out from "that tackling these challenges" to end and insert—

"; believes that tackling poverty requires a co-ordinated approach with the UK Government to ensure that the benefits system supports those most in need and

actively encourages those able to return to education, training and work to do so; believes that a cross-party approach to increasing opportunity across Scotland is required, and therefore calls for the establishment of a cross-party inquiry, involving stakeholders, to address the causes and effects of poverty and wealth inequality in Scotland and recommend to the Parliament practical actions in areas including health, housing, training, social enterprise and the voluntary sector, micro-credit and community regeneration."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 63, Abstentions 46).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that poverty, inequality and deprivation are among the greatest challenges to be faced in Scotland today, that tackling these challenges is core to the delivery of the Government Economic Strategy and that development of a framework for taking forward these aspects of the Government Economic Strategy will contribute to the creation of a fairer Scotland; recognises that the Scottish Government, UK Government and local governments need to work together to get people off welfare and into work where possible and to increase the percentage of benefit take-up ensuring that those most in need of help get it, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward proposals to achieve these aims."

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. Extra-curricular Outdoor Education for Every School Pupil: The Parliament debated S3M-765 in the name of Elizabeth Smith—That the Parliament notes the vital contribution that taking part in extra-curricular activities makes in developing our young people; notes that extra-curricular programmes help our young people to learn new skills, to enjoy new responsibility, to appreciate the work of other people and to learn about leadership; notes the success of projects such as Crieff High School's Community Awareness Project, and considers that, in an age when too many of our young people are in the headlines for the wrong reasons and when there are increasing concerns about school discipline and the numbers of youngsters involved in incidents of antisocial behaviour, extra-curricular activities in schools and five days outdoor education for every school pupil in Scotland should be supported.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

No. 52 Wednesday 6 February 2008

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Suzanne Dance, on behalf of the Edinburgh Theravadan Buddhist Group led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1307—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 6 February 2008—

after

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill

delete

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Education and Skills Bill - UK

Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1314—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Budget (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:

Group 1: 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Budget (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 5 and 6.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 110, Against 0, Abstentions 14)
- 2 (For 110, Against 0, Abstentions 14)
- 3 (For 109, Against 0, Abstentions 14)
- 4 (For 110, Against 0, Abstentions 14)
- **5. Budget (Scotland) Bill Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S3M-1296—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Bill be passed.

lain Gray moved amendment S3M-1296.1 to motion S3M-1296—

Insert at end—

"but, in so doing, calls on the Scottish Government to continue throughout 2008-09 to seek ways to expand programmes of skills and training generally and modern apprenticeships specifically; to secure national minimum standards of service for vulnerable groups and to make a statement to the Parliament outlining how it will achieve this."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 1, Abstentions 13).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 1, Abstentions 60).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Bill be passed but, in so doing, calls on the Scottish Government to continue throughout 2008-09 to seek ways to expand programmes of skills and training generally and modern apprenticeships specifically; to secure national minimum standards of service for vulnerable groups and to make a statement to the Parliament outlining how it will achieve this.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1312—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing up to 20 minutes to debate motion S3M-1306 on Thursday 21 February 2008, the second and third sentences of Rule 10.6.5 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1308—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 20 February 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Snaring

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Malawi

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Education and Skills Bill - UK

Legislation

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 February 2008

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

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Democracy in Local Health Care

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 February 2008

2.15 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 February 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

followed by

- 8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.
- Congratulations to the Fifth Annual Scots Trad Music Awards: The Parliament debated S3M-956 in the name of Rob Gibson-That the Parliament congratulates Hands Up For Trad for organising the fifth annual Scots Trad Music Awards, Comharrachadh Duaisean Dual-cheòl na h-Alba 2007, held in the Nevis Centre, Fort William from 29 November to 1 December 2007; notes the attendance of 900 celebrants and 130 musicians who produced such a spectacular and enjoyable programme drawn from all aspects of our traditional music; congratulates the award winners whose performances have raised the excellence, rude health and growing recognition of Scotland's contemporary indigenous music bringing it to wider public notice each year, which acts as a barometer of a confident and innovative musical culture in today's Scotland but regrets that broadcasters have yet to televise this enjoyable event to take the live performance and celebration of our rich musical traditions onto our television screens, and considers that future awards ceremonies should be televised, starting with the sixth awards due to be held in Glasgow in 2008.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

No. 53 Thursday 7 February 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

- 1. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Children and Early Years (Adam Ingram) made a statement and answered questions on Support for Survivors of Historic In-care and Institutional Abuse.
- 2. Commercial Forestry: The Minister for Environment (Michael Russell) moved S3M-1315—That the Parliament, mindful of the Scottish Government's purpose to achieve sustainable economic growth, acknowledges the contribution that forests and woodlands make through timber, tourism and direct and indirect employment, and recognises the need to support the continued development and expansion of the commercial Scottish forestry sector and the competitive and developing industries which it underpins.

David Stewart moved amendment S3M-1315.2 to motion S3M-1315—

Insert at end—

"and further notes the significant role that Scotland's woodland plays in the mitigation of climate change and the conservation of biodiversity."

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

John Scott moved amendment S3M-1315.1 to motion S3M-1315—

Insert at end—

"welcomes the firming up of the 25% target for forest coverage, planted in ways and using techniques which will contribute to carbon capture; further welcomes the fact that the majority of this additional planting is likely to be established through grant aid to the private sector, and supports efforts to increase the biodiversity value of all forestry in receipt of public funds, in particular new schemes which enhance habitats for key native species such as the capercaillie and the Scottish crossbill."

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

Jim Hume moved amendment S3M-1315.3 to motion S3M-1315—

Insert at end—

"further recognises the role that forestry can play in helping to meet Scotland's renewable energy targets through biomass generation; welcomes the work of the previous administration on promoting the biomass sector through the highly successful Biomass Support Scheme, and calls on the Scotlish Government to maximise the opportunities for growth, jobs and sustainability offered by the expansion of the biomass sector in Scotland by delivering the previous administration's Biomass Action Plan."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament, mindful of the Scottish Government's purpose to achieve sustainable economic growth, acknowledges the contribution that forests and woodlands make through timber, tourism and direct and indirect employment, and recognises the need to support the continued development and expansion of the commercial Scottish forestry sector and the competitive and developing industries which it underpins; further notes the significant role that Scotland's woodland plays in the mitigation of climate change and the conservation of biodiversity; welcomes the firming up of the 25% target for forest coverage, planted in ways and using techniques which will contribute to carbon capture; further welcomes the fact that the majority of this additional planting is likely to be established through grant aid to the private sector, and supports efforts to increase the biodiversity value of all forestry in receipt of public funds, in particular new schemes which enhance habitats for key native species such as the capercaillie and the Scottish crossbill, and further recognises the role that forestry can play in helping to meet Scotland's renewable energy targets through biomass generation; welcomes the work of the previous administration on promoting the biomass sector through the highly successful Biomass Support Scheme, and calls on the Scottish Government to maximise the opportunities for growth, jobs and sustainability offered by the expansion of the biomass sector in Scotland by delivering the previous administration's Biomass Action Plan.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Europe, External Affairs and Culture and on Education and Lifelong Learning, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **6.** The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2008: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S3M-1256—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2008 be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 0, Abstentions 15).

7. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1306—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008 be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 106, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.
- 9. Edinburgh Park Railway Station: The Parliament debated S3M-1118 in the name of Margaret Smith—That the Parliament commends the continuing economic contribution made by Edinburgh Park not only to Edinburgh's economy but to Scotland as whole; congratulates the park on its numerous green initiatives encouraging employees to choose public transport and ease the heavily congested road system surrounding the park; understands that a comprehensive public transport infrastructure is integral to the further growth of this area; considers that there should be clarification as to exactly why Edinburgh Park may not be included on the main Edinburgh to Glasgow line until 2016, forcing employees travelling from the west to travel on to Haymarket Station before doubling back on themselves; acknowledges that, in order to increase connectivity across Scotland, improve business links with Glasgow and aid environmental initiatives, Edinburgh Park must be included on this line as a matter of urgency, and believes that Edinburgh Park must be included as a stop on the Glasgow to Edinburgh mainline without further delay.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 54 Wednesday 20 February 2008

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Canon Isaac M Poobalan, from the Church of St John the Evangelist in Aberdeen, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Snaring.
- 3. Malawi: The Parliament debated the subject of Malawi.
- **4. Education and Skills Bill UK Legislation:** The Minister for Schools and Skills (Maureen Watt) moved S3M-1224—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Education and Skills Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 28 November 2007, to make provision within the legislative competence of the Parliament and to alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers in respect of using and sharing information in relation to skills and training of people in Scotland, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1378—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 21 February 2008—

after

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health and Wellbeing

delete

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Democracy in Local Health Care

and insert

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: British-Irish Council Summit

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Democracy in Local Health Care

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1389—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 27 February 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Accident and Emergency Reviews

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 February 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 March 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 March 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1379—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 23 May 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1381—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1380—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008 be approved.

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

- **10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 8 and 9 as noted above.
- 11. Supporters Direct in Scotland: The Parliament debated S3M-1295 in the name of Marilyn Livingstone—That the Parliament welcomes the work of Supporters Direct in Scotland; recognises its contribution to Scotlish football and believes that supporters' trusts provide the best mechanism for involving communities in their football clubs and that the Raith Trust in the Kirkcaldy parliamentary constituency is an excellent example of where supporters' trusts promote community empowerment and strengthen local football teams, and believes that they should continue to be supported.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

No. 55 Thursday 21 February 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. The Future of Scottish Water: Derek Brownlee moved S3M-1386—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to establish a review of the structure and operations of Scottish Water with a remit to consider whether the current model delivers best value for taxpayers and customers, to consider alternative models, including mutualisation, and to report back to the Parliament on the conclusions of the review in such time as to allow any changes to the structure of Scottish Water to be in place prior to commencement of the next spending review period in 2011.

Des McNulty moved amendment S3M-1386.1 to motion S3M-1386—

Leave out from "calls on" to end and insert—

"supports the retention of Scottish Water under public ownership and in that context calls on the Scottish Government to keep under review the structure and operations of Scottish Water, the regulatory arrangements for the water industry to ensure that the interests of domestic and business customers are properly protected and alternative public sector models, including mutualisation, and to report back to the Parliament in due course."

Liam McArthur moved amendment S3M-1386.2 to motion S3M-1386—

After "mutualisation" insert—

"but excluding privatisation".

After debate, the amendment S3M-1386.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 32, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S3M-1386.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the retention of Scottish Water under public ownership and in that context calls on the Scottish Government to keep under review the structure and operations of Scottish Water, the regulatory arrangements for the water industry to ensure that the interests of domestic and business customers are properly protected and alternative public sector models, including mutualisation, and to report back to the Parliament in due course.

2. Prisons Policy: Bill Aitken moved S3M-1385—That the Parliament acknowledges the importance of a criminal justice system in which the public has confidence and which upholds the fundamental right of the public to a secure and safe society; notes with concern the current pressure on prison capacity; believes that the courts must be supported in sentencing disposals

and, where that includes custody, believes that it is the obligation of the government to ensure that adequate custodial provision exists; views with concern deficiencies in the prison regime to address drug addiction, and deplores the Scottish Government's hostility to deploying the private sector in new prison provision.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved amendment S3M-1385.2 to motion S3M-1385—

Leave out from first "with concern" to end and insert—

"that, while the offending rate has been falling, the number of people in prison currently stands at record levels and that Scotland has one of the highest imprisonment rates in the world; welcomes the McLeish Commission into Penal Policy and recognises that, in the case of serious and dangerous individuals, custody is the only appropriate punishment, and notes that the Scottish Government is committed to three new prisons and has increased investment in the prisons estate to an average of £120 million a year."

Margaret Smith moved amendment S3M-1385.2.1 to amendment S3M-1385.2—

Insert at end-

"recognises the need to reduce the number of low-level receptions into custody for short-term sentences by focusing on tough community sentences that pay back into the community for the harm caused; further notes the need to improve treatment for those with mental health problems and drug and alcohol addictions, thus addressing the underlying causes of offending, and calls on the Scottish Government to build on schemes which provide offenders with education and skills training for work, not crime."

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S3M-1385.1 to motion S3M-1385—

Leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert—

"notes the crucial role of the prison system in the criminal justice system and its role in dealing with a range of offenders; believes that only robust community sentences will provide a real alternative to custody for the Scottish courts and that this requires real investment in community sentences and community disposals; believes that short-term sentences are appropriate for certain types of offenders; further believes that urgent measures should be taken to provide real and appropriate alternatives to prison models for women offenders to reduce the female prison population; calls on the Scottish Government to report to the Parliament on the progress of the planned new prisons which could alleviate overcrowding in the prison estate, and further believes that sentencing policy should be clear, transparent and understood by the general public and should be driven by an underlying policy to protect the public from harm."

After debate, amendment S3M-1385.2.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S3M-1385.2, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S3M-1385.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 41, Against 76, Abstentions 2).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the importance of a criminal justice system in which the public has confidence and which upholds the fundamental right of the public to a secure and safe society; notes that, while the offending rate has been falling, the number of people in prison currently stands at record levels and that Scotland has one of the highest imprisonment rates in the world; welcomes the McLeish Commission into Penal Policy and recognises that, in the case of serious and dangerous individuals, custody is the only appropriate punishment; notes that the Scottish Government is committed to three new prisons and has increased investment in the prisons estate to an average of £120 million a year; recognises the need to reduce the number of low-level receptions into custody for short-term sentences by focusing on tough community sentences that pay back into the community for the harm caused; further notes the need to improve treatment for those with mental health problems and drug and alcohol addictions, thus addressing the underlying causes of offending, and calls on the Scottish Government to build on schemes which provide offenders with education and skills training for work, not crime.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Health and Wellbeing were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- **6. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement and answered questions on the British-Irish Council Summit.
- **7. Democracy in Local Health Care:** The Parliament debated the subject of democracy in local health care.
- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 2 as noted above.
- **9. Central Scotland Rail Improvements:** The Parliament debated S3M-916 in the name of Jamie Hepburn—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's plans to electrify the Glasgow to Edinburgh and Cumbernauld railway lines; believes that this will have a positive effect on the commuting experience for people across Scotland, particularly those in central Scotland; recognises the importance of providing alternatives to the private car to reduce congestion and pollution and of opening up social and economic opportunities to the 32% of Scottish households that do not have access to a

car; notes the campaigns by various rail user groups calling for the introduction of a national railcard scheme which would provide discounted travel to all regular train users, and believes that such a scheme should be considered for introduction in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

No. 56 Wednesday 27 February 2008

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr Martin Fair, St Andrew's Church, Arbroath led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Accident and Emergency Reviews.
- **3. Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill:** The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved S3M-1366—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill.

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

4. Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved S3M-1062— That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill, agrees to any expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund for a new purpose in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1433—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 5 March 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Borders Rail Link

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Organ Donation Taskforce Report

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 March 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Law Commission's Report

on Rape and Sexual Offences

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: OECD Review of Scotland's Rural

Policy

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Debate: Report on the Consultation on the Proposed Strategy for Enhancing Equal Opportunities for Scotland's Ministerial

Appointments Process

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 March 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

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The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSIs: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S3M-1426—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 be approved;

S3M-1427—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Supplemental Provisions) Order 2008 be approved;

S3M-1428—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 Fixed Penalty Order 2008 be approved;

S3M-1429—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 2008 be approved;

S3M-1430—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (Low Income, Low Asset Debtors etc.) Regulations 2008 be approved; and

S3M-1435—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Budget (Scotland) Act 2007 Amendment Order 2008 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. Recreational Sea Angling: The Parliament debated S3M-1096 in the name of John Scott-That the Parliament notes the economic and social importance of recreational sea angling to communities along the west coast and across Scotland; further notes that around 225,000 people participate in the sport annually with an average spend of £1,375 for boat anglers and £861 for shore anglers; recognises that most species of interest to sea anglers have limited commercial value and are returned alive to the sea, representing an excellent financial return for "Scotland plc"; affirms the extremely low environmental cost of recreational sea angling which is at the forefront of sustainable fishing and especially welcomes the Give Fish a Chance initiative from the Scottish Sea Angling Conservation Network, encouraging anglers to keep only those fish which have reached breeding size; regrets the substantial decline of the sport and supporting industries, notably on the Firth of Clyde, due to a loss of stocks with a number of species becoming extinct locally or reduced to the point where only juvenile specimens are now being caught; notes with concern the critically endangered status of key species, such as common skate, porbeagle and spurdog, which bring sea anglers to Scotland, and considers that work between the Scottish Government, sea angling bodies and other relevant agencies should continue to ensure the conservation of key species and the continued growth of sea angling in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

No. 57 Thursday 28 February 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Improving Accountability: Jackie Baillie moved S3M-1434—That the Parliament believes that government should be open and accountable; affirms its support for the Seven Principles of Public Life established in the first report of the Nolan Committee and for the further principles governing ministerial conduct as set out in the Scottish Ministerial Code; notes that the First Minister is reviewing the code, in line with practice after each Scottish parliamentary election; acknowledges the increasing calls for independent oversight of the code; considers that a modern and progressive government has nothing to fear from ensuring transparency and accountability in all that it does, and therefore calls on the First Minister to include independent oversight of the Scottish Ministerial Code, taking the new UK Ministerial Code as the starting point, and to bring forward a statement to the Parliament on this when the review is concluded.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S3M-1434.2 to motion S3M-1434—

Leave out from "oversight of the Scottish Ministerial code" to end and insert—

"authority to direct ministers in the appropriate arrangements for ensuring that their conduct as ministers is in accordance with the Scottish Ministerial Code to avoid conflict or potential conflict of interest, and to oversee its administration, and to bring forward a statement to the Parliament on this when the review is concluded."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 48, Abstentions 16).

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S3M-1434.1 to motion S3M-1434—

Insert at end-

"and further believes that the best way of ensuring independent oversight is for the Parliament to appoint a person independent of government to investigate alleged breaches of the Scottish Ministerial Code."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that government should be open and accountable; affirms its support for the Seven Principles of Public Life established in the first report of the Nolan Committee and for the further principles governing ministerial conduct as set out in the Scottish Ministerial Code; notes that the First Minister is reviewing the code, in line with practice after each Scottish parliamentary election;

acknowledges the increasing calls for independent oversight of the code; considers that a modern and progressive government has nothing to fear from ensuring transparency and accountability in all that it does, and therefore calls on the First Minister to include independent authority to direct ministers in the appropriate arrangements for ensuring that their conduct as ministers is in accordance with the Scottish Ministerial Code to avoid conflict or potential conflict of interest, and to oversee its administration, and to bring forward a statement to the Parliament on this when the review is concluded and further believes that the best way of ensuring independent oversight is for the Parliament to appoint a person independent of government to investigate alleged breaches of the Scottish Ministerial Code.

2. Protecting Scotland's Children: Paul Martin moved S3M-1432—That the Parliament recognises the importance of making further progress on the 33 recommendations published by the Justice 2 Sub-committee on 15 December 2006 in connection with the management of registered sex offenders; believes that ensuring public safety is paramount in the management of registered sex offenders; further recognises the crucial role that the retention of DNA samples and fingerprints of all crime suspects has played in England and Wales in detecting sex offenders; acknowledges the value of the pilot schemes in England and Wales that will allow parents to ask police authorities whether a named individual such as a carer or a new partner has previously been placed on the sex offenders register, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring a statement to the Parliament on the implementation of the Justice 2 Sub-committee's report J2SC/S2/06/R1.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved amendment S3M-1432.1 to motion S3M-1432—

Leave out from "the crucial role" to end and insert—

"that appropriate utilisation of DNA samples and fingerprints can play an important role in identifying offenders but that it is vital to strike the right balance between prosecuting criminals and protecting the innocent and notes the review that the Scottish Government has commissioned from Professor James Fraser; recognises the extensive powers already available to the police in monitoring sex offenders and ensuring public safety, and notes the Scottish Government's liaison with the Home Office as disclosure pilots progress in four English police areas and the Scottish Government's proposal to monitor the outcomes of these pilots to determine what lessons there might be for Scotland, and welcomes the Scottish Government's proposal to write to the Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Justice Committee to report progress on each of the 33 recommendations made by the Justice 2 Subcommittee report J2SC/S2/06/R1."

Bill Aitken moved amendment S3M-1432.1.2 to amendment S3M-1432.1—

After "Scotland" insert—

"believes that the monitoring of sex offenders could be made more effective by means of satellite tracking and the use of lie detector tests where an offender has breached the terms of their registration requirement and has effectively been out of contact for a period".

Mike Pringle moved amendment S3M-1432.1.1 to amendment S3M-1432.1—

After "Professor James Fraser;" insert—

"; rejects the blanket retention of DNA samples and fingerprints;".

After debate, amendment 1432.1.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 111, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 1432.1.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 1432.1 as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of making further progress on the 33 recommendations published by the Justice 2 Sub-committee on 15 December 2006 in connection with the management of registered sex offenders; believes that ensuring public safety is paramount in the management of registered sex offenders; further recognises that appropriate utilisation of DNA samples and fingerprints can play an important role in identifying offenders but that it is vital to strike the right balance between prosecuting criminals and protecting the innocent and notes the review that the Scottish Government has commissioned from Professor James Fraser; rejects the blanket retention of DNA samples and fingerprints; recognises the extensive powers already available to the police in monitoring sex offenders and ensuring public safety, and notes the Scottish Government's liaison with the Home Office as disclosure pilots progress in four English police areas and the Scottish Government's proposal to monitor the outcomes of these pilots to determine what lessons there might be for Scotland, and welcomes the Scottish Government's proposal to write to the Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Justice Committee to report progress on each of the 33 recommendations made by the Justice 2 Sub-committee report J2SC/S2/06/R1.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Rural Affairs and the Environment, and Justice and Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- **6. Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill:** David McLetchie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1431—That the Parliament

agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Graduate Endowment Abolition (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:

Group 1: 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 1 and 2.

8. Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Fiona Hyslop) moved S3M-1367—That the Parliament agrees that the Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Rhona Brankin moved amendment S3M-1367.1 to motion S3M-1367—

Insert at end-

"and, in so doing, notes that the Scottish Government is no longer pledged to abolish graduate loan debt and acknowledges also the inadequate increase in the Young Students' Bursary and, as the Scottish Government has a responsibility to develop a system of student funding to provide sufficient financial support to students while they study, believes that an independent commission should be established on further and higher education in Scotland whose remit shall include consideration of structures and future funding of the sector and student support."

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S3M-1367.1.1 to amendment S3M-1367.1—

Insert at end—

"and whose remit and membership shall be agreed in partnership with the Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee and which shall be set up by the end of June 2008 and shall report to the Scottish Government and the Parliament by the end of 2009."

Jeremy Purvis moved amendment S3M-1367.2 to motion S3M-1367—

Insert at end-

"and, in so doing, calls on the Scottish Ministers, when taking forward their consultation on student support later this year, to consider a number of wider options to improve financial support for students, including specific reference to the development of a new minimum income guarantee."

After debate, amendment 1367.1.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 1367.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 1367.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 16, Abstentions 46).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that the Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill be passed and, in so doing, calls on the Scottish Ministers, when taking forward their consultation on student support later this year, to consider a number of wider options to improve financial support for students, including specific reference to the development of a new minimum income guarantee.

9. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1448—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 6 March 2008—

after

Thursday 6 March 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Redevelopment of the State Hospital

The motion was agreed to.

- **10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 8 as noted above.
- 11. Proposed Closure of Rural Schools: The Parliament debated S3M-1065 in the name of Cathy Jamieson—That the Parliament believes that small rural schools can provide a learning environment that promotes confidence, responsible citizenship and the opportunity to contribute effectively, as well as a positive educational and social experience for children; believes that small rural schools can effectively deliver the Curriculum for Excellence; recognises the wider role that local primary schools play within rural communities; notes that the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning intends to legislate to introduce a presumption against the closure of rural schools, and commends the local parents, pupils, teachers and members of the community who are making a positive case to keep open Sorn, Littlemill, St Xavier's and Crossroads primary schools following the publication of SNP-led East Ayrshire Council's closure proposals.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

No. 58 Wednesday 5 March 2008

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Jane Bentley, Scottish Interfaith Council Youth Steering Committee led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) made a statement and answered questions on the Borders Rail Link.
- **3. Organ Donation Taskforce Report:** The Parliament debated the Organ Donation Taskforce Report.
- **4. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1484—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 12 March 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Independent Scrutiny

followed by Debate on the Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed

Standard Conditions) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/36) and the draft Home Detention Curfew Licence (Amendment of Specified

Days) (Scotland) Order 2008

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Pensions Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 March 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: National Parks

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 March 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 March 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1487—That the Parliament agrees that for the purposes of allowing up to 60 minutes to debate motion S3M-1486 on Wednesday 12 March 2008, the second and third sentences of Rule 10.4.4 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1485—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 28 March 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took no decisions on any of the items above.
- Scottish Wheelchair Users and their Human Rights: The Parliament debated S3M-1028 in the name of Trish Godman—That the Parliament commends The Herald for alerting the public to the offtimes severe distress and denial of human rights inflicted upon Scottish wheelchair users by the insensitive, penny-pinching and uncaring approach by those in authority to their legitimate expectations and requirements anent the design of wheelchairs and their manufacture, adaptability to individual needs and maintenance programmes; notes that the charity, Quarriers, in West Renfrewshire, has stated that, of 105 wheelchair users recently interviewed, over 50 said that their wheelchairs were unfit for purpose and is firmly of the view that this state of affairs is unacceptable in modern Scotland; believes that our wheelchair users should be provided with wheelchairs that equal the best provided elsewhere in Europe; considers that the recommendations contained in the document Moving Forward: Review of NHS Wheelchair and Seating Services in Scotland should be implemented forthwith, and reminds all such strategic decision-makers involved in these matters that the goal should be to offer the best services attainable so that Scottish wheelchair users can lead tolerable lives in their communities.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

No. 59 Thursday 6 March 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

- 1. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on the redevelopment of the State Hospital.
- 2. Scottish Law Commission's Report on Rape and Sexual Offences: The Lord Advocate (Elish Angiolini) moved S3M-1490—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Law Commission's final report on the law on rape and other sexual offences and supports the Scottish Government's announcement that it will bring forward legislation to reform the law on rape and sexual offences in light of the consultation on the commission's findings and proposed draft bill to ensure that Scotland has a modern and robust framework of laws in this area.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S3M-1490.1 to motion S3M-1490—

Insert at end-

"recognises that the proposals from the commission are complex and that it is important for the Parliament to be given every opportunity to interrogate the bill when it is published, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to aim at an agreement with the Justice Committee on a timetable which gives adequate time to properly scrutinise the bill."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Law Commission's final report on the law on rape and other sexual offences and supports the Scottish Government's announcement that it will bring forward legislation to reform the law on rape and sexual offences in light of the consultation on the commission's findings and proposed draft bill to ensure that Scotland has a modern and robust framework of laws in this area; recognises that the proposals from the commission are complex and that it is important for the Parliament to be given every opportunity to interrogate the bill when it is published, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to aim at an agreement with the Justice Committee on a timetable which gives adequate time to properly scrutinise the bill.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- **6. OECD Review of Scotland's Rural Policy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S3M-1489—That the Parliament recognises the progress made in supporting rural development since the establishment of the Scottish Parliament; welcomes the analysis set out in the independent review of rural policy in Scotland by the OECD, and believes that this report and other reports on the future of rural Scotland published in recent months provide the opportunity to further develop rural policy to ensure that all our rural communities enjoy the economic, social and environmental benefits of sustainable economic growth and that they are empowered to greater influence their own destiny.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S3M-1489.2 to motion S3M-1489—

Insert at end-

"however is concerned that recent Scottish Government budget decisions have the capacity to set back progress made."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 1).

John Scott moved amendment S3M-1489.1 to motion S3M-1489—

Insert at end-

"providing that the Scottish Government takes action to address the specific policy delivery concerns identified by the OECD including "centralisation and the lack of adequate bottom-up participation", "weak integration", "an overlap of different approaches and agencies" and "the extreme complexity of both the design and the delivery system linked with rural policy"."

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

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S3M-1489.3 to motion S3M-1489—

Insert at end-

"considers that the Scottish Government's cut in funding for rural development and affordable housing does not match the OECD report's recommendations, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward substantive measures to tackle rural housing shortages such as Community Land Trust schemes, an extension of the Croft House Grant Scheme and the development of redundant farm land for affordable housing."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the progress made in supporting rural development since the establishment of the Scottish Parliament; welcomes the analysis set out in the independent review of rural policy in Scotland by the OECD, and believes that this report and other reports on the future of rural Scotland published in recent months provide the opportunity to further develop rural policy to ensure that all our rural communities enjoy the economic, social and environmental benefits of sustainable economic growth and that they are empowered to greater influence their own destiny providing that the Scottish Government takes action to address the specific policy delivery concerns identified by the OECD including "centralisation and the lack of adequate bottom-up participation", "weak integration", "an overlap of different approaches and agencies" and "the extreme complexity of both the design and the delivery system linked with rural policy".

7. 2nd Report, 2008 (Session 3) of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, Draft Public Appointments Equalities Strategy - Diversity Delivers: Keith Brown, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S3M-1464—That the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 2nd Report, 2008 (Session 3): Draft Public Appointments Equalities Strategy – Diversity Delivers (SP Paper 65), together with the Official Report of the Parliament's debate on the report, should form the Parliament's response to the consultation by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland.

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

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.
- 9. Anorexia and Bulimia: The Parliament debated S3M-1331 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes with unease that it is estimated that more than 80,000 people in Scotland suffer from anorexia, with 4,700 suffering from bulimia, and that the number of people diagnosed with eating disorders has increased by more than 15% since 1999, according to NHS Scotland; further notes that Eating Disorders Awareness Week takes place from 25 February to 1 March 2008; is aware that, despite guidelines issued by the health service watchdog in November 2006, Scotland still trails behind the rest of the western world in the treatment of eating disorders; is aware that the foremost expert on anorexia and bulimia in the United Kingdom, Bryan Lask, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of London, has voiced concern that the system for treating those with eating disorders in Scotland is "positively dangerous"; regrets that there is still no specific advice for GPs, despite every practice having patients suffering from eating disorders, and that only two private clinics in Edinburgh and Glasgow provide specialist care at a cost of around £3,000 per patient per week; believes there should be examination of why there is not one consultant specialising in eating disorders employed by the NHS in Scotland and that consideration should be given to how best to tackle this problem

which can prove fatal and is deeply distressing both for patients and their families, and understands the need for ongoing research into eating disorders and their treatment.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

No. 60 Wednesday 12 March 2008

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** His Excellency, Archbishop Faustino Sainz Muñoz, Apostolic Nuncio led Time for Reflection.
- **2. NHS Independent Scrutiny:** The Parliament debated the subject of NHS independent scrutiny.
- 3. Home Detention Curfew Licences Scottish Statutory Instruments: David McLetchie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1486—That the Parliament agrees that nothing further be done under the Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed Standard Conditions) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/36).

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 58, Abstentions 1).

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S3M-1488—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Home Detention Curfew Licence (Amendment of Specified Days) (Scotland) Order 2008 be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

4. Pensions Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Community Safety (Fergus Ewing) moved S3M-1513—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the UK Pensions Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 5 December 2007, which legislate in devolved areas in respect of pension compensation on divorce or dissolution of a marriage or civil partnership, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

- **5. Business Motion:** David McLetchie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1540—That the Parliament agrees
- (a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 19 March 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Curriculum for Excellence

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Housing and Regeneration Bill – UK

Legislation

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 March 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Marine Bill Consultation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 March 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 March 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Justice and Law Officers;

Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

- (b) that for the period for lodging First Minister's Questions for First Minister's Question Time on 27 March 2008 ends at 4.00 pm on Thursday 20 March 2008:
- (c) that for the period for lodging First Minister's Questions for First Minister's Question Time on 8 May 2008 ends at 4.00 pm on Thursday 1 May 2008;
- (d) that for the period for lodging First Minister's Questions for First Minister's Question Time on 29 May 2008 ends at 4.00 pm on Thursday 22 May 2008; and
- (e) that the period for Members to submit their names for selection for General and Themed Question Time on 17 April 2008 ends at 12 noon on Wednesday 26 March 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.
- 7. Make Scotland's Roads Safer Reduce the Drink Driving Limit: The Parliament debated S3M-1000 in the name of Dave Thompson—That the Parliament welcomes the British Medical Association's (BMA) Christmas card campaign calling for a reduction in the drink driving limit; notes that there is clear evidence that shows that drivers who exceed 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood are significantly impaired; further notes with regret that in the Highlands and Islands there are 27% more accidents caused by drunk drivers than the national average; joins the BMA in considering that more pressure should be exerted on the UK Government to lower the drink driving limit from 80mg per 100ml of blood to 50mg; supports the implementation of random testing, which would undoubtedly act as a further deterrent to drink driving, and notes that these measures will make Scotland's roads safer and could save as many as 65 lives a year on UK roads.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

No. 61 Thursday 13 March 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Transport: Jeremy Purvis moved S3M-1549—That the Parliament reaffirms its commitment to reinstating the Borders railway and condemns the SNP government for cancelling government funding for the construction of the line and failing to commit to a start date for its construction; deplores the uncertainty that this has caused about the future of the project, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit direct funding for the capital costs of the Borders railway and to take forward the construction of the project without delay.

The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved amendment S3M-1549.1.1 to amendment S3M-1549.1—

After "inception" insert—

"commends the 450,000 tonnes of CO2 saved by the project"

Des McNulty moved amendment S3M-1549.2 to motion S3M-1549—

Leave out from "commit direct funding" to end and insert—

"reinstate earmarked funding for the capital costs of the Borders railway with a view to taking forward the construction of the project without delay, and believes that ministers should be asked to appear before the relevant parliamentary committees to answer urgent questions over the delivery of the project, its escalating costs and the implications of the proposed funding arrangements for future transport and infrastructure projects."

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S3M-1549.1 to motion S3M-1549—

Leave out from "reaffirms" to end and insert—

"notes the decision to progress the Borders railway taken by the Parliament on 14 June 2006; regrets the delay in construction and the substantial increases in costs since the project's inception, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with Transport Scotland and the relevant local authorities to ensure that the project is completed as quickly and cost effectively as possible."

After debate, amendment 1549.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 1549.1.1 to amendment 1549.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 1549.1, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the decision to progress the Borders railway taken by the Parliament on 14 June 2006; regrets the delay in construction and the substantial increases in costs since the project's inception; commends the 450,000 tonnes of CO² saved by the project, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with Transport Scotland and the relevant local authorities to ensure that the project is completed as quickly and cost effectively as possible.

