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Thursday 7 March 2024

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Site-specific Just Transition for Mossmorran:** The Parliament debated S6M-11697 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament understands that the Mossmorran petrochemical site, in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, which comprises of Shell's Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) Plant and ExxonMobil's Fife Ethylene Plant, is responsible for nearly 10% of Scotland's industrial emissions; notes the view that limiting global temperature increases to 1.5°C and well below 2°C, in line with the Paris Agreement, will require rapid and sustained reductions in emissions across all sectors; understands that industry is the second-highest emitting sector in Scotland, and notes the view that a worker-led just transition for the sector is essential for reaching Scotland's ambition to achieve net zero by 2045; notes the view that industrial decarbonisation plans cannot omit emissions from Mossmorran, and that a decarbonisation pathway for the site needs to be identified collaboratively with operators, workers, unions, and local and national governments at the earliest opportunity; understands that the two Mossmorran plants directly employ approximately 250 workers, and periodically many more through short-term maintenance contracts, and notes the belief that the process of just transition for Scotland's industrial sites needs to be worker-led and delivered in a way that leaves nobody behind.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Urgent Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made an urgent statement and answered questions on Emma Caldwell Case.

6. International Women’s Day: Global Perspective: The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development (Kaukab Stewart) moved S6M-12416—That the Parliament welcomes the 2024 International Women's Day theme of “Inspire Inclusion”, which recognises that, when people understand and value women's inclusion, they forge a better world; acknowledges that, at a time of increasing conflict affecting civilians around the world, the specific impact on women and girls can be profound; recognises that achieving gender equality is more vital than ever and remains one of the greatest human rights challenges globally; marks International Women's Day and the second anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, and welcomes the efforts of organisations and communities working tirelessly in pursuit of peace, inspiring inclusion, pushing forward on gender equality and amplifying the voices of women and marginalised groups, and notes the Scottish Government's investment in women as advocates for human rights, and initiatives such as the Warm Scots Future, Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship and Human Rights Defender Fellowship, and its commitment to a feminist approach to international relations.

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment S6M-12416.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12416 in the name of Kaukab Stewart (International Women's Day: Global Perspective), after “profound;” insert “expresses concern over the practice of female genital mutilation, which is still taking place in certain parts of the world; congratulates all parents and carers on raising the next generation of wonderful women;”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the 2024 International Women's Day theme of “Inspire Inclusion”, which recognises that, when people understand and value women's inclusion, they forge a better world; acknowledges that, at a time of increasing conflict affecting civilians around the world, the specific impact on women and girls can be profound; expresses concern over the practice of female genital mutilation, which is still taking place in certain parts of the world; congratulates all parents and carers on raising the next generation of wonderful women; recognises that achieving gender equality is more vital than ever and remains one of the greatest human rights challenges globally; marks International Women's Day and the second anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, and welcomes the efforts of organisations and communities working tirelessly in pursuit of peace, inspiring inclusion, pushing forward on gender equality and amplifying the voices of women

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

The meeting closed at 5.18 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
7 March 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 7 March 2024—

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 2nd Report, 2024
(Session 6): Report on the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SP Paper 541)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 3rd Report, 2024
(Session 6): Subordinate Legislation under the Cost of Living (Tenant
Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 considered by the Local Government,
Housing and Planning Committee at its meeting on 5 March 2024 (SP Paper
542)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 7 March 2024 and is not
subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2023 (SG/2024/34) laid under section
3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

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