

Thursday 15 December 2016

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

- 11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 11:40 am** General Questions
- 12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions
- 12:45 pm** Members' Business — S5M-02445
Gordon Lindhurst: The Future of Edinburgh's
World Heritage Site
- 2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:30 pm** Ministerial Statement: Draft Budget
2017-18
- followed by** Scottish Government Debate:
Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target
- followed by** Appointment of Scottish Land
Commissioners and the Tenant Farming
Commissioner
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Committee Meetings

- 9:00am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and
External Relations Committee
- 9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative
Scrutiny Committee
- 9:15am** Equalities and Human Rights
Committee
- 9:30am** Social Security Committee
- 9:45am** Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Tavish Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government how many eligible farmers and crofters have received a letter explaining their entitlements under the 2015 Basic Payment Scheme. ([S5O-00479](#))
- 2. Iain Gray:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-00480](#))
- 3. Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding Scotland's role in supporting refugees entering the UK. ([S5O-00481](#))
- 4. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assurances it can give to customers who signed Solar Energy Green Deal agreements with Home Energy and Lifestyle Management Systems, which ceased trading in April 2016, in light of reports that some have found their energy bills increasing by up to three times and the value of their homes being adversely affected. ([S5O-00482](#))
- 5. Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government how it will ensure the continued viability of rural care homes. ([S5O-00483](#))
- 6. Emma Harper:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to ensure that water meters are placed in accessible locations. ([S5O-00484](#))
- 7. Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that pupils with disorders on the autism spectrum have equal opportunities in school. ([S5O-00485](#))
- 8. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding proposals to pay for access to the single market. ([S5O-00486](#))
- 9. Maurice Golden:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the establishment of a new national park would have on tourism and conservation. ([S5O-00487](#))
- 10. Ash Denham:** To ask the Scottish Government how much the screen sector spends on production in Scotland. ([S5O-00488](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the day. ([S5F-00636](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-00643](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S5F-00651](#))
- 4. Mairi Evans:** To ask the First Minister what discussions the Scottish Government has had with the oil and gas industry in light of recovering oil prices. ([S5F-00664](#))
- 5. Peter Chapman:** To ask the First Minister, in light of recently reported issues, what action the Scottish Government is taking to ensure that farmers can have confidence in the National Basic Payment Support Scheme. ([S5F-00640](#)) **R**

6. Daniel Johnson: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to figures released by the Care Inspectorate that show that 70% of four-year-olds were recorded as receiving funded childcare. ([S5F-00648](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-02445](#) Gordon Lindhurst: The Future of Edinburgh's World Heritage Site—That the Parliament recognises the significance of the contrast between Edinburgh's medieval Old Town and its Georgian New Town and its designation as a World Heritage Site in 1995 by UNESCO, recognising both its historical and architectural importance and efforts to conserve it since 1970; notes that the site is one of five across Scotland; understands that, according to Invest Edinburgh, the city attracts around four million visitors per year, many of whom visit the historic attractions within the World Heritage Site, such as Edinburgh Castle, St Giles Cathedral and the Real Mary King's Close; further understands that the site is a major factor behind the £1.32 billion that is generated through tourism for the local economy each year; recognises that a World Heritage Site is selected based on it having cultural, historical, scientific or other significance and its future preservation is seen to be in the collective interests of humanity; notes the prevailing development plans within Edinburgh's World Heritage Site, such as the decision over the old Royal High School at Calton Hill, and the need to develop Scotland's capital city for the future in order to enhance the performance of its economy; recognises that Edinburgh City Council, Edinburgh World Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland are involved in reviewing the Management Plan for the World Heritage Site (2017-2022), which aims to co-ordinate action to protect and enhance the outstanding universal values of the site and to promote its harmonious adaption to the needs of contemporary life; further recognises that members of the public were recently consulted on the review through a survey, the results of which were published on 1 November 2016; understands that the results show that, while awareness of the World Heritage Site was rated highly, there was a lack of understanding regarding what it meant and its associated benefits; notes the calls for action at all levels to raise awareness and custodianship of the site and the protection of the historic built environment for current and future generations, and further notes the calls on all those with influence over Edinburgh's current and future planning developments to fully recognise the importance of Edinburgh's World Heritage Site.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Draft Budget 2017-18

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target

[S5M-03102](#) Roseanna Cunningham: Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target—That the Parliament considers that the amount of food, estimated at 1.35 million tonnes in 2013, wasted in Scotland is unacceptable; recognises that reducing food waste is a moral, environmental and economic imperative on everyone in Scotland, from consumers to manufacturers and retailers; notes that reducing food waste will also help families and businesses to save money while reducing emissions; welcomes the progress already made to reduce household and manufacturing food waste, and the Scottish Government's ambitious target to reduce food waste by 33% by 2025, and commits to Scotland showing leadership in this important area.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-03102.1](#) Peter Chapman: Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target—As an amendment to motion S5M-03102 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target), leave out from "in this important area" to end and insert "and developing innovative solutions in this important area as part of Scotland's journey towards a circular economy."

[S5M-03102.2](#) Claudia Beamish: Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target—As an amendment to motion S5M-03102 in the name of Roseanna Cunningham (Delivering Scotland's Food Waste Target), insert at end "; asks the Scottish Government to assess the possibility of a target of recycling 100% of food waste by 2020; commits to Scotland showing leadership in this important area, which can also contribute to reducing food poverty, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue to support the excellent work of community food groups."

followed by Appointment of Scottish Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farming Commissioner

[S5M-03099](#) Roseanna Cunningham: Appointment of Scottish Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farming Commissioner—That the Parliament notes the report from the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, *Appointment of the Scottish Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farming Commissioner* (4th Report (Session 5), SP Paper 50); welcomes the committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the appointment of Dr Bob McIntosh as Tenant Farming Commissioner and Professor David Adams, Megan MacInnes, Lorne MacLeod, Dr Sally Reynolds and Andrew Thin as Scottish Land Commissioners; further welcomes the committee's endorsement of the selection of Andrew Thin as Chair of the Commission; approves the appointments as required by section 10 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016, and looks forward to the Scottish Land Commission starting work on 1 April 2017.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-03167](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 20 December 2016—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Place in Europe

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving the Care Experience for Looked After Children

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Higher Education and Research Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 15th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland: EU nationals and their rights:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Professor Eleanor Spaventa, Durham University;
 Professor Dimitry Kochenov, Chair in EU Constitutional Law, University of Groningen;
 Brendan Donnelly, Director of the Federal Trust and Former MEP;
 Sunder Katwala, Director, British Future;
 Professor Catherine Barnard (via video conference), Professor of European Union Law, University of Cambridge.
3. **The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland: EU nationals and their rights (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Committee expert support:** The Committee will consider expert support for its work.
5. **The EU referendum and its implications for Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Report.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 13th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in Dundee City Chambers

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to consider its work programme in private at its meeting on 22 December.
2. **Section 22 report - NHS Tayside:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "The 2015/16 audit of NHS Tayside" from—
 Raymond Marshall, Joint Branch Secretary, UNISON Tayside Healthcare;
 Richard Whyte, Regional Officer, Unite the Union;
 Bob McGlashan, Senior Officer, Royal College of Nursing;
 Sonia Cottom, Director, Pain Association Scotland;
 Brian Hogan, Board Member, Deaf Links;
 Maureen Phillip, Tayside Director, PAMIS;
 Mary Ballantyne, Chair, Angus Cardiac Group;
 and then from—
 Lesley McLay, Chief Executive, Professor John Connell, Chair of the Board, Lindsay Bedford, Director of Finance, and Tony Gaskin, Chief Internal Auditor, NHS Tayside;
 Lindsey Paterson, Partner, and Gillian Collin, Senior Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 12th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of correspondence relating to the Commission on Parliamentary Reform, and review its work programme, should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18 from—
Dr John Kemp, Interim Chief Executive, and Fiona Burns, Assistant Director Access and Outcome Agreement Manager, Scottish Funding Council;
and then from—
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, Shirley-Anne Somerville, Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science, Lesley Irving, Head of Equality Policy, and Leia Fitzgerald, Policy Manager, Higher Education Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.

Social Security Committee 10th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Universal Credit roll-out:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Neil Couling, Universal Credit Director General, and Denise Horsfall, Scotland Work Services Director, Department for Work and Pensions.
3. **Citizen's Income:** The Committee will consider its approach for an evidence session.
4. **Committee expert support:** The Committee will consider expert support for its work.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 10th Meeting, 2016

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider applications for recognition from two Cross-Party Groups, and take evidence from—
Miles Briggs, Convener of the proposed CPG on Scottish Horseracing and Bloodstock Industries;
and then from—
Emma Harper, Convener of the proposed CPG on Lung Health.
3. **Commission on Parliamentary Reform:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John McCormick, Chair, and Fiona McLeod, Commission Member, Commission on Parliamentary Reform.
4. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Scottish Horseracing and Bloodstock Industries and proposed Cross-Party Group on Lung Health.
5. **Commission for Parliamentary Reform:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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