Fuel Poverty: Liam McArthur moved S3M-1550—That the Parliament 2. deplores the fact that while household fuel prices have risen by six times the rate of inflation over the past year, power companies' profits have risen by 500%; is concerned that, for every 5% increase in fuel prices, it is estimated that 40,000 more Scottish households become fuel poor, while almost 3,000 deaths per year are linked to living in cold, damp housing; believes that tackling the social, health and environmental impacts of fuel poverty can save people money, improve health to help tackle climate change; calls for the reestablishment of the Fuel Poverty Forum with a remit to include the development of a one-stop-shop approach to fuel poverty that increases the installation of energy efficiency measures, efficient central heating systems, microgeneration and smart meter technology; calls on the Scottish Government to consider the introduction of a local tax rebate to provide a further incentive to householders to invest in energy efficiency and microgeneration packages, and further calls for changes to planning rules to make it easier to install micropower.

The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved amendment S3M-1550.3 to motion S3M-1550—

Leave out from "calls on the Scottish Government" to end and insert—

"recognises the Scottish Government's announcement on the consultation to remove planning restrictions on the wide range of energy generating and saving devices, and calls on the Scottish Government to make a statement to the Parliament before the summer recess outlining in detail its progress to more effectively address fuel poverty."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 76, Abstentions 1).

Johann Lamont moved amendment S3M-1550.1 to motion S3M-1550—

After "technology" insert—

"recognises the importance of continued support for voluntary and statutory organisations providing debt management, money and energy advice to those most affected by fuel poverty;".

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

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S3M-1550.2 to motion S3M-1550—

Leave out from "deplores the fact" to end and insert—

"regrets that the latest figures show that fuel poverty increased by 30% between 2004-05 and 2005-06, with nearly 50% of single pensioners experiencing fuel poverty, and welcomes the Ofgem investigation into the domestic retail market and the similar investigation by the House of Commons Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Committee; further regrets that almost 3,000 deaths per year are linked to living in cold, damp housing; believes that tackling the social, health and environmental impacts of fuel poverty can save people money, improve health and help to tackle climate change; calls for the re-establishment of the Fuel Poverty Forum with a remit to include the development of a one-stop-shop approach to fuel poverty that increases the installation of energy efficiency measures, efficient central heating systems, microgeneration and smart meter technology, and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the central heating programme is reaching those who need it most."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 109, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 15, Abstentions 45).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament deplores the fact that while household fuel prices have risen by six times the rate of inflation over the past year, power companies' profits have risen by 500%; is concerned that, for every 5% increase in fuel prices, it is estimated that 40,000 more Scottish households become fuel poor, while almost 3,000 deaths per year are linked to living in cold, damp housing; believes that tackling the social, health and environmental impacts of fuel poverty can save people money, improve health to help tackle climate change; calls for the reestablishment of the Fuel Poverty Forum with a remit to include the development of a one-stop-shop approach to fuel poverty that increases the installation of energy efficiency measures, efficient central heating systems, microgeneration and smart meter technology; recognises the importance of continued support for voluntary and statutory organisations providing debt management, money and energy advice to those most affected by fuel poverty; calls on the Scottish Government to consider the introduction of a local tax rebate to provide a further incentive to householders to invest in energy efficiency and microgeneration packages, and further calls for changes to planning rules to make it easier to install micropower.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning, and on Europe, External Affairs and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

6. National Parks: The Minister for the Environment (Michael Russell) moved S3M-1548—That the Parliament notes the forthcoming strategic review of Scotland's two national parks; welcomes the opportunities that the national parks give to Scotland's citizens and visitors, and in particular commends their contribution to the greener Scotland agenda.

David Stewart moved amendment S3M-1548.2 to motion S3M-1548—

Insert at end-

"and believes that the following issues should be included for specific consideration in the review: the effectiveness of the national parks in achieving the main objectives set out in the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000, the success of the national parks in building community engagement and involvement in the development of both parks, and whether the boundaries of the parks should be reviewed."

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

John Scott moved amendment S3M-1548.1 to motion S3M-1548—

Insert at end—

"and calls on the Scottish Government to address concerns regarding the structural effectiveness of the national park authorities as presently constituted with a view to enhancing local participation and to address ongoing issues with regard to the southern boundary of the Cairngorms National Park."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 0, Abstentions 16).

Jim Hume moved amendment S3M-1548.3 to motion S3M-1548—

Insert at end—

"welcomes the quinquennial review as an opportunity to examine the operation of the park authorities and any proposed boundary changes; believes that the park authorities' national body status and strong directly elected presence provides the parks with the freedom and flexibility to carry out their unique statutory objectives and to meet the needs of very different park areas across Scotland; considers that any attempt to roll up the park authorities with Scottish Natural Heritage would hamper the parks' capability to achieve these objectives, would damage local accountability and democracy and could have serious conflict of interest ramifications, and therefore calls for the forthcoming strategic review of the national parks to retain the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority and the Cairngorms National Park Authority as national bodies with at least five directly elected board members."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 64, Abstentions 1).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the forthcoming strategic review of Scotland's two national parks; welcomes the

opportunities that the national parks give to Scotland's citizens and visitors, and in particular commends their contribution to the greener Scotland agenda; believes that the following issues should be included for specific consideration in the review: the effectiveness of the national parks in achieving the main objectives set out in the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000, the success of the national parks in building community engagement and involvement in the development of both parks, and whether the boundaries of the parks should be reviewed, and calls on the Scottish Government to address concerns regarding the structural effectiveness of the national park authorities as presently constituted with a view to enhancing local participation and to address ongoing issues with regard to the southern boundary of the Cairngorms National Park.

7. Approval of SSIs: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S3M-1541—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 be approved.

S3M-1542—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008 be approved.

S3M-1543—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2008 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.
- 9. No End in Sight to the War in Iraq: The Parliament debated S3M-1346 in the name of Aileen Campbell—That the Parliament notes the continuing effort of Rose Gentle from Pollok, Glasgow, and Beverley Clarke from Stafford to have the legality of the Iraq War tested in court; further notes that the Stop the War Coalition has called demonstrations in Glasgow and elsewhere on 15 March 2008 to mark the fifth anniversary of the start of the conflict; recalls the massive worldwide demonstrations against the war on 15 February 2003, in which many MSPs and people from the south of Scotland and across the country participated; believes that the legality of the war should be tested in the courts and continue to be discussed in the wider public arena; supports the demonstration taking place in Glasgow on 15 March, and believes that work in the international community should continue to speedily bring about peace and stability to Iraq.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 62 Wednesday 19 March 2008

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection: Tony Benn led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Curriculum for Excellence:** The Parliament debated the subject of Curriculum for Excellence.
- **3.** Housing and Regeneration Bill UK Legislation: The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved S3M-1582—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in the Housing and Regeneration Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 November 2007, relating to the executive competence of Scottish Ministers to enter into agreements for the provision of services with the Housing Corporation and/or Welsh Ministers, on such terms and for such payment which they consider appropriate, 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: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1600—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 26 March 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Healthcare Associated Infection

Taskforce Action Plan

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 March 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Debate on the Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed

Standard Conditions) (Scotland) (No.2) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/125)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Local Government Finance

(Scotland) Amendment Order 2008

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Justice and Law Officers;

Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Fatal Accident Inquiries

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 April 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Justice Committee Debate: 4th Report 2008 - Report on Inquiry into

the Effective Use of Police Resources

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 April 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Stage 1 Debate: Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

- **5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.
- **6. Celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight:** The Parliament debated S3M-1174 in the name of Patricia Ferguson—That the Parliament recognises the ongoing efforts of individuals and organisations working to promote and raise awareness of fair trade in Scotland, welcomes the steady increase in the number of schools, colleges, church groups, towns and cities across Scotland who now have Fairtrade status; acknowledges the important contribution

made by the Scottish Fair Trade Forum in the work to help Scotland achieve Fairtrade nation status, notes that Fairtrade Fortnight will take place from 24 February to 9 March 2008, and looks forward to marking this at an event in the Parliament on the evening of Thursday 28 February.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

No. 63 Thursday 20 March 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Housing: Johann Lamont moved S3M-1603—That the Parliament regrets the SNP government's lack of a coherent housing strategy; notes that the Housing Supply Task Force has no timetable or remit to produce recommendations for action; notes in particular the absence of robust evidence on funding and efficiencies in delivering its housing targets; further notes concerns about the impact of a single regional developer model, as outlined in the Firm Foundations consultation, on community-controlled housing associations and housing co-operatives; agrees that the Scottish Government should make a statement to the Parliament as soon as possible, clarifying its plans for the clear SNP manifesto commitment on a £2,000 first-time buyers' grant, and urges the Scottish Government to act to secure long-term improvements in housing rather than the short-term appearance of change.

The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved amendment S3M-1603.3 to motion S3M-1603—

Leave out from "the SNP government's" to end and insert—

"the failure of the Labour and Liberal Democrat administration to tackle the chronic shortages of housing; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to increase the rate of house building across all tenures from 25,000 to at least 35,000 houses per year by the middle of the next decade; welcomes the fact that the Housing Supply Task Force has brought together stakeholders from all sections of the housing sector to tackle blockages in the housing system; recognises that it is important to achieve value for money in, and increase the provision of, social rented housing while retaining the benefits of community-based provision and encourages the Scottish Government to continue to work with social housing providers to achieve that goal; further recognises the efforts of the Scottish Government to work together with housing associations, local authorities and the private sector to tackle the legacy of housing shortages; endorses the Scottish Government's commitment to the 2012 target on homelessness, and calls on the Scottish Government to make a statement on Firm Foundations by the summer recess."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 77, Abstentions 2).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S3M-1603.1 to motion S3M-1603—

Insert at end-

"further believes that the right to buy should not be further restricted, and calls on the Scottish Government to encourage councils to bring forward plans for housing stock transfer to take advantage of the debt write-off which is available from HM Treasury and promote new investment as a result."

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

Jim Tolson moved amendment S3M-1603.2 to motion S3M-1603—

After "housing targets" insert—

"believes that the Scottish Government's provision of a real terms increase of 9% in affordable housing over the period of the comprehensive spending review falls far short of what is needed to address the affordable housing shortage."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 78, Against 46, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament regrets the SNP government's lack of a coherent housing strategy; notes that the Housing Supply Task Force has no timetable or remit to produce recommendations for action; notes in particular the absence of robust evidence on funding and efficiencies in delivering its housing targets; believes that the Scottish Government's provision of a real terms increase of 9% in affordable housing over the period of the comprehensive spending review falls far short of what is needed to address the affordable housing shortage; further notes concerns about the impact of a single regional developer model, as outlined in the Firm Foundations consultation, on community-controlled housing associations and housing co-operatives; agrees that the Scottish Government should make a statement to the Parliament as soon as possible, clarifying its plans for the clear SNP manifesto commitment on a £2,000 first-time buyers' grant, and urges the Scottish Government to act to secure long-term improvements in housing rather than the short-term appearance of change.

2. Schools of Ambition: Rhona Brankin moved S3M-1601—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution that the Schools of Ambition programme has made in giving schools greater freedom to develop creative and innovative approaches to school improvement; notes HM Inspectorate of Education's positive comments on the programme's effect on pupil motivation; deplores the Scottish Government's decision to axe the Schools of Ambition programme in the face of such success, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue the funding of existing schools of ambition and to identify further individual schools that would benefit from becoming schools of ambition.

The Minister for Schools and Skills (Maureen Watt) moved amendment S3M-1601.2 to motion S3M-1601—

Leave out from "deplores" to end and insert—

"recognises that the Scottish Government has increased funding to Schools of Ambition in the Comprehensive Spending Review period 2008 to 2011 from £10.6 million to £11.5 million, and notes that two conferences will be held this summer which will share emerging lessons and demonstrate the variety of approaches taken by schools of ambition in order to embed these across the system which can help all local authorities and all schools to develop their own ambitious programmes for transformational change."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 76, Abstentions 0).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S3M-1601.1 to motion S3M-1601—

Insert at end—

"and to continue to provide Schools of Ambition funding directly to schools and to support decisions being taken on the expenditure of such funds at school level."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 46, Abstentions 2).

Hugh O'Donnell moved amendment S3M-1601.3 to motion S3M-1601—

Insert at end—

"and considers that head teachers play a crucial role in leading excellent schools and turning around schools that face challenges, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to provide additional support and incentives for head teachers to improve their schools, including enhanced contract terms with more flexibility and increased rewards for outstanding leadership."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 46, Abstentions 2).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution that the Schools of Ambition programme has made in giving schools greater freedom to develop creative and innovative approaches to school improvement; notes HM Inspectorate of Education's positive comments on the programme's effect on pupil motivation; deplores the Scottish Government's decision to axe the Schools of Ambition programme in the face of such success, calls on the Scottish Government to continue the funding of existing schools of ambition and to identify further individual schools that would benefit from becoming schools of ambition and to continue to provide Schools of Ambition funding directly to schools and to support decisions being taken on the expenditure of such funds at school level; and considers that head teachers play a crucial role in leading excellent schools and turning around schools that face challenges, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to provide additional support and incentives for head teachers to improve their schools, including enhanced contract terms with more flexibility and increased rewards for outstanding leadership.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

- **5.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Health and Wellbeing were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- **6. Scotland's Marine Environment:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S3M-1602—That the Parliament welcomes the Scotlish Government's commitment to consult on proposals for the sustainable management of Scotland's seas and coast, including coherent framework measures for marine planning, conservation and sea fisheries, and believes that this will enhance Scotland's stewardship of the seas, support sustainable development and provide protection for the marine environment, so ensuring that future generations of Scots will be able to enjoy the many social, cultural and economic benefits that the seas deliver.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S3M-1602.2 to motion S3M-1602—

Insert at end—

"calls on the Scottish Government to accelerate the timetable for the Marine Bill, and further calls on Scottish Ministers to work constructively with the UK Government and other administrations to ensure that an integrated and joined-up approach to new legislation and its implementation are achieved."

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S3M-1602.1 to motion S3M-1602—

Insert at end—

"believes that Scotland should have responsibility out to 200 nautical miles as part of the Scottish zone for marine spatial planning, fisheries and marine nature conservation including the network of marine protected areas, and calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government to reach agreement on this."

Robin Harper moved amendment S3M-1602.1.1 to amendment S3M-1602.1—

After "marine protected areas" insert—

"sufficient to meet Scotland's international obligations under the Oslo Paris Convention and World Summit on Sustainable Development".

After debate, amendment 1602.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 1602.1.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 1602.1, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 1, Abstentions 16).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 0, Abstentions 14).

Accordingly, the Parliament agreed—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to consult on proposals for the sustainable management of Scotland's seas and coast, including coherent framework measures for marine planning, conservation and sea fisheries, and believes that this will enhance Scotland's stewardship of the seas, support sustainable development and provide protection for the marine environment, so ensuring that future generations of Scots will be able to enjoy the many social, cultural and economic benefits that the seas deliver; calls on the Scottish Government to accelerate the timetable for the Marine Bill, and further calls on Scottish Ministers to work constructively with the UK Government and other administrations to ensure that an integrated and joined-up approach to new legislation and its implementation are achieved; believes that Scotland should have responsibility out to 200 nautical miles as part of the Scottish zone for marine spatial planning, fisheries and marine nature conservation including the network of marine protected areas, sufficient to meet Scotland's international obligations under the Oslo Paris Convention and World Summit on Sustainable Development, and calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government to reach agreement on this.

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings: The Parliament debated S3M-1444 in the name of Gil Paterson—That the Parliament recognises that 23 March 2008 marks the first anniversary of the United Kingdom's signing of the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings; notes that this convention is yet to be ratified in order to enshrine the rights of victims of trafficking in domestic law; further notes that there are substantial responsibilities for the Scottish Government under this convention, including the identification of trafficking victims in line with services to victims of trafficking, the investigation and prosecution of trafficking and the non-prosecution of crimes that trafficking victims have been coerced into; believes that a lead should be taken in the UK on the implementation of the parts of the convention for which it has responsibility, and considers that all measures should be taken to stop this modern-day form of slavery.

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

No. 64 Wednesday 26 March 2008

The meeting opened at 2.30pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Scott Guy, Northfield Parish Church, Aberdeen led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1632—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 26 March 2008—

after

Wednesday 26 March 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Prison Service Report on Robert

Foye

The motion was agreed to.

- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Prison Service Report on Robert Foye.
- 4. Healthcare Associated Infection Taskforce: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S3M-1621—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's commitment to bring infection rates down by investing £54 million to support a far more intensive and targeted three-year programme of healthcare associated infection (HAI) work from 1 April 2008; believes that the Scottish Government is right to introduce a one-year pilot MRSA screening programme to shape a planned, structured and deliverable national screening programme from 2009-10; welcomes the links that will be established between the Patient Safety and Patient Experience programmes and the HAI agenda to bring about a coherency of approach in the way that NHSScotland delivers its service to patients; welcomes the Scottish Government's continuation of the multi-agency HAI Task Force, and agrees with the challenging target that the Scottish Government has set for all staff of NHS boards to achieve at least 90% hand hygiene compliance by November 2008.

