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# 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-03302  
Liam Kerr: The Awards for Valour (Protection)  
Bill

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Ministerial Statement: Scotland's  
Ferry Services

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Budget  
(Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and  
External Relations Committee

**9:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative  
Scrutiny Committee

**9:00am** Public Petitions Committee

**9:30am** Equalities and Human Rights  
Committee

**9:30am** Social Security Committee

**1:00pm** Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 11:40 am General Questions

- 1. John Scott:** To ask the Scottish Government when the revised Scottish Wide Area Network project will be completed and delivered in full. ([S5O-00629](#))
- 2. Kate Forbes:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh report, *Standards informing delivery of care in rural surgery*. ([S5O-00630](#))
- 3. Gil Paterson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many people are registered with an NHS dentist, