



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 17, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 30 June 2016

The meeting opened at 10.45 am.

**1. Scotland, Pitchford and Undercover Policing:** The Parliament debated S5M-00003 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament believes that a growing number of Scottish citizens have been identified as being involved in undercover policing scandals involving the National Public Order Intelligence Unit and the Special Demonstration Squad of the Metropolitan Police, either as victims or as officers working on cases; considers that these units operated in Scotland keeping political, environmental, trade union and other activists under surveillance using unethical and often illegal methods; understands that the Pitchford inquiry, established by the Home Secretary, Theresa May, to look into undercover policing since the 1960s, does not cover Scotland in its remit; further understands that the Scottish Government has written to the UK Government asking for the inquiry to be extended to cover Scotland, and notes the view that, should this request be refused, the Scottish Government should set up its own inquiry so that all UK citizens, including those in Lothian who have been affected by what it considers this scandal can have the opportunity to get to the truth.

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

**3. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

The meeting closed at 12.47 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
30 June 2016

## Appendix

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

### Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 30 June 2016 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Crown Estate Scotland (Interim Management) as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft]

laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

### Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 30 June 2016 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Succession (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/210)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the 30 June 2016 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

**Annual Review of Policing (SPA/2016/01)** laid under Section 39 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

**Committee on Climate Change – Meeting Carbon Budgets – 2016 Progress Report to Parliament (SG/2016/105)** laid under section 36(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008.

**Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012 Annual Report – 2016 (SG/2016/99)** laid under section 4(2) of the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012.

**Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Programme 2016/17 (SCJC/2016/02)** laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013.

**Office of Gas and Electricity Market (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16 (SG/2016/85)** laid under section 5(5A) of the Utilities Act 2000.

**Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2015-16 Annual Accounts (SG/2016/70)** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

**Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report 2015-16 (SG/2016/69)** laid under paragraph 8 of schedule 9A to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.

**Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Review of professional regulation and registration and Annual Report and Accounts 2015/2016 (SG/2016/65)** laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002, as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

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