Margaret Curran moved amendment S3M-1621.1 to motion S3M-1621—

Insert at end-

"commends the progress made by the previous Labour-led government in establishing the HAI Task Force and ensuring that Scotland was a model for tackling healthcare associated infections and should continue to be so; asks the Scottish Government to commit to tackling all healthcare associated infections, not just MRSA; notes the importance of combating infections in care homes, and calls for a specific plan of action to do so."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 0, Abstentions 16).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's commitment to bring infection rates down by investing £54 million to support a far more intensive and targeted three-year programme of healthcare associated infection (HAI) work from 1 April 2008; believes that the Scottish Government is right to introduce a one-year pilot MRSA screening programme to shape a planned, structured and deliverable national screening programme from 2009-10; welcomes the links that will be established between the Patient Safety and Patient Experience programmes and the HAI agenda to bring about a coherency of approach in the way that NHSScotland delivers its service to patients; welcomes the Scottish Government's continuation of the multi-agency HAI Task Force; agrees with the challenging target that the Scottish Government has set for all staff of NHS boards to achieve at least 90% hand hygiene compliance by November 2008; commends the progress made by the previous Labour-led government in establishing the HAI Task Force and ensuring that Scotland was a model for tackling healthcare associated infections and should continue to be so; asks the Scottish Government to commit to tackling all healthcare associated infections, not just MRSA; notes the importance of combating infections in care homes, and calls for a specific plan of action to do so.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1633—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 16 April 2008

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland Week

followed by Justice Committee Debate: 4th Report 2008 - Report on Inquiry into

the Effective Use of Police Resources

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 April 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Stage 1 Debate: Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 April 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 April 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1634—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Creative Scotland Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 20 June 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSIs Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S3M-1635—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 be approved.

S3M-1636—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 be approved.

S3M-1637—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Protected Trust Deeds (Scotland) Regulations 2008 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 7 as noted above.
- 9. Choices for People Coming to the End of Terminal Illness: The Parliament debated S3M-1452 in the name of Jeremy Purvis—That the Parliament recognises and commends the committed work of all health professionals and carers who support patients with terminal illness; welcomes the advances in the palliative care movement over recent years that have benefited patients who are coming towards the end of terminal illness, specifically in the Borders; further welcomes national campaigns to allow patients to be aware of choices that they can make about their treatment and facilitate more patients to make the choice of dying at home, but believes, however, that there remain patients who wish to have greater control of their treatment and that it is right to debate allowing greater legal support for the choices that some patients may make to ask for assistance to die as they come towards the end of their terminal illnesses.
- **10. Motion without Notice:** Jeremy Purvis moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 5.55 pm. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.

No. 65 Thursday 27 March 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. The Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed Standard Conditions) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2008: Bill Aitken moved S3M-1599—That the Parliament recommends that nothing further be done under the Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed Standard Conditions) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/125).

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

2. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Development (John Swinney) moved S3M-1631—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 be approved.

Tayish Scott moved amendment S3M-1631.1 to motion S3M-1631—

Insert at end—

"but, in so doing, regrets the extent of public service cuts and closures in communities across Scotland as a direct consequence of the financial settlement received by local government from central government."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 1, Abstentions 16).

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Justice and Law Officers and Rural Affairs and the Environment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- **6. Fatal Accident Inquiries:** The Solicitor General (Frank Mulholland) moved S3M-1638—That the Parliament welcomes the review of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1976, to be led by Lord Cullen of Whitekirk, which will ensure that Scotland has an effective and practical system of public inquiry into deaths which is fit for the 21st century.

Margaret Smith moved amendment S3M-1638.2 to motion S3M-1638—

Insert at end—

"considers that there is a pressing need for the Scottish Government to enable inquiries to be held in Scotland into the deaths of military personnel, normally domiciled in Scotland, who are killed in active service overseas, and believes that the Scottish Government should give consideration to all available options, including the holding of fatal accident inquiries on a mandatory basis, so that the families of Scottish military personnel no longer have to suffer from the additional burden of attending coroners' inquests in England."

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the review of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1976, to be led by Lord Cullen of Whitekirk, which will ensure that Scotland has an effective and practical system of public inquiry into deaths which is fit for the 21st century; considers that there is a pressing need for the Scottish Government to enable inquiries to be held in Scotland into the deaths of military personnel, normally domiciled in Scotland, who are killed in active service overseas, and believes that the Scottish Government should give consideration to all available options, including the holding of fatal accident inquiries on a mandatory basis, so that the families of Scottish military personnel no longer have to suffer from the additional burden of attending coroners' inquests in England.

7. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1646—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2008 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.
- **9. Elgin Bypass:** The Parliament debated S3M-1529 in the name of Mary Scanlon—That the Parliament supports the need for a bypass for the city of Elgin; recognises the efforts of Moray Council, Elgin Community Council, the Elgin Bypass Steering Group and many other individuals and groups who have campaigned for this bypass for many years; notes that 26,000 vehicles pass through Elgin on a daily basis; further notes that four successive ministers with responsibility for transport have visited Elgin since the formation of the Parliament, all of whom have been supportive of the proposal; notes that Moray is the base of many world-renowned companies that distribute their produce globally but feel restricted in Elgin where traffic slows considerably; also notes that the Moray 2020 strategy recognised that local transport links needed to be transformed in order to enhance the area and to attract inward investment, government dispersals and growing businesses, and notes the need for bypasses for other towns along the A96 corridor.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

No. 66 Wednesday 16 April 2008

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Muriel Pearson, Cranhill Parish Church, Glasgow led Time for Reflection.
- **2. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland Week.
- **3.** Report on Inquiry into the Effective Use of Police Resources: Bill Aitken moved S3M-1629—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Justice Committee's 4th Report, 2008 (Session 3): Report on Inquiry into the Effective Use of Police Resources (SP Paper 50).

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

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1718—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 17 April 2008—

after

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

delete

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Stage 1 Debate: Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill

and insert

2.00 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.40 pm Ministerial Statement: Extension of the First ScotRail Franchise

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1714—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 23 April 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Hepatitis C

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Historic Scotland and Local

Authorities

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Statute Law (Repeals) Bill - UK

Legislation

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 April 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Education

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Europe, External Affairs and Culture; Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm Local Government and Communities Committee Debate: 5th Report

2008: Planning Application Processes (Menie Estate)

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 April 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 May 2008

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

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1713—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee be appointed as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Register of Tartans Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 6 as noted above.
- 8. A Call for Better Epilepsy Care: The Parliament debated S3M-1567 in the name of Hugh O'Donnell—That the Parliament welcomes the forthcoming More specialist nurses, better epilepsy care campaign being run by Epilepsy Scotland for National Epilepsy Week 2008; commends the outstanding support that Epilepsy Scotland gives to the estimated 40,000 people in Scotland with this condition; acknowledges the valuable contribution specialist epilepsy nurses make to patient-centred treatment and epilepsy management; recognises the cost savings that these nurse posts make by reducing hospital stays, decreasing consultants' workload and uncovering misdiagnosis and overtreatment; encourages NHS Scotland to address the shortfall in posts which means access to an epilepsy specialist nurse is a postcode lottery; notes that five NHS boards are without either paediatric, adult or learning disability nurses; believes that funding should be provided for additional epilepsy specialist nurses; advises that the recommendation of the Joint Epilepsy Council of the UK and Ireland for one specialist nurse for adult, paediatric and learning disability, per 100,000 of the population be followed in Scotland; acknowledges that resources for medical and administrative support must be available for specialist nurses to allow them to work effectively; suggests that increased specialist nurse provision will contribute towards related HEAT targets for an improved healthcare experience and rates of attendance at accident and emergency departments, and believes that the requests in this motion relate directly to plans contained in the Scottish Government's Better Health, Better Care strategy for a healthier Scotland, launched on 12 December 2007.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

No. 67 Thursday 17 April 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Local Income Tax: Andy Kerr moved S3M-1715—That the Parliament rejects the SNP proposals for a local income tax, noting that these proposals are neither local nor fair, that property has a role to play in our taxation system, that they would remove from local government any autonomy over raising resources locally and that they would fail to raise the resources required to fund much valued local services.

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S3M-1715.1 to motion S3M-1715—

Leave out from "rejects" to end and insert—

"notes the Scottish Government's consultation on the future of local taxation; recognises that this consultation is not due to close until 18 July 2008; notes the wider range of possible options, including local income tax, land value tax, property tax and reform of the council tax; recognises that the existing system of local government taxation is discredited, bureaucratic and unpopular; agrees on the urgent need for substantial changes to the system of local taxation, and agrees that, in developing this future system, due consideration should be given to fairness, local accountability, the need to reduce tax avoidance and the wider social, economic and environmental impact of any proposed system of local tax reform on communities across Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's consultation on the future of local taxation; recognises that this consultation is not due to close until 18 July 2008; notes the wider range of possible options, including local income tax, land value tax, property tax and reform of the council tax; recognises that the existing system of local government taxation is discredited, bureaucratic and unpopular; agrees on the urgent need for substantial changes to the system of local taxation, and agrees that, in developing this future system, due consideration should be given to fairness, local accountability, the need to reduce tax avoidance and the wider social, economic and environmental impact of any proposed system of local tax reform on communities across Scotland.

2. Support for the Voluntary Sector: Elaine Murray moved S3M-1706—That the Parliament applauds the vital contribution made to society and the economy by the voluntary sector; is concerned that pressures on local authority budgets over the period of the spending review will lead to cuts in support to voluntary sector organisations and inadequate payment for the services that they provide; recognises the role that volunteering can play in personal development and urges ministers to restore funding to Project

Scotland, and believes that the exemption from payment of water rates extended by the previous administration to 2010 should be further extended.

The Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism (Jim Mather) moved amendment S3M-1706.2 to motion S3M-1706—

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

"third sector; believes that co-operation between the third sector, local authorities and the Scottish Government is vital in ensuring a strong role for the third sector; recognises that the Scottish Government is funding Project Scotland and has made clear to Project Scotland that further resources may be available for projects it runs in terms of the Scottish Government's employability agenda, and believes that the exemption from payment of water rates extended by the previous administration to 2010 should be further extended."

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S3M-1706.2.1 to amendment S3M-1706.2—

Insert at end-

"and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the third sector to reduce the burden of regulation affecting the sector."

Robert Brown moved amendment S3M-1706.1 to motion S3M-1706—

Insert at end—

"recognises the problems facing the voluntary sector caused by short-term funding and re-tendering; believes that there is a pressing need to review the system to provide more stable funding for the sector including longer-term contracts and a national contracts framework; notes the establishment of the voluntary sector compact under the last administration and calls for a revitalised compact between local government and the voluntary sector; believes that this compact must ensure greater dialogue between councils and voluntary groups as to the operation of the local government Concordat and the single outcome agreements, and calls for a review of the operation of the Concordat including its key outcomes and performance indicators following the first year of its implementation."

After debate, amendment S3M-1706.2.1 to amendment S3M-1706.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S3M-1706.2, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S3M-1706.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 62, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament applauds the vital contribution made to society and the economy by the third sector; believes

that co-operation between the third sector, local authorities and the Scottish Government is vital in ensuring a strong role for the third sector; recognises that the Scottish Government is funding Project Scotland and has made clear to Project Scotland that further resources may be available for projects it runs in terms of the Scottish Government's employability agenda; believes that the exemption from payment of water rates extended by the previous administration to 2010 should be further extended; calls on the Scottish Government to work with the third sector to reduce the burden of regulation affecting the sector; recognises the problems facing the voluntary sector caused by short-term funding and re-tendering; believes that there is a pressing need to review the system to provide more stable funding for the sector including longer-term contracts and a national contracts framework; notes the establishment of the voluntary sector compact under the last administration and calls for a revitalised compact between local government and the voluntary sector; believes that this compact must ensure greater dialogue between councils and voluntary groups as to the operation of the local government Concordat and the single outcome agreements, and calls for a review of the operation of the Concordat including its key outcomes and performance indicators following the first year of its implementation.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5. Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- **6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) made a statement and answered questions on the Extension of the First ScotRail Franchise.
- **7. Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Health (Shona Robison) moved S3M-1560—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill.

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

- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 7 as noted above.
- **9. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Report on Glasgow Crossrail:** The Parliament debated S3M-1251 in the name of Bill Butler—That the Parliament notes the final report, *Glasgow Crossrail Appraisal and Economic Case*, endorsed by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) on 25 January 2008; recognises that the Glasgow Crossrail project is strategically one of the most significant rail projects in Scotland; acknowledges the wide-ranging and cross-party support for the proposed Crossrail project as highlighted on www.crossrailglasgow.com; supports the submission of SPT's appraisal of the

Crossrail project to Transport Scotland for inclusion in the Strategic Transport Projects Review and the National Planning Framework, and anticipates a positive decision from the Scottish Executive on the early implementation of Glasgow Crossrail.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

No. 68 Wednesday 23 April 2008

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Father Robert Kane, St Teresa's Newarthill, Motherwell led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, did not move motion S3M-1762 which would have revised the programme of business for Wednesday 23 April 2008.
- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Hepatitis C.
- **4. Historic Scotland and Local Authorities:** The Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture (Linda Fabiani) moved S3M-1751—That the Parliament recognises the unique relationship between Historic Scotland and local authorities in the protection of the nation's historic environment and welcomes initiatives to modernise and simplify that relationship to the benefit of local authorities, Historic Scotland and stakeholders.

Malcolm Chisholm moved amendment S3M-1751.2 to motion S3M-1751—

Insert at end-

"always ensuring that strong safeguards are maintained to protect heritage assets, that the skills required to maintain historic buildings are available and that, in protecting the historic environment, proper account is taken of disability rights and climate change objectives".

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

Ted Brocklebank moved amendment S3M-1751.1 to motion S3M-1751—

Insert at end-

"and seeks a more compatible approach in relation to resolving disputes with stakeholders, particularly where Historic Scotland has no realistic means of funding its desired preservation or conservation outcomes".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 44, Abstentions 54).

lain Smith moved amendment S3M-1751.3 to motion S3M-1751—

Insert at end—

"and encourages Historic Scotland to work with local authorities to improve the consultation with local communities on the designation of listed buildings and scheduled monuments".

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 unique relationship between Historic Scotland and local authorities in the protection of the nation's historic environment and welcomes initiatives to modernise and simplify that relationship to the benefit of local authorities, Historic Scotland and stakeholders, always ensuring that strong safeguards are maintained to protect heritage assets, that the skills required to maintain historic buildings are available and that, in protecting the historic environment, proper account is taken of disability rights and climate change objectives, and encourages Historic Scotland to work with local authorities to improve the consultation with local communities on the designation of listed buildings and scheduled monuments.

5. Statute Law (Repeals) Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Community Safety (Fergus Ewing) moved S3M-1654—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Statute Law (Repeals) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 27 February 2008, relating to Statute Law Repeal, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1763—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 30 April 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Implementing the Vulnerable Witnesses

(Scotland) Act

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 May 2008

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

Health and Wellbeing

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Impact of the UK Budget on Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 May 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 May 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Business Motion

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1764—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 23 May 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1765—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Register of Tartans Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 13 June 2008.

The motion was agreed to.

- **9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.
- 10. Yes to Bathgate Business Improvement District: The Parliament debated S3M-1596 in the name of Mary Mulligan—That the Parliament notes the hugely successful outcome of the ballot to establish the first Business Improvement District (BID) in Scotland in Bathgate, West Lothian; further notes that out of 205 votes cast by local businesses, 190 were in support of the BID proposals and congratulates the BID steering group chairperson, Sam Crawford, his implementation group colleagues, Amanda Finlayson and Pat Kerr, and all others involved in developing the Bathgate BID on their amazing success; acknowledges that the ballot result is an overwhelming endorsement by the business community of the BID concept, and hopes other Scottish towns may follow in Bathgate's footsteps.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 69 Thursday 24 April 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

- **1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on National Qualifications.
- 2. International Education: The Minister for Schools and Skills (Maureen Watt) moved S3M-1768—That the Parliament recognises the importance of preparing young people for life in today's increasingly globalised society; agrees that all our young people should have an international education with opportunities to develop a knowledge and understanding of the world and Scotland's place in it; congratulates the many schools across Scotland that have made and continue to make links with schools across the world, and agrees that the Curriculum for Excellence is the ideal vehicle to deliver international education in schools and equip young people with an understanding of, and the skills for, the modern world.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S3M-1768.2 to motion S3M-1768—

After "across the world" insert—

"; believes that Holocaust education, including visits to the Auschwitz concentration camp, is an important part of lessons on citizenship and international education; agrees that the Scottish Government should ensure that the Barnett consequentials of the £4.65 million in funding announced by the UK Government for visits to Auschwitz are used specifically to support Scottish pupils for this same purpose".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Hugh O'Donnell moved amendment S3M-1768.1 to motion S3M-1768—

Insert at end—

"and calls for the Scottish Government to bring forward a comprehensive national languages strategy including a rolling programme to introduce a second language early into primary education and to secure economic benefit from the diverse language skills in a multicultural Scotland".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 16, Abstentions 47).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 16, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of preparing young people for life in today's increasingly globalised society; agrees that all our young people should have an international education with opportunities to develop a knowledge and

understanding of the world and Scotland's place in it; congratulates the many schools across Scotland that have made and continue to make links with schools across the world; agrees that the Curriculum for Excellence is the ideal vehicle to deliver international education in schools and equip young people with an understanding of, and the skills for, the modern world, and calls for the Scotlish Government to bring forward a comprehensive national languages strategy including a rolling programme to introduce a second language early into primary education and to secure economic benefit from the diverse language skills in a multicultural Scotland.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **5.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Europe, External Affairs and Culture and on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **6.** Planning Application Processes (Menie Estate): Duncan McNeil, on behalf of the Local Government and Communities Committee, moved S3M-1712—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Local Government and Communities Committee's 5th Report, 2008 (Session 3): *Planning Application Processes (Menie Estate)* (SP Paper 73).

