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[The Presiding Officer opened the meeting at 14:30]

Time for Reflection

The Presiding Officer (Alison Johnstone):

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The Presiding Officer: Added at archiving stage.

Another line on republishing archive version.

Portfolio Question Time

Education and Skills

The Deputy Presiding Officer (Annabelle Ewing): Added at republishing stage.

Test heading

1. **Evelyn Tweed (Stirling) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS boards regarding the 2017 Best Start plan to downgrade the number of level 3 neonatal intensive care units from eight to three. (S6O-05666)

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth): The Official Report is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to convey the spoken word in written text while maintaining the flavour of the speech.

Cannabis Farming

2. **Kenneth Gibson (Cunninghame North) (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government what recent engagement it has had with Police Scotland and law enforcement agencies regarding actions to disrupt illegal drug activities, including cannabis farming. (S6O-05670)

The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown): The Official Report is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to convey the spoken word in written text while maintaining the flavour of the speech.

Oil and Gas Industry

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The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin): The Official Report is a written record of what was said in public meetings of the Scottish Parliament and in committee meetings. It is a substantially verbatim report. This means that repetitions and redundancies are omitted and obvious mistakes are corrected. Official Report staff exercise editorial judgment to convey the spoken word in written text while maintaining the flavour of the speech.

I move,

That the Parliament believes that the UK Budget should be an opportunity to promote economic growth, deliver investment in Scotland and address the alarming increase in economic inactivity; recognises the importance of backing working households, easing cost pressures and protecting Scotland's rural economy; believes that ending the Energy Profits Levy is essential to secure investment in the North Sea; emphasises that the UK Labour administration's tax rises on family farms and small businesses are deeply damaging and should be reversed, and warns against further tax rises; calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise growth with measures to improve productivity, support small businesses, tackle soaring welfare costs and strengthen Scotland's fiscal position, and believes that both of Scotland's governments must urgently prioritise economic stability, investment and opportunity as the foundations of sustainable public services within the UK.

Meeting closed at 14:45.

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