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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 22 September 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Ardeer Girls Take Centre Stage: The Parliament debated S6M-04642 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament congratulates Cartridge Girls for staging the play, *Girls of Cartridge Hut No.7*; understands that the play was written by Jack Dickson and directed by Mary McCluskey, with musical direction and arrangement by Hilary Brooks; notes that this ensemble drama charts the history of Nobel / ICI at Ardeer, Stevenston, through the eyes of four girls killed on the site in an industrial accident in 1884; understands that the story is based at Nobels (later ICI) at Ardeer, which first opened in 1872, and employed almost 13,000 people at its peak, and that the story focuses on the young women workers who manufactured sticks of dynamite, beginning with the 1884 explosion that killed 10 women, the youngest being 14; further understands that four of the victims were the women working in Cartridge Hut No.7, Mary and Annie Brannan, Mary McAdam and Rachel Allison, who were all blamed for the explosion; congratulates the cast and creative crew for their success in making history come alive, and wishes them all the very best for future productions.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Higher Education and Further Education, Youth Employment and Training (Jamie Hepburn) made a statement and answered questions on Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape.

6. Future Parliamentary Procedures and Practices: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-05983—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 6th Report 2022 (Session 6), Report on inquiry into Future Parliamentary procedures and practices (SP Paper 213).

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

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06034—That the Parliament agrees that—

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Oliver Mundell as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Alexander Burnett as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06035—That the Parliament agrees that Roz McCall be appointed to replace Alexander Burnett as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

10. Gas Safety Week 2022, The Hidden Dangers: The Parliament debated S6M-05453 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks Gas Safety Week 2022, which runs from 12 to 18 September and is coordinated by Gas Safe Register; understands that this is the 12th annual, pan-industry event, which brings everyone together for the common goal of keeping the nation gas safe while raising awareness of the dangers of poorly maintained gas appliances, which can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning; notes that Gas Safe Register provides a host of support and resources, including an interactive GasMap tool, allowing consumers to find out how many unsafe gas jobs have been carried out in their area, as well as providing helpful tips and reassurance; further notes what it sees as the need to raise awareness for those who live in rented accommodation, including holiday makers, that the law and regulations regarding gas safety are fully

understood; commends the efforts of all of the organisations involved, and wishes those involved every success in raising awareness of an issue that could save lives.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
22 September 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 22 September 2022—

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Kinship Carers (SP Paper 221)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 22 September 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/278)

laid under section 160A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Rural Support (Simplification and Improvement) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/279)

laid under section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data)
(Scotland) Act 2020

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 22 September 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Review of Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement: Report to Scottish Parliament (SG/2022/163) laid under Part 1, Section 2 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement 2022 (SG/2022/162) laid under Part 1, Section 2 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement 2022: Advisory Notes (SG/2022/164) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

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