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

- **7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on industrial action at Grangemouth.
- **8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 6 as noted above.
- **9.** Leven to Thornton Rail Link: The Parliament debated S3M-1539 in the name of Tricia Marwick—That the Parliament notes that the South-East Scotland Transport Partnership commissioned a feasibility study into the reopening of the Leven to Thornton rail link; believes that the reopening of this line to passengers and freight is vital to the regeneration of the Levenmouth area; notes that the reopening of the Leven to Thornton rail link is one of Fife Council's top transport priorities, and believes that those most interested in the regeneration of Levenmouth should contribute to the feasibility study now being carried out.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

No. 70 Wednesday 30 April 2008

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Mark Malcolm, Minister of Ormiston and Pencaitland parishes led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1804—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the Stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

- **3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) made a statement and answered questions on Implementing the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act.
- **4. Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 1, 4 and 9.

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

5. Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved S3M-1716—That the Parliament agrees that the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill be passed.

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

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1805—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 May 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Free Personal Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Framework

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 May 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Rural Affairs and the Environment;

Justice and Law Officers

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Effective Public Services

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 May 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 May 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1806—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Mental Health (Cross-border Visits) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Office of the Clerk: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1807—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 28 November 2008, 24 December (pm), 25 and 26 December 2008, 1 and 2 January 2009, 10 and 13 April 2009, 4 May, 22 and 25 May 2009.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Parliamentary Recess Dates: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1808—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 20 December 2008 – 4 January 2009 (inclusive), 14 – 22 February 2009 (inclusive), 4 – 19 April 2009 (inclusive) and 27 June – 30 August 2009 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.
- Fenwick Weavers' Society and the Co-operative Model: The 11. Parliament debated S3M-1580 in the name of Willie Coffey-That the Parliament notes that the Fenwick Weavers' Society is increasingly being acknowledged as the world's first formally incorporated co-operative society; recognises that having been founded on 14 March 1761 to promote and maintain high standards in the craft of weaving, it also became involved in the bulk purchase of oatmeal for resale to its members and in lending money to needy members and their families, setting examples followed in the development of both the retail co-operative sector and credit unions; notes that the deed of incorporation and the minute book of the society covering the period 1761 to 1783 are in the safe-keeping of the National Library of Scotland: welcomes the decision of the library to make the deed of incorporation and minute book available to the residents of Fenwick who, under the inspired leadership of John Smith and John McFadzean, have reestablished the society to develop a heritage centre in Fenwick to value and build on the work of the society, and records its support for the co-operative model of working, which has the potential to make a significant contribution to the economic and social development of Scotland and the wider world.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

No. 71 Thursday 1 May 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Housing: David McLetchie moved S3M-1812—That the Parliament regrets the failure of the Scottish Government to actively pursue and promote housing stock transfer by local authorities to community-based housing associations and thereby obtain a debt write-off from HM Treasury of over £2 billion; believes that the role of social landlords is best undertaken by housing associations and other not-for-profit, co-operative bodies, and deplores the introduction of any further restrictions on the right to buy.

The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved amendment S3M-1812.2 to motion S3M-1812—

Leave out from "regrets" to end and insert—

"respects the democratic right of tenants to determine the ownership of their homes; regrets that HM Treasury will only write off local authority housing debt where local authority housing stock is transferred; believes that housing associations and other not-for-profit, co-operative bodies continue to have the lead role in providing new social housing but welcomes the Scottish Government's encouragement of local authorities to augment the supply of new social housing as part of their role as landlords, and endorses the Scottish Government's plans to end the right to buy on new social housing and to review how right to buy applies to the existing stock of social housing."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 42, Against 72, Abstentions 2).

Johann Lamont moved amendment S3M-1812.3 to motion S3M-1812—

Leave out from "the failure" to end and insert—

"that, following the parliamentary debate on 20 March 2008, ministers have not yet reported to the Parliament on the future of the £2,000 first-time buyers grant, despite the Parliament agreeing that they should; regrets that ministers have not yet reported to the Parliament on how the Scottish Government plans to respond to the consultation on Firm Foundations which identified serious criticisms of the Scottish Government's approach to housing; notes the critical role of housing associations and housing cooperatives in delivering affordable homes for rent; condemns the Minister for Communities and Sport for not yet announcing the allocation of Housing Association Grant, and reaffirms its view that the Scottish Government has no coherent housing strategy."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 56, Abstentions 15).

Robert Brown moved amendment S3M-1812.1 to motion S3M-1812—

Leave out from "believes that" to end and insert—

"recognises that local councils are best placed to assess and meet varied local housing needs and to determine their local housing strategies; believes that the role of community-based housing associations and housing co-operatives is vital to such diverse local strategies which should also include the ability to mould right to buy policy to fit local needs, and calls on the Scottish Government to produce clear figures on its housing plans including the number of affordable rented houses to be built from 2008 to 2011."

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

The motion was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 102, Abstentions 1).

2. Food Security: John Scott moved S3M-1803—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the potential for global food shortages; notes the recent cost increases in many basic food products here in Scotland, with food price inflation now exceeding 6%; further notes that many developing countries are experiencing growing social unrest as a result of food pressures, and calls on the Scottish Government, Her Majesty's Government, the European Union and other relevant bodies to work closely, and with the appropriate urgency, to seek solutions.

Karen Gillon moved amendment S3M-1803.1 to motion S3M-1803—

Insert at end-

"that take account of the growing pressures on agriculture from both climate change and the rush to biofuels".

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S3M-1803.2 to motion S3M-1803—

Insert at end—

"recognises the role of Scotland's primary producers in ensuring the long-term capacity and capability of our food supply; and further calls on the Scottish Government to encourage the development of local supply chains through public procurement, address the imbalance in power between the big supermarkets and our food producers, reduce the regulatory burden on farmers, and ensure that our primary producers operate on a level playing field with foreign competitors."

Robin Harper moved amendment S3M-1803.1.1 to amendment S3M-1803.1—

Insert at end-

", as well as the peak in oil production."

After debate, amendment S3M-1803.1.1 to amendment S3M-1803.1 was agreed to (DT).

Amendment S3M-1803.1, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Amendment S3M-1803.2 was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament expresses its concern at the potential for global food shortages; notes the recent cost increases in many basic food products here in Scotland, with food price inflation now exceeding 6%; further notes that many developing countries are experiencing growing social unrest as a result of food pressures; calls on the Scottish Government, Her Majesty's Government, the European Union and other relevant bodies to work closely, and with the appropriate urgency, to seek solutions that take account of the growing pressures on agriculture from both climate change and the rush to biofuels, as well as the peak in oil production; recognises the role of Scotland's primary producers in ensuring the long-term capacity and capability of our food supply; and further calls on the Scottish Government to encourage the development of local supply chains through public procurement, address the imbalance in power between the big supermarkets and our food producers, reduce the regulatory burden on farmers and ensure that our primary producers operate on a level playing field with foreign competitors.

- **3. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **4. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- **5.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Health and Wellbeing were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 6. The Impact of the UK Budget on Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Development (John Swinney) moved S3M-1814—That the Parliament is disappointed with some of the decisions taken in the 2008 UK Budget and their damaging impact on the Scottish economy and households; in particular regrets that action was not taken to reverse the 2007 decision to abolish the 10p tax rate; notes with concern the increase in the small companies' rate of corporation tax; believes that the blanket approach taken in setting alcohol duty is too simplistic and does not address the wider social and health issues around alcohol; regrets that the measures aimed at tackling fuel poverty are insufficient, and further regrets the lack of appropriate measures to moderate the impact of rising fuel prices.

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S3M-1814.1 to motion S3M-1814—

Insert at end—

"notes with concern the decision to abolish Capital Gains Tax taper relief, and believes that the increase in spirits duty will needlessly damage the Scotch Whisky industry."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 16, Abstentions 87).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S3M-1814.2 to motion S3M-1814—

After "10p tax rate", insert—

"deplores the continued failure of the UK Government to provide an adequate package of measures to help families affected by the falling housing market and the absence of sufficient budget provision for the alleviation of child poverty".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 14, Abstentions 87).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 16, Abstentions 44).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament is disappointed with some of the decisions taken in the 2008 UK Budget and their damaging impact on the Scottish economy and households; in particular regrets that action was not taken to reverse the 2007 decision to abolish the 10p tax rate; deplores the continued failure of the UK Government to provide an adequate package of measures to help families affected by the falling housing market and the absence of sufficient budget provision for the alleviation of child poverty; notes with concern the increase in the small companies' rate of corporation tax; believes that the blanket approach taken in setting alcohol duty is too simplistic and does not address the wider social and health issues around alcohol; regrets that the measures aimed at tackling fuel poverty are insufficient, and further regrets the lack of appropriate measures to moderate the impact of rising fuel prices.

7. Committee Membership: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1820—That the Parliament agrees that—

Charlie Gordon be appointed to replace Claire Baker as a member of the Audit Committee;

Richard Baker be appointed to replace Michael McMahon as a member of the Equal Opportunities Committee;

Patricia Ferguson be appointed to replace John Park as a member of the European and External Relations Committee; and

Jackie Baillie be appointed to replace Richard Baker as a member of the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Substitution on Committees: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1821—That the Parliament agrees that—

Claire Baker be appointed to replace Richard Baker as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee;

John Park be appointed to replace Claire Baker as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equal Opportunities Committee; and

Richard Baker be appointed to replace John Park as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.
- Remember the Dead, Fight for the Living: The Parliament debated S3M-1710 in the name of Elaine Smith—That the Parliament recognises the importance of International Workers Memorial Day (IWMD) held on 28 April each year; considers that the official slogan "remember the dead, fight for the living" is particularly apposite and helps to ensure that all those who have died as a result of work are not forgotten whilst at the same time encourages renewed efforts to ensure that such tragedies are not repeated; welcomes events around Scotland to commemorate this important day and, in particular, the unveiling of the North Lanarkshire Workers Memorial at Summerlee Heritage Park in Coatbridge; encourages relevant authorities to fly official flags on public buildings at half mast; hopes that all workplaces will observe a one-minute silence at 12 noon on 28 April 2008; commends the STUC and the trade unions for their work in building trade union organisation and campaigning for stricter enforcement with higher penalties for breaches of health and safety laws to help in the struggle for safer workplaces, and supports the call for recognition of IWMD as a national day of remembrance for those who have been killed, injured, or made ill by their work.
- **11. Motion without Notice:** Elaine Smith moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 6.06 pm. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.06 pm.

No. 72 Wednesday 7 May 2008

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Amanullah De Sondy, Centre for the Study of Islam, University of Glasgow led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Free Personal Care.
- **3.** International Framework: The Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture (Linda Fabiani) moved S3M-1838—That the Parliament recognises the importance of ensuring that Scotland is competitive in an increasingly globalised society; agrees that creating the conditions for talented people to live, learn, visit, work and remain in Scotland is crucial to helping to deliver the goals of growing Scotland's population and economy in a sustainable way, and welcomes the Scottish Government's International Framework as a means to extend, focus and align the actions and policies of the government and public sector partners to these ends.

Malcolm Chisholm moved amendment S3M-1838.2 to motion S3M-1838—

Insert at end-

"in co-operation with the UK Government and including international development objectives as a key priority."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 0, Abstentions 46).

Ted Brocklebank moved amendment S3M-1838.1 to motion S3M-1838—

Leave out from "a means to extend" to end and insert—

"part of the means to extend, focus and align the actions and policies of the government and public sector partners to these ends while stressing the need to "make full use of the UK resources at our disposal", including "the Foreign and Commonwealth Office network around the world to maximise business, cultural and educational opportunities for Scotland", and "engage more directly with the British Council in our priority markets with a view to maximising the opportunities to showcase Scotland's cultural and educational excellence abroad", as outlined in the International Framework document."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

lain Smith moved amendment S3M-1838.3 to motion S3M-1838—

Insert at end—

"but does not consider it in the best interests of Scotland for the Scottish Government to promote policies which do not command the support of the Parliament and, in particular, does not believe that the International Framework or any of the related documents or actions of the Scottish Government should contain any reference to Scottish independence, for which the minority Scottish Government has no mandate nor any authority from the Parliament to promote."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 46, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of ensuring that Scotland is competitive in an increasingly globalised society; agrees that creating the conditions for talented people to live, learn, visit, work and remain in Scotland is crucial to helping to deliver the goals of growing Scotland's population and economy in a sustainable way, and welcomes the Scottish Government's International Framework as part of the means to extend, focus and align the actions and policies of the government and public sector partners to these ends while stressing the need to "make full use of the UK resources at our disposal", including "the Foreign and Commonwealth Office network around the world to maximise business, cultural and educational opportunities for Scotland", and "engage more directly with the British Council in our priority markets with a view to maximising the opportunities to showcase Scotland's cultural and educational excellence abroad", as outlined in the International Framework document, but does not consider it in the best interests of Scotland for the Scottish Government to promote policies which do not command the support of the Parliament and, in particular, does not believe that the International Framework or any of the related documents or actions of the Scottish Government should contain any reference to Scottish independence, for which the minority Scottish Government has no mandate nor any authority from the Parliament to promote.

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1846—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 14 May 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by First Minister's Statement: Moving Scotland Forward

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 May 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Equality and Diversity

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Schucksmith Report and the Future

of Crofting in Scotland

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Free Personal Care

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 May 2008

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 May 2008

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12 noon First Minister's Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Education and Lifelong Learning; Europe, External Affairs and Culture

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S3M-1845—That the Parliament agrees that the draft Victim Notification Scheme (Scotland) Order 2008 be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 5 as noted above.
- 7. Alternative and Augmentative Communication: The Parliament debated S3M-1660 in the name of Nanette Milne—That the Parliament expresses concern following the findings by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, Capability Scotland and Augmentative Communication in Practice whose recent survey of alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) equipment and speech and language therapy support provision in Scotland revealed that eight out of 15 NHS boards, including NHS Grampian, are providing a poor service; notes that only 16% of potential beneficiaries are accessing specialist AAC services in Scotland and that AAC provision is a postcode, age, advocacy and impairment lottery, and considers that an AAC strategy for Scotland should be developed and implemented to provide for a national standard of specialist speech and language therapy provision.
- **8. Motion without Notice:** Nanette Milne moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended until 5.53pm. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

No. 73 Thursday 8 May 2008

The meeting opened at 9.15am.

1. Meeting Scotland's Housing Needs: Johann Lamont moved S3M-1848—That the Parliament recognises the broad range of issues that must be tackled in meeting the diverse housing needs of people across Scotland; confirms that the Scottish Government must act to address these issues, including continued work to prevent and reduce homelessness, the further development of housing to meet particular and specialist need, dealing with the blockages to the supply of housing, providing affordable housing to buy and within the socially rented sector, ensuring higher quality and better managed housing for rent in the private sector, seeking solutions to the problems facing local authorities where tenants voted against stock transfer and recognising the distinctive challenges in rural areas, regeneration areas and areas of high demand; notes that the consultation responses to the Firm Foundations document exposed significant flaws in the Scottish Government's approach: urges the Scottish Government to address these flaws and bring forward a coherent strategy for all of Scotland's housing needs and, in particular, agrees that the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing should ensure that the Mazars report into second stage transfer issues in Glasgow Housing Association is subject to open, transparent and independent scrutiny.

The Minister for Communities and Sport (Stewart Maxwell) moved amendment S3M-1848.2 to motion S3M-1848—

Leave out from "notes" to end and insert—

"calls on the Scottish Government to facilitate discussion and mediation between Glasgow Housing Association (GHA) and the relevant local housing organisations to ensure that second stage transfers proceed speedily and equitably in the interests of all tenants and urges the Scottish Government to bring forward a coherent strategy for all of Scotland's housing needs and, in particular, agrees that the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing should ensure that the Mazars report into second stage transfer issues in GHA is subject to open, transparent and independent scrutiny."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 75, Abstentions 1).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S3M-1848.1 to motion S3M-1848—

Insert at end—

"regrets the failure of the Scottish Government to actively promote housing stock transfer by local authorities to community-based housing associations, with the approval of tenants, and urges the Scottish Government to co-operate with HM Treasury and councils to achieve the substantial debt write-offs of over £2 billion which are available and thereby facilitate new investment in social housing."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 46, Abstentions 3).

Jim Tolson moved amendment S3M-1848.3 to motion S3M-1848—

Insert at end—

"regrets that after two parliamentary debates on the subject since the budget was passed, the Scottish Government has still failed to come forward with clear figures on its housing plans across all sector and tenure types including the number of affordable rented houses to be built from 2008 to 2011, and has further failed to produce a clear trajectory for how it intends to meet its commitment to abolish unintentional homelessness by 2012; calls for improved energy efficiency to be a key objective in plans for new housing, and opposes the Scottish Government's proposals for large scale procurement put forward in *Firm Foundations*."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 48, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 48, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the broad range of issues that must be tackled in meeting the diverse housing needs of people across Scotland; confirms that the Scottish Government must act to address these issues, including continued work to prevent and reduce homelessness, the further development of housing to meet particular and specialist need, dealing with the blockages to the supply of housing, providing affordable housing to buy and within the socially rented sector, ensuring higher quality and better managed housing for rent in the private sector, seeking solutions to the problems facing local authorities where tenants voted against stock transfer and recognising the distinctive challenges in rural areas, regeneration areas and areas of high demand; notes that the consultation responses to the Firm Foundations document exposed significant flaws in the Scottish Government's approach; urges the Scottish Government to address these flaws and bring forward a coherent strategy for all of Scotland's housing needs and, in particular, agrees that the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing should ensure that the Mazars report into second stage transfer issues in Glasgow Housing Association is subject to open, transparent and independent scrutiny; regrets the failure of the Scottish Government to actively promote housing stock transfer by local authorities to community-based housing associations, with the approval of tenants; urges the Scottish Government to co-operate with HM Treasury and councils to achieve the substantial debt write-offs of over £2 billion which are available and thereby facilitate new investment in social housing; regrets that after two parliamentary debates on the subject since the budget was passed, the Scottish Government has still failed to come forward with clear figures on its housing plans across all sector and tenure types including the number of affordable rented houses to be built from 2008 to 2011, and has further failed to produce a clear trajectory for how it intends to meet its commitment to abolish unintentional homelessness by 2012; calls for improved energy efficiency to be a key objective in plans for new housing, and opposes the Scottish Government's proposals for large scale procurement put forward in Firm Foundations.

- **2. General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- **3. First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
- **4.** Themed Question Time: Questions on Rural Affairs and the Environment, and Justice and Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and by the Scottish Law Officers.
- **5. Effective Public Services:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Bruce Crawford) moved S3M-1849—That the Parliament welcomes the opportunity to debate proposals to deliver better public services by reducing duplication, bureaucracy and overlaps in the public sector with the aim of achieving greater focus and alignment with the Purpose of Government and the outcomes set out in the national performance framework.

Andy Kerr moved amendment S3M-1849.2 to motion S3M-1849—

Leave out from "with the aim" to end and insert—

"but recognises that public service cuts seen all over Scotland are undermining those very services and that the cuts being experienced are not the result of reducing duplication, bureaucracy and overlaps but rather a failure to invest by the Scottish Government."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 64, Abstentions 16).

Derek Brownlee moved amendment S3M-1849.1 to motion S3M-1849—

Insert at end-

"believes that there is scope for continuous improvement in the design and delivery of public services, and rejects the notion that improvements in public services can only be achieved by increased levels of public spending."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 46, Abstentions 16).

Robert Brown moved amendment S3M-1849.3 to motion S3M-1849—

Leave out from "opportunity" to end and insert—

"commitment from successive Scottish administrations to reduce waste, bureaucracy and duplication in Scotland's public sector; notes with concern the current administration's superficial approach, which appears to be driven by numerical and financial targets alone rather than principles of good governance, and the failure of the Scottish Government to consult properly with the interests affected by key decisions, and regrets that these decisions were taken without parliamentary approval."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 60, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the opportunity to debate proposals to deliver better public services by reducing duplication, bureaucracy and overlaps in the public sector with the aim of achieving greater focus and alignment with the Purpose of Government and the outcomes set out in the national performance framework; believes that there is scope for continuous improvement in the design and delivery of public services, and rejects the notion that improvements in public services can only be achieved by increased levels of public spending.

- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 5 as noted above.
- 7. RNIB Scotland's Right to Read Campaign: The Parliament debated S3M-1651 in the name of Alison McInnes—That the Parliament welcomes the Right to Read campaign by RNIB Scotland for equal access to textbooks and other educational material for blind and visually impaired children; notes the excellent example of schools such as Craigiebarns Primary School in Dundee in ensuring that blind and visually impaired children are included in mainstream schooling; believes that a national transcription service should be established, building on the work done by RNIB, other organisations and local councils; acknowledges that such a service could also be of use to other children with additional support needs, and so believes that prompt action is needed to move forward with this agenda.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

ANNEX A

BILLS INTRODUCED

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

3 September 2007

Abolition of Bridge Tolls (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to abolish tolls on road bridges; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 1) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney Supported by: Stewart Stevenson

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 1-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 1-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

22 October 2007

Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to abolish the graduate endowment; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 2) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Fiona Hyslop

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 2-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 2-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

25 October 2007

Public Health Etc. (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to restate and amend the law on public health; to make provision about mortuaries and the disposal of bodies; to enable the Scottish Ministers to implement their obligations under the International Health Regulations; to enable provision to be made in relation to the provision of information to users on the effects on health of sunbeds; to amend the law on statutory nuisances; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 3) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Nicola Sturgeon

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 3-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 3-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

9 November 2007

Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in relation to the Commonwealth Games that are to be held principally in Glasgow in 2014. (SP Bill 4) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Nicola Sturgeon

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 4-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 4-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

17 January 2008

Budget (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2008/09, 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 2009/10, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 5) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Supported by: Alex Salmond, Bruce Crawford

Accompanying documents (SP Bill 5-AD) were printed to accompany the Bill.

30 January 2008

Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the judiciary and the courts; to establish the Scottish Court Service; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 6) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Kenny MacAskill Supported by: Fergus Ewing

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 6-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 6-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

26 February 2008

Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Bill—A corrected version of the Bill as amended at Stage 2 has been printed, (SP Bill 2A (Revised)) (Executive Bill). (The Line numbering on page 2 of the Bill has been corrected.)

12 March 2008

Creative Scotland Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish a body to be known as Creative Scotland and to confer on it functions in relation to the arts and culture and to the application of creative skills; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 7) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Alex Salmond Supported by: Linda Fabiani

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 7-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 7-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

25 March 2008

Scottish Register of Tartans Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish a register of tartans; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 8) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Jamie McGrigor

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 8-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 8-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

1. Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid in draft (unless otherwise stated) before the Parliament for approval by resolution—

5 June 2007

The Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 (Variation of Age Limit for Sale of Tobacco etc. and Consequential Modifications) Order 2007 laid under section 40(3) of the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005

20 June 2007

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.)
Order 2007

laid under section 115 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

22 June 2007

The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Amendment (No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

25 June 2007

The Licensing (Mandatory Conditions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 laid under section 146(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

26 June 2007

The Housing Grants (Assessment of Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007

laid under section 240A(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

29 August 2007

The Provision of School Lunches (Disapplication of the Requirement to Charge) (Scotland) Order 2007

laid under section 57(6) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003

6 September 2007

The Club Gaming and Club Machine Permits (Scotland) Regulations 2007— The Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits (Scotland) Regulations 2007—

laid under section 355(9) of the Gambling Act 2005

12 September 2007

The Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction and Summary Cause) Order 2007

laid under section 41(5) of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971

The Small Claims (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007

laid under sections 35(4) and 36B(4) of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971

21 September 2007

The Fundable Bodies (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2007

laid under section 34 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

The Protection of Charities Assets (Exemption) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007

laid under section 103(5) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

17 October 2007

The Licensing (Mandatory Conditions No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 laid under section 146(5) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

25 October 2007

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2007 Amendment Order 2007 laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2007

26 October 2007

The Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Incidental, Supplemental and Consequential Provisions) Order 2007

laid under section 82(3)(a) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

2 November 2007

The Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Consents under Enactments) Regulations 2007

laid under section 28(3), (4) and (5) of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

The Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications and Objections Procedure) Rules 2007—

The Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Inquiries and Hearings Procedure) Rules 2007—

laid under section 28(4) and (5) of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

8 November 2007

The Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Consents under Enactments) Regulations 2007

laid under section 28(3), (4) and (5) of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

The draft Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Consents under Enactments) Regulations 2007, which was laid on 2 November 2007, has been withdrawn

14 November 2007

The Scottish Police Services Authority (Police Support Services) (Modification) Order 2007

laid under section 103(4) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

10 December 2007

The draft Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act 2005 (Modification) Order 2008 laid under section 8(4) of Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act 2005

18 December 2007

The Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Members' Remuneration and Supplementary Provisions) Order 2008

laid under sections 3(25)(a) and 22(4) of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

21 December 2007

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008 laid under section 191(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

9 January 2008

The Agricultural and Horticulture Development Board Order 2007 laid under section 97(8)(a) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

The Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008

laid under section 97(8) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

11 January 2008

The Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 2008 laid under section 1(7) of the Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Act 1976

16 January 2008

The Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 (Supplemental Provisions) Order 2008

laid under section 82(3)(a) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 Fixed Penalty Order 2008 laid under section 302(8)(b) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

18 January 2008

The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008

laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

The Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (Low Income, Low Asset Debtors etc.) Regulations 2008

laid under section 5A of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 Fixed Penalty Order 2008 laid under section 302(8)(b) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

The draft Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 Fixed Penalty Order 2008 laid before Parliament on 18 January 2008, has been withdrawn.

23 January 2008

The Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (Low Income, Low Asset Debtors etc.) Regulations 2008

laid under section 72(2) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

The Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 (Low Income, Low Asset Debtors etc.) Regulations 2008, which were laid in draft before the Parliament on 18 January 2008, have been withdrawn.

24 January 2008

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2008 laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (not laid in draft)

The Budget (Scotland) Act 2007 Amendment Order 2008 laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2007

28 January 2008

The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 laid under section 32(9) of the Electricity Act 1989

30 January 2008

The Home Detention Curfew Licence (Amendment of Specified Days) (Scotland) Order 2008

laid under section 45(3) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

7 February 2008

The Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2008 laid under section 191(9) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

12 February 2008

The Protected Trust Deeds (Scotland) Regulations 2008 laid under section 72(2) and (3)(b) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

13 February 2008

The Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2008

laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006

15 February 2008

The Official Statistics (Scotland) Order 2008

laid under section 65(6)(a) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

18 February 2008

The Advice and Assistance (Financial Considerations) (Scotland) Regulations 2008—

The Civil Legal Aid (Financial Considerations) (Scotland) Regulations 2008—laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland0 Act 1986

19 February 2008

The Protected Trust Deeds (Scotland) Regulations 2008 laid under section 72(2) and (3)(b) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

The laid draft Protected Trust Deeds (Scotland) Regulations 2008 laid before Parliament on 12 February 2008, has been withdrawn.

13 March 2008

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (not laid in draft)

The Victim Notification Scheme (Scotland) Order 2008 laid under section 88(2)(a) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003

The Mental Health (Cross-border Visits) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 laid under section 326(4) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

16 April 2008

The Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Access to Land by the Scottish Ministers) Order 2008

laid under section 28(4) and (5) of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

The Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Access to Land on Application) Order 2008

laid under section 28(4) and (5) of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

23 April 2008

The Fundable Bodies (The Scottish Agricultural College) (Scotland) Order 2008

laid under section 34(4) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

25 April 2008

The Advice and Assistance (Limits, Conditions and Representation) (Scotland) Regulations 2008

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

1 May 2008

The Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 Amendment Order 2008

laid under section 103(5) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

8 May 2008

The Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.)
Order 2008

laid under section 115(1) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

The Advice and Assistance (Limits, Conditions and Representation) (Scotland) Regulations 2008

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The draft Advice and Assistance (Limits, Conditions and Representation) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 laid before the Parliament on 25 April 2008, has been withdrawn

2. Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament and are subject to annulment—

5 June 2007

The Spreadable Fats (Marketing Standards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/303)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

6 June 2007

The Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/304)—

The European Fisheries Fund (Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/307)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

7 June 2007

The Vegetable Seeds Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/305)

laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/306)—

The Cattle Identification (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/312)—

The Plant Health Fees (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/314)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Gambling Act 2005 (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/309)— The Gambling Act 2005 (Fees No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/311)—

laid under section 355(10) of the Gambling Act 2005

The Licensing (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/313)

laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

The Education (Publication and Consultation Etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/315)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Health Protection Agency (Scottish Health Functions) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/316)

laid under section 2(9) of the Health Protection Agency Act 2004

8 June 2007

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/317)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/318)—

The Court of Session etc. Fees Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/319)—

The High Court of Justiciary Fees Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/321)—laid under section 2 of the Courts of Law Fees (Scotland) Act 1895

The Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/320)

laid under sections 7(2) and 86(2) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

The Discontinuance of Low Moss Prison (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/322)

laid under section 42(2) of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

The Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/324)

laid under section 18 of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995

The Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Other Substances (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/325)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

15 June 2007

The Bovine Semen (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SS1 2007/330) laid under section 11(4) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984

21 June 2007

The Gambling Act 2005 (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/332) laid under section 355(10) of the Gambling Act 2005

25 June 2007

The Licensing Conditions (Late Opening Premises) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/336)

laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

26 June 2007

The Bovine Products (Restriction on Placing on the Market) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/338)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

17 July 2007

The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/357)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

1 August 2007

The Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (United States of America) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/354)—

The Recovery of Maintenance (United States of America) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/355)—

laid under section 45(2) of the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972

The European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/358)—

The European Communities (Services of Lawyers) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/359)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area) Order 2007 (SI 2007/2139)

laid under section 115 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

2 August 2007

The Food (Suspension of the Use of E 128 Red 2G as Food Colour) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/363)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

9 August 2007

The Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/375)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

10 August 2007

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/376)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

13 August 2007

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/377)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

15 August 2007

The Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/379)

laid under section 16 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

23 August 2007

The Nutrition and Health Claims (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/383) laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

28 August 2007

The Food-and-Mouth Disease (Export Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/386)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

31 August 2007

The Gambling Act 2005 (Review of Premises Licences) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/394)—

The Gambling Act 2005 (Fees No. 3) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/395)—

laid under section 355(10) of the Gambling Act 2005

3 September 2007

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/389)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Provision of School Education for Children under School Age (Prescribed Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/396)

laid under section 1 (4A) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Licensing (Training of Staff) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/397) laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

4 September 2007

The Private Security Industry Act 2001 (Designated Activities) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/398)

laid under section 24(2) and (3A) of the Private Security Industry Act 2001

The Water Commissioner for Scotland (Dissolution) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/399)

laid under section 34(3) of the Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

5 September 2007

The Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/407)

laid under section 78(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

The Plant Protection Products (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/410)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Scottish Road Works Commissioner (Imposition of Penalties) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/411)

laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

6 September 2007

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/390)—

The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/392)—

The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/393)—

The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Performers Lists) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/413)—

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Miscellaneous Food Additives and the Sweeteners in Food Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/412)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

The Common Agricultural Policy Single Farm Payment and Support Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/414)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Plant Health (Scotland) (Amendment) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/415)— The Plant Health (*Phytophthora ramorum*) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/416)—

laid under section 6(1) of the Plant Health Act 1967

7 September 2007

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/391)—

The National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/422)—

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Disclosure Scotland (Staff Transfer) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/417) laid under section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

The Seed Potatoes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/418) laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Repayment Charge and Discharge) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/419)

laid under section 191(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

The Zoonoses (Monitoring) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/420) laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Porcine Semen (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/421) laid under section 11(4) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 1984

13 September 2007

The Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/424)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

The Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/425)

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

14 September 2007

The Surface Waters (Shellfish) (Classification) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/427)

laid under section 104(1) of the Control of Pollution 1974

18 September 2007

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/428)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

19 September 2007

The University of the West of Scotland Order of Council 2007 (SSI 2007/426) laid under section 60 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

20 September 2007

The Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Lid Gaskets) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/433)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

21 September 2007

The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/435)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

The Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council (Listed Tribunals) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/436)

laid under section 49(9) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007

24 September 2007

The Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Fees) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/438)

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

27 September 2007

The Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/439)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 the European Communities Act 1972

4 October 2007

The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Edinburgh) Designation Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/446)

laid under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Act 1991

11 October 2007

The Premises Licence (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/452)—

The Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/453)—

The Licensing (Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/454)—

laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

15 October 2007

The Community Care (Direct Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/458)

laid under section 90(2) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

16 October 2007

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/460)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

17 October 2007

The Gambling Act 2005 (Fees No. 4) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/461)

laid under section 355(10) of the Gambling Act 2005

23 October 2007

The Contaminants in Food (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/470)—

The Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/471)—

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

24 October 2007

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 5) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/473)

laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

25 October 2007

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/475)

laid under section 191(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

26 October 2007

The District Courts and Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/480)

laid under section 81 of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/481)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

29 October 2007

The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/483)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

31 October 2007

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/484)—

The Environmental Impact Assessment and Natural Habitats (Extraction of Minerals by Marine Dredging) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/485)—
laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

1 November 2007

The Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/487)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

2 November 2007

The Feed (Specified Undesirable Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/492)

laid under section 63(2) of the Agriculture Act 1970

The Feed (Corn Gluten Feed and Brewers Grains) (Emergency Control) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/493)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

5 November 2007

The Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Scotland) (No. 6) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/494)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

7 November 2007

The Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/498)—

The Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/499)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

8 November 2007

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/500)—

The National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/501)—

The National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/502)—

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Education (Amendments in respect of Graduate Endowment, Student Fees and Support) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/503)

laid under section 1 of the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) Act 2001

9 November 2007

The Bee Diseases and Pests Control (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/506) laid under section 1 of the Bees Act 1980

13 November 2007

The Remote Monitoring Requirements (Prescribed Courts) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/508)

laid under section 24B(5) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

14 November 2007

The Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/510)

laid under section 47 of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

19 November 2007

The Licensing (Relevant Offences) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/513)

laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

21 November 2007

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/514)

laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

The Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/515)

laid under section 1(6) of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 1945

The Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007 (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/517)

laid under section 28(2) of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

22 November 2007

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export and Movement Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/518)—

The Zootechnical Standards Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/521)—

The Official Feed and Food Controls (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/522)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Seed Potatoes (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/520)

laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

23 November 2007

The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/523)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

29 November 2007

The Police (Promotion) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/528)

laid under section 26(10) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

The Water Environment (Drinking Water Protected Areas) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/529)

laid under section 36 of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

The Registration Services (Fees, etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/531)

laid under section 54(2)(a) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965, section 126(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 and section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

The Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Conservation Bodies) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/533)—

The Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/535)—

laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003

The Food Labelling (Declaration of Allergens) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/534)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

The Seeds (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/536) laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

The Fishery Products (Official Controls Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/537)—

The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/538)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities
Act 1972

4 December 2007

The Licensing (Vessels etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/545) laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

6 December 2007

The Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/549)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990 and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

7 December 2007

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 2007 (SSI 2007/550) laid under section 40 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export and Movement Restrictions) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/552)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

10 December 2007

The Licensing (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/553) laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

13 December 2007

The Sheep and Goats (Identification and Traceability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/559)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

14 December 2007

The Inquiries (Scotland) Rules 2007 (SSI 2007/560) laid under section 41(5) of the Inquiries Act 2005

17 December 2007

The Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export Restrictions) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/562)

laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

19 December 2007

The Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/565)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

21 December 2007

The Licensing (Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007 (SSI 2007/573)

laid under section 146(4) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

The Gambling Act 2005 (Review of Premises Licences) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/574)

laid under section 355(10) of the Gambling Act 2005

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Penalty Charge) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/575)

laid under section 191(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

The Scottish Police Services Authority (Staff Transfer) (No. 2) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/576)

laid under section 103(3) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

The Zoonoses and Animal By-Products (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/577)

laid under section 56(4) of the Finance Act 1973

9 January 2008

The Individual Learning Account (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/1)

laid under section 3(1) of the Education and Training (Scotland) Act 2000

The Public Service Vehicles (Traffic Regulation Conditions) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/2)

laid under 61(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

10 January 2008

The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/3)—

The School Crossing Patrol Sign (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/4)—laid under section 134(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/5) laid under section 72 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

15 January 2008

The Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/6)

laid under section 125(1) of the Police Act 1997

16 January 2008

The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 Compensation Offer (Maximum Amount) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/7)

laid under section 302A(9) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (as inserted by section 50 of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007)

The Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Scotland) Rules 2008 (SSI 2008/8)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

18 January 2008

The Bluetongue (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/11)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

22 January 2008

The Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/12)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

23 January 2008

The National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/13)—

The National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/14)—

laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

The Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees and Amounts) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/16)

laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

24 January 2008

The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/17)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

30 January 2008

The Police Grant (Variation) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/20) laid under section 48(2) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

1 February 2008

The National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2008/27)

laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

5 February 2008

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Alteration of Housing Finance Arrangements) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/28)

laid under section 109(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

The Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/29)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

6 February 2008

Environment Act 1995: The UK Strategy for Radioactive Discharges: Draft Statutory Guidance (SG/2008/13)

laid under section 31(5) of the Environment Act 1995. It will be issued at the conclusion of 40 days unless the Parliament resolves otherwise

8 February 2008

The Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of Lothian and Borders) etc. Order 2008 (SSI 2008/31)

laid under section 81(3) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

The Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/32)

laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

11 February 2008

The Housing Revenue Account General Fund Contribution Limits (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/34)

laid under section 204(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

12 February 2008

The Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Scotland) Revocation Rules 2008 (SSI 2008/35)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

The Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed Standard Conditions) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/36)

laid under section 45(2) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

15 February 2008

The Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/38)

laid under section 15 of the Social Security Act 1990

19 February 2008

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2008 (SSI 2008/40)

laid under section 40 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

20 February 2008

The Road Works (Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/43)

laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

The Water and Sewerage Services Undertaking (Lending by the Scottish Ministers) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/44)

laid under section 34(3) of the Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

21 February 2008

The Police Grant (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/46) laid under section 32(8) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

The Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/47)—

The Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/48)—laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

The Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 (Adults with Incapacity) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/50)

laid under section 78 of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007

The Adults with Incapacity (Accounts and Funds) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/51)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/52)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Recall of Guardians' Powers) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/53)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Reports in Relation to Guardianship and Intervention Orders) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/55)—

The Adults with Incapacity (Certificates in Relation to Powers of Attorney) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/56)—

laid under section 86 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

The Water Environment (Diffuse Pollution) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/54)

laid under section 36 of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

22 February 2008

The Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Amendment Scheme 2008 (SSI 2008/58)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Charities References in Documents (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/59)

laid under section 103 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

The National Health Service (Clinical Negligence and Other Risks Indemnity Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/60)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

28 February 2008

The Agricultural Processing, Marketing and Co-operation Grants (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/64)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

29 February 2008

The Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/65)—

The Leader Grants (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/66)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

4 March 2008

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment No. 2) 2008 (SSI 2008/72)

laid under section 40 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Avian Influenza) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/74)

laid under section 275(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

5 March 2008

The Intensive Support and Monitoring (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/75)

laid under section 103(2) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

The Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/79)

laid under section 72 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 and section 224(3) of the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007

The Bankruptcy (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/82)

laid under section 72(1) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 and section 224(3) of the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007

The Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/83)

laid under section 24(5) and 24A(6) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966

The Non-Domestic Rating (Telecommunications and Canals) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/84)

laid under section 6A of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

The Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/85)

laid under section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

6 March 2008

The Rice Products from the United States of America (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/87)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Road Works (Scottish Road Works Register, Notices, Directions and Designations) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/88)

laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

The Road Works (Settlement of Disputes and Appeals against Directions) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/89)

laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and section 52(2) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

The National Health Service (Superannuation Scheme, Injury Benefits, Additional Voluntary Contributions and Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/92)

laid under section 12 of the Superannuation Act 1972

The Justice of the Peace Courts (Sheriffdom of Grampian, Highland and Islands) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/93)

laid under section 81(3) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Scotland) Act 2007

7 March 2008

The Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/94)—

The Meat (Official Controls Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/98)—

The Horses (Zootechnical Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/99)—

The Rural Development Contracts (Rural Priorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/100)—

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/96)

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

The Meat Products (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/97) laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

The Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fixed Penalty Notices) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/101)

laid under section 43(2) of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007

The Sea Fishing (Control Procedures for Herring, Mackerel and Horse Mackerel) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/102)

laid under section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981

The Enforcement of Fines (Seizure and Disposal of Vehicles (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/103)

laid under section 226D(14) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

The Enforcement of Fines (Diligence) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/104)

laid under section 226F(8) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

The National Health Services (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/105)—

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/106)—

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

17 March 2008

The Police (Special Constables) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/117) laid under section 26(10) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2008 (SSI 2008/118)

laid under section 40 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

18 March 2008

The Home Detention Curfew Licence (Prescribed Standard Conditions) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/125)

laid under section 45(2) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

20 March 2008

The Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/127)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/128)

laid under section 138(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

The Eggs and Chicks (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/129) laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972.

28 March 2008

The Forestry Challenge Funds (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/135) laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

14 April 2008

The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/147)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/148)

laid under paragraph 292) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

15 April 2008

The Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Quota and Third Country Fishing Measures and Restriction on Days at Sea) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/151)

laid under section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981 and section 43(2) of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007

16 April 2008

The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 2008 (SI 2008/1035)

laid under section 115 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

17 April 2008

The Plant Health Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/153) laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972 and section 56(4) of the Finance Act 1973

The Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/154)

laid under section 63(2) of the Clean Air Act 1993

The Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/155)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Sea Fishing (Control Procedures for Herring, Mackerel and Horse Mackerel) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/156)

laid under section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981

The Smoke Control Area (Exempt Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/157)

laid under section 63(3) of the Clean Air Act 1993

21 April 2008

The Rural Development Contracts (Land Managers Options) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/159)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972.

22 April 2008

The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Order 2007 Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/160)

laid under section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

The Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/161)

laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

The Land Managers Skills Development Grants (Scotland) Regulations 2008 laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

The Designation of Institutions of Higher Education (The Scottish Agricultural College) (Scotland) Order 2008

laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 and section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Development Planning) (Saving Provisions) Order 2008

laid under section 58(4) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

25 April 2008

The Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2008

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

28 April 2008

The Lyon Court and Office Fees (Variation) (No. 2) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/168)

laid under section 5 of the Public Expenditure and Receipts Act 1968

1 May 2008

The Bathing Waters (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/170) laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972.

2 May 2008

The Guar Gum (Restriction of First Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/176)

laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to The European Communities Act 1972

3. Instruments not subject to Parliamentary procedure

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

18 January 2008

The Shrimp Fishing Nets (Scotland) Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/10) laid under section 20(3) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

28 February 2008

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Radioactivity in Sheep) Partial Revocation (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/63)

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—

14 June 2007

Kenny MacAskill: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Victims of Overseas Terrorism Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S3) 1.1)

The Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Victims of Terrorism Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S3) 1.1), laid before the Parliament on 14 June 2007, has been withdrawn (25 June 2008)

Kenny MacAskill: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S3) 2.2)

12 November 2007

John Swinney MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S3) 3.1)

15 November 2007

John Swinney MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Climate Change Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) LCM(S3) 4.1)

16 November 2007

Nicola Sturgeon: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Social Care Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S3) 5.1)

3 December 2007

Fiona Hyslop MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Education and Skills Bill (UK Parliament Legislation)LCM(S3) 6.1)

20 December 2007

Kenny MacAskill MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill (UK Parliament legislation (LCM(S3) 7.1)

4 February 2008

Kenny MacAskill: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Pensions Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM (S3) 8.1

21 February 2008

Kenny MacAskill MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Football Spectators and Sports Grounds Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S3) 9.1)

Note: The Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Football Spectators and Sports Grounds Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S3) 9.1), which was lodged on 21 February 2008, has been withdrawn

26 February 2008

Nicola Sturgeon: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Housing and Regeneration Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S3) 10.1)

6 March 2008

Kenny MacAskill: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Statute Law Repeals) Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S3) 11.1)

23 April 2008

John Swinney: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Energy Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S3) 12.1)

ANNEX C

OTHER DOCUMENTS

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and were not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

15 May 2007

Government Chemist Review 2006 (SE/2007/85) laid under section 88(5) of the Scotland Act 1998

22 May 2007

Serious and Organised Crime Agency Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/90) laid under part 1, chapter 1, section 7 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

23 May 2007

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2007 (SPSO/2007/04)—

Case 200502175: UHI Millennium Institute

Case 200502845: The Robert Gordon University

Case 200503232: University of Dundee Case 200401686: Lanarkshire NHS Board Case 200501792: Lanarkshire NHS Board Case 200502016: Lanarkshire NHS Board

Case 200502533: A GP Practice, Lanarkshire NHS Board

Case 200600940: Lanarkshire NHS Board

Case 200402199: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200500848: A Dentist, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200501972: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200503022: Argyll and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200601268: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board Case 200601357: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Cases 200500179 & 200602372: An Orthodontic Practice, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board and NHS National Services Scotland

Case 200501331: A Dentist, Argyll and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200501210: Lothian NHS Board

Case 200600710: A Dentist, Lothian NHS Board

Case 200501171: A Dentist, Forth Valley NHS Board

Case 200500578: Grampian NHS Board

Case 200502839: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board Case 200502596: Glasgow Housing Association Ltd

Case 200400549: South Lanarkshire Council Case 200401691: East Ayrshire Council Case 200502948: North Lanarkshire Council Case 200601668: South Lanarkshire Council

Case 200601894: Falkirk Council

Case 200401727: Shetland Islands Council Case 200502225: The Highland Council Case 200503214: The Highland Council

Case 200601457: Orkney Islands Council

Case 200402197: The City of Edinburgh Council Case 200502683: The City of Edinburgh Council Case 200503204: The City of Edinburgh Council

Cases 200402093 & 200500680: Perth and Kinross Council

Case 200600838: Perth and Kinross Council Case 200501045: Aberdeenshire Council

Case 200502742: Angus Council Case 200600707: Angus Council

Case 200502416: Scottish Borders Council Case 200500936: West Dunbartonshire Council

Case 200501913: Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park

Authority

Case 200600463: East Dunbartonshire Council

Case 200601262: Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park

Authority

Case 200401189: Highlands & Islands Enterprise

Case 200501343: Scottish Legal Aid Board

Case 200501535: Crown Office

Case 200501593: Scottish Legal Aid Board

Case 200501921: Scottish Executive Inquiry Reporters Unit

Case 200600617: Scottish Executive

laid under Section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

Act 2002

The National Archives of Scotland: Annual Report of the Keeper of the Records of Scotland 2005-06 (SE/2007/82)

5 June 2007

Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) Annual Report 2006-07 and Railway Safety Statistical Report 2006 (SE/2007/92)

laid under section 74(3) of the Railways Act 1993

6 June 2007

Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/96)

laid under section 5(1)(a) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

18 June 2007

Social Work Inspection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/102)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 June 2007

Communities Scotland Regulation and Inspection Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/101)

20 June 2007

Edinburgh Transport Projects Review – A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2007/2)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for June
2007 (SPSO/2007/05)-
    Case 200500993: Lanarkshire NHS Board—
    Case 200500228: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board—
    Case 200501579: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board—
    Case 200503196: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board—
    Case 200503583: A Dental Practice; Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS
      Board—
    Case 200600120: A Medical Practice; Argyll and Clyde NHS Board—
    Case 200600460: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board—
    Case 200600644: A Medical Practice, Argyll and Clyde NHS Board—
    Case 200601122: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board—
    Case 200503286: Highland NHS Board—
    Case 200600033: Western Isles NHS Board—
    Case 200402303: Lothian NHS Board—
    Case 200501643: Lothian NHS Board—
    Case 200502443: Lothian NHS Board—
    Cases 200500505 & 200500510: Scottish Ambulance Service and
      Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board—
    Case 200501504: Fife NHS Board—
    Case 200502634: Fife NHS Board—
    Cases 200501582 & 200501993: Grampian NHS Board and Highland
     NHS Board—
    Case 200502326: A Medical Practice, Dumfries and Galloway NHS
      Board—
    Case 200503633: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board—
    Case 200601278: A GP, Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board—
    Case 200500770: East Ayrshire Council—
    Case 200600026: East Ayrshire Council—
    Case 200600487: South Lanarkshire Council—
    Case 200600950: South Lanarkshire Council—
    Case 200601123: North Lanarkshire Council—
    Case 200502320: Glasgow City Council—
    Case 200501752: The City of Edinburgh Council—
    Case 200503141: The City of Edinburgh Council—
    Case 200503579: The City of Edinburgh Council—
    Case 200602052: The City of Edinburgh Council—
    Case 200500176: East Lothian Council—
    Case 200503516: East Lothian Council—
    Case 200600075: East Renfrewshire Council—
    Case 200600466: East Renfrewshire Council—
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Case 200602414: Student Awards Agency for Scotland—

Case 200502372: Scottish Legal Aid Board—

Case 200601206: The Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care—

laid under section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 – Fourth HECA progress report for the Scottish Parliament (SE/2007/93)

21 June 2007

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2007/12)

laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

ECITB Annual Report and Accounts 2006 (SE/2007/122) laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

25 June 2007

Annual Report by the Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman, Jane Irvine, 2006-07 (SE/2007/87)

laid under paragraph 10 of Schedule 3 to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990

10th Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board, Report for the period April 2006 to March 2007 (SE/2007/100)

26 June 2007

HM Inspectorate of Education Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/89)

26 June 2007

Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2007 and Auditor's Report Thereon (SP Paper 2)

laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 June 2007

Food Standards Agency Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/84) laid under section 4 of the Food Standards Act 1999

28 June 2007

Risk Management Authority Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/91)

laid under section 13 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003

Meat Hygiene Service Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/94) laid under section 7 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/110)

Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/129)

laid under section 15(4) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/130)

laid under sections 11 and 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Annual Report 2006-07 (SPSC/2007/1)

laid under section 18 of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002

29 June 2007

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/109)

laid under paragraph 8(3) pf Schedule 9A to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Section 70 Grant Payments in accordance with: Transport (Scotland) Act 2001, Section 70(4), Financial Year 2006-07 (SE/2007/134)

laid under section 70(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

2 July 2007

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/99) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 July 2007

UK Sport Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/98)

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 of the Scotland Act 1998

10 July 2007

Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/95) laid under section 5(7) of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1983

Visit Britain Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/121)

laid under section 6 of the Development of Tourism Act 1969 and section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

11 July 2007

Passenger Focus Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/125) laid under Schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

12 July 2007

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/97)

laid under section 7 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Meat and Livestock Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2007/Meat Promotion Wales Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/103)

laid under section 19 of the Agriculture Act 1967

13 July 2007

The Milk Development Council Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/108)

laid under section 7 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000

16 July 2007

Horticultural Development Council Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/107)

laid under section 7 of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947 as amended by the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2003

Annual Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to Scottish Ministers for 2006-07 (SE/2007/126)

laid under section 107(3) of the Police Act 1997

17 July 2007

UK Film Council Group and Lottery Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/118)

laid under section 35(5) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 (as amended by section 7 of the National Lottery Act 1998) and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 Report of the Appointed Person for Scotland 2006-07 (SE/2007/143)

laid under section 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

18 July 2007

British Potato Council Report and Accounts 2005-06 (SE/2007/106)

laid under section 7 of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947 as amended by the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2003 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Council on Tribunals Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/117)

laid under section 4(7) of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Heritage Lottery Fund National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution Account for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/119)

laid under section 34(3) and 35(5) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The Electoral Commission Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/146)

laid under paragraph 20(1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2007 (SPSO/2007/06)—

Case 200503060: Lanarkshire NHS Board—

Cases 200600429 & 200601152: Lanarkshire NHS Board and a Medical Practice, Lanarkshire NHS Board—

Case 200500470: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board—

Case 200602165: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board—

Case TS0106_03: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board—

Cases 200502049, 200502361, 200502362: NHS 24, Scottish

Ambulance Service and Tayside NHS Board—

Case 200503653: Western Isles NHS Board—

Case 200503137: Lothian NHS Board—

Case 200601874: Lothian NHS Board-

Case 200602086: A Medical Practice, Lothian NHS Board—

Case 200502165: A Medical Practice, Forth Valley NHS Board—

Case 200501291: Tayside NHS Board-

Case 200502264: Tayside NHS Board—

Case 200602579: Tayside NHS Board—

Case 200501980: South Lanarkshire Council—

Case 200503076: North Lanarkshire Council—

Case 200600085: North Lanarkshire Council—

Case 200600970: North Lanarkshire Council—

Case 200601380: North Lanarkshire Council—

Case 200503386: Comhairle nan Eilean Siar—

Case 200600946: The City of Edinburgh Council—

Case 200601372, 200601373 & 200602604: The City of Edinburgh Council—

Case 200501891: Fife Council—

Case 200501975: Fife Council—

Case 200502032: Fife Council—

Case 200600918: Fife Council—

Case 200601118: East Lothian Council—

Case 200601169: East Lothian Council—

Case 200601472: East Lothian Council—

Case 200500815: East Dunbartonshire Council—

Case 200500641: Scottish Environment Protection Agency—

laid under section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

19 July 2007

National Heritage Memorial Fund Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/120)

laid under section 7(1) and (3) of the National Heritage Act 1980

Big Lottery Fund New Opportunities Fund Financial Report and Accounts for the eight months 1 April 2006 to 30 November 2006 (SE/2007/135)—

Big Lottery Fund Community Fund Financial Report and Accounts for the eight months 1 April 2006 to 30 November 2006 (SE/2007/137)—

laid under section 34(3) and 39(1) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

Big Lottery Fund Millennium Commission Financial Report and Accounts for the eight months 1 April 2006 to 30 November 2006 (SE/2007/136)

laid under section 42(1) and (2) and 43(1) and (2) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

Big Lottery Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/140)

laid under section 34(3) and 43D(4) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 (as amended by the National Lottery Acts 1998 and 2006)

23 July 2007

Report of the Stocktake of Alcohol and Drug Action Teams (SE/2007/112)

SACDM Methadone Project Group - Review of the place of methadone in drug treatment in Scotland: Prescribing Information and Practice (SE/2007/113)

Scottish Drugs Forum - Review of the role of methadone in the treatment of drug problems 2006 (SE/2007/114)

SACDM Methadone Project Group - Reducing harm and promoting recovery: a report on methadone treatment for substance misuse in Scotland (SE/2007/115)

Review of Residential Drug Detoxification and Rehabilitation Services in Scotland (SE/2007/116)

Bus User Complaints Tribunal Annual Report 2006 (for the 15 month period from 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2007) (SE/2007/139)

laid under section 41(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

Annual Review of Controls on Imports of Animal Products April 2006 - March 2007 (SE/2007/144)

laid under section 10A of the Animal Health Act 1981

24 July 2007

Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/105) laid under section 7 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2003 and section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/111)

laid under paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Healthcare Professions Act 2002

British Library Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/127)

laid under sections 4(3) and 5(3) of the British Library Act 1972 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Security Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/128)

laid under paragraphs 16(4)(b) and 17(2) of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

Health Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2007 (SE/2007/147) laid under paragraphs 24 and 25 of Schedule 1 to the Health Protection Agency Act 2004

Disclosure Scotland Code of Practice for Registered Persons, their Nominees and Other Recipients of Disclosure Information (SE/2007/149)

laid under section 122(1) and (2) of the Police Act 1997

27 July 2007

Highlands and Islands Airports Annual Report and Group Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/83)

laid under section 15(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NESTA Annual Report and Accounts 2006-077 (SE/2007/104) laid under sections 22(5) and 23(4) of the National Lottery Act 1998

Scotland's Population 2006: The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends, 152nd Edition (SE/2007/124)

laid under section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

2 August 2007

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/145)

laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

Forestry Commission Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/150)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

3 August 2007

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/123)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 15 to the National Health Service Act 2006 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

British Waterways Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/151) laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962

9 August 2007

Environment Agency annual report and accounts (SE/2007/154) laid under sections 46 and 52 of the Environment Act 1995

15 August 2007

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/158)

laid under section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Audit Scotland: Managing Long-Term Conditions — A main report, key findings summary and survey report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2007/3)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

21 August 2007

Historic Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/131) laid under section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

22 August 2007

Dealing with offending by young people, a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2007/4)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2007 (SPSO/2007/7)—

Case 200500132: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board Case 200500732: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200503576: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200600011: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board Case 200600419: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200600459: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200601272: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200500917: Scottish Ambulance Service

Case 200601828: A Medical Practice, Lothian NHS Board

Case 200502750: Forth Valley NHS Board

Case 200500717: Tayside NHS Board

Case 200500810: Grampian NHS Board

Case 200501038: Tayside NHS Board

Case 200501257: Grampian NHS Board

Case 200503444: Tayside NHS Board

Case 200503522: A GP, Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board Case 200601391: North Glasgow Housing Association Ltd

Case 200600243: North Lanarkshire Council Case 200601461: East Ayrshire Council

Case 200502985: Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

Case 200500239: Midlothian Council

Case 200600152: The City of Edinburgh Council Case 200601258: The City of Edinburgh Council

Case 200600024: Fife Council

Case 200500902: North Ayrshire Council

Case 200501957: Dumfries and Galloway Council

Case 200601080: South Ayrshire Council

Case 200502814: East Dunbartonshire Council

Case 200502898: The Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care Case 200600745: The Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care laid under Section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

29 August 2007

Primary care out-of-hours services: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2007/5)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

30 August 2007

Scottish Environment Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/153)

laid under section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

31 August 2007

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/159)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Statistical Bulletin, Prison Statistics Scotland 2006-07 (SE/2007/162)

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland Annual Report 2006-07 (CPA/2007/1)

laid under paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 1 of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

4 September 2007

Statistical Bulletin Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2006-07 (SE/2007/166) laid under section 47(2) of the Police Scotland Act 1967

5 September 2007

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/156)—

Report by the Auditor General for Scotland on the 2006-07 Audit of Scottish Water (SE/2007/167)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/164) 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

Scottish Enterprise Annual Review 2006-07 (SE/2007/165)

12 September 2007

Estate Management in Higher Education, a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/227/6)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 September 2007

Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland, Report to the Parliament (CPA/2007/01)

laid under section 2(8)b of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

14 September 2007

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/175)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 September 2007

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2007 (SPSO/2007/08)—

Case 200501333: A Medical Practice, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200502730: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200503152: Argyll and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200600378: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board Case 200602488: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200503079: Argyll & Clyde Health Board

Case 200502314: A Medical Practice, Lothian NHS Board

Case 200602210: Forth Valley NHS Board Case 200601627: A GP, Tayside NHS Board

Case 200600619: A Medical Practice, Ayrshire & Arran NHS Board

Case 200500253: North Lanarkshire Council Case 200501241: The Highland Council Case 200600426: The Highland Council

Case 200602214: Argyll and Bute Council

Case 200502873: The City of Edinburgh Council Case 200603479: The City of Edinburgh Council Case 200700035: The City of Edinburgh Council

Case 200700035: The City of Edinburgh Council

Case 200502631: Fife Council

Case 200601620: Clackmannanshire Council

Case 200601662: Fife Council

Case 200600542: Dundee City Council Case 200602830: Dundee City Council

Case 200601721: Dumfries and Galloway Council

Case 200602645: East Lothian Council

Case 200601899: East Dunbartonshire Council

Case 200503572: Scottish Executive

Case 200603174: Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals Case 200602684: The Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care laid under section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

Act 2002

The Queen's Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/160)

Sustainable Waste Management: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2007/7)

laid under Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 September 2007

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Accounts year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/173)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Social Research – Use of Antisocial Behaviour Orders in Scotland (SE/2007/174)

laid under Part 2 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

24 September 2007

Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/170)

26 September 2007

Police call management: An initial review, a main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2007/8) laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 September 2007

Crofters Commission Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/142) laid under section 2(4) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/169) laid under section 5 of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Agricultural Science Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/172)—

Scottish Screen Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/180)—

Scottish Screen (Enterprises) Limited Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/181)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 September 2007

Communities Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/138)—

General Register Office for Scotland Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/176)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

1 October 2007

NHS 24 Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/187)—NHS Education for Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/188)—

NHS Scotland The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Accounts and Notes for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/189)—

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/190)—

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland Annual Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/191)—

NHS Health Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/192)—

The National Waiting Times Centre Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/193)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

2 October 2007

Scottish Ambulance Service Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/194)—

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/195)—

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Accounts and Notes for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/196)—

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/197)—

Fife Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/198)—

NHS Borders, Borders Health Board Annual Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/199)—

NHS Dumfries and Galloway Annual Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/200) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report 2007 (SPSO/2007/AR) laid under section 17 of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

3 October 2007

The Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2006 (SE/2007/155)

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

Highland Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/201)—

Shetland NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/202)—

NHS Grampian Annual Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/203)—

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/204)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 October 2007

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/205)

laid under section 7 of the Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Specification) Order 1999

Orkney Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/206)—

NHS Lothian Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/207)—

Tayside Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/208)—

Lanarkshire Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/209)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 October 2007

Learning and Teaching Scotland Report and Financial Statements year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/186)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

10 October 2007

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/171)

laid under section 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/179)—

National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/213)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 October 2007

Sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/210)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Sportscotland Lottery Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/211)

laid under section 35 of the National Lottery etc. 1993

18 October 2007

Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/163)— Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/220)—

The Scottish Arts Council Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2007 and the 2006-07 Audit of the Scottish Arts Council (SE/2007/221)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Statistical Bulletin – Reconvictions of Offenders Discharged from Custody or Given Non-Custodial Sentences in 2003-04, Scotland (SE/2007/218)

22 October 2007

Annual Report of the Scottish Committee of the Council on Tribunals for the period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/161)

23 October 2007

Scottish Elections 2007 (Part A): The independent review of the Scottish Parliamentary and local government elections 3 May 2007 and Scottish Elections 2007 (Part B): Electoral administration issues arising from the Scottish Parliamentary and local government elections 3 May 2007 (ELC/2007/011)

laid under section 5(1) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

24 October 2007

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for October 2007 (SPSO/2007/09)—

Case 200501734: Dundee College

Case 200502939: Aberdeen College of Further Education Case 200500388: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board Case 200500921: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Cases 200501444 & 200502544: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS

Board and a GP, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200501825: A Medical Practice, Argyll and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200502714: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200500768: Lothian NHS Board Case 200601149: Lothian NHS Board

Case 200601624: Lothian NHS Board - Lothian Primary and Community Division

Case 200602124: Lothian NHS Board

Case 200500980: A Medical Practice, Forth Valley NHS Board

Case 200600121: Tayside NHS Board Case 200600187: Grampian NHS Board

Cases 200602833 & 200603448: Tayside NHS Board and a Medical

Practice, Tayside NHS Board Case 200501460: Link Group Ltd Case 200600453: Falkirk Council

Case 200600504: South Lanarkshire Council

Case 200603413: Falkirk Council

Case 200601959: Argyll and Bute Council

Case 200501269: The City of Edinburgh Council Case 200600977: The City of Edinburgh Council Case 200601406: The City of Edinburgh Council Case 200601887: The City of Edinburgh Council

Case 200603409: Midlothian Council

Case 200604086: Perth and Kinross Council

Case 200600696: Angus Council

Cases 200502021 & 200503294: Loch Lomond and The Trossachs

National Park Authority

Case 200601420: East Dunbartonshire Council

Case 200603161: Renfrewshire Council

Case 200603492: VisitScotland

Case 200400906: Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Enterprise Tayside laid under Section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

Act 2002

25 October 2007

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2007-08 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2008 (SE/2007/215)

Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/216)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Learning and Teaching Scotland Annual Review 2006-07 (SE/2007/217)

A Review of Dispersal Powers (SE/2007/219)

laid under Part 3, section 24 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

26 October 2007

Scottish further and Higher Education Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/223)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

29 October 2007

Western Isles NHS Board Annual Accounts and Notes for the Year Ended 31 March 2007 and the Report by the Auditor General for Scotland on the 2006-07 Audit of Western Isles Health Board (SE/2007/226)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

30 October 2007

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts (SE/2007/157) laid under section 30(8) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

31 October 2007

The Scottish Executive Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/178)—

The Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Administration Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 and a Report by the Auditor General for Scotland on the 2006-07 Audit of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Administration (SE/2007/234)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

5 November 2007

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland Annual Review 2006-07 (SE/2007/184)

6 November 2007

Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/235)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

7 November 2007

The Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/222)

laid under section 35 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

15 November 2007

Home-Grown Cereals Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/177)

laid under section 21 of the Cereals Marketing Act 1965

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/238)—

Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund Annual Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/239)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 November 2007

Environmental Protection Act 1990: Part IIA Contaminated Land: The Radioactive Contaminated Land (Scotland) Regulations 2007 Draft Statutory Guidance (SE/2007/168) (is subject to draft negative parliamentary procedure)

laid under section 78YA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

The Care Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/148) laid under paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 1 to the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

19 November 2007

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland: Our Annual Report 2006-07 and Our Overview of Mental Welfare in Scotland 2006-07 (SE/2007/86)

laid under section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

20 November 2007

Scottish Consolidated Fund Receipts & Payments Account 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/233)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People Third Annual Report 2006-07 (CCYP/2007/1)

laid under section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

21 November 2007

Architecture and Design Scotland Annual Review, Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/185)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/249)

laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2007 (SPSO/2007/10)—

Case 200601576: Lanarkshire NHS Board

Case 200601998: A Medical Practice; Lanarkshire NHS Board

Case 200501228: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200600276: A Dentist, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200601034: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200604106: A GP, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Case 200602829: A GP, Highland NHS Board

Case 200500714: Lothian NHS Board

Case 200603030: Lothian NHS Board

Case 200700667: A Dental Practice, Lothian NHS Board

Case 200500782: Tayside NHS Board

Case 200500951: Grampian NHS Board Case 200501660: Tayside NHS Board Case 200503486: Tayside NHS Board

Case 200500940: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board Case 200503321: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board Case 200601233: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board Case 200602521: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board Case 200601843: South Lanarkshire Council

Case 200502731: The Moray Council

Case 200502234: The City of Edinburgh Council

Case 200501344: Fife Council Case 200601593: Stirling Council

Case 200603238: Perth and Kinross Council Case 200700021: Aberdeen City Council

Case 200600349: Dumfries and Galloway Council

Case 200603087: East Lothian Council Case 200500969: Inverclyde Council

Case 200600867: East Dunbartonshire Council Case 200601465: East Dunbartonshire Council Case 200602514: West Dunbartonshire Council

Cases 200601808 & 200700764: Moray College and Scottish Funding Council

laid under section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland - Diversity Delivers: Consultation on the proposed strategy for enhancing equal opportunities in Scotland's ministerial public appointments process (CPA/2007/3)

laid under sections 2(10)(a) and 2(10)(b) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

22 November 2007

HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/183)

Scottish Screen National Lottery Distribution Fund Account and Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/240)

laid under section 26(3), (3A) and (4) of the National Lottery Act 1993

VisitScotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/244)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

23 November 2007

National Galleries of Scotland Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/251)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 November 2007

Her Majesty's Chief Inspect of Fire and Rescue Services Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/236)

27 November 2007

Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Accounts year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/247)—

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/253)—

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 November 2007

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2006-07 (SE/2007/224)

laid under section 135(1)(2)(a) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/225) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/252)

laid under section 1A(1)(c) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985, section 159 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1913 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Overseas staff in the NHS – pre-employment checks: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2007/9)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

29 November 2007

David MacBrayne Group Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/228)—

CALMAC Ferries Limited Directors' Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/229)—-

NorthLink Ferries Limited Directors' Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/230)—

Cowal Ferries Limited Directors' Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/231)—

Rathlin Ferries Limited Directors' Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/232)—

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (Formerly Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd) 2006-07 Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements (SE/2007/245) laid under section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1986 Maps for the Water Environment (Drinking Water Protected Areas) (Scotland) Order 2007 (SE/2007/254)

laid under section 6(2) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

Treasure Trove in Scotland Annual Report by the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer (SE/2007/255)

Deer Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2006-07 (SE 2007/256) laid under section 2(2) of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996

3 December 2007

Annual Report of HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland 2006-07 (SE/2007/248)

5 December 2007

Scottish Law Commission Report on Personal Injury Actions: Limitation and Prescribed Claims (SE/2007/241)

laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

6 December 2007

The Scottish Building Standards Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/237)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/252)

laid under section 1A(1)(c) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985, section 159 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1913 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/252), laid on 28 November 2007, has been withdrawn (3 December 2007)

10 December 2007

Bord na Gaidhlig Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/263) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

12 December 2007

Scottish Law Commission Report on Sharp v Thomson (SE/2007/242) laid under section 3(1)(e) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

National Audit Office Compensating Victims of Violent Crime (SE/2007/250) laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

13 December 2007

Fisheries Research Services Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/152) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Network 2007 (SE/2007/264)

"Overview of Scotland's health and NHS performance in 2006-07" – A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2007/10)

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

14 December 2007

National Archives of Scotland Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007 (SE/2007/212)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

17 December 2007

Scottish Commission for Public Audit, 1st Report, 2007 (Session 3): Report on Audit Scotland's Budget Proposal for 2008-09 (SP Paper 39)

presented to the Parliament and published pursuant to section 11(9) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

18 December 2007

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 2006-07 (SE/2007/246)

laid under paragraph 10(1) of Schedule 2 to the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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15 February 2008

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20 February 2008

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7 March 2008

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11 March 2008

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12 March 2008

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10 April 2008

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21 April 2008

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Case 200603125: South Lanarkshire Council—

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28 April 2008

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29 June 2007

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5 September 2007

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13 September 2007

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Heath and Sport Committee, 1st Report, 2007 (Session 3): Report on Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 9)

14 September 2007

Procedures Committee, 1st Report, 2007 (Session 3): Report on Merging the Procedures Committee and the Standards and Public Appointments Committee (SP Paper 7)

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18 September 2007

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20 September 2007

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26 September 2007

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27 September 2007

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16 November 2007

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22 November 2007

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26 November 2007

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28 November 2007

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3 December 2007

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6 December 2007

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12 December 2007

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13 December 2007

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20 December 2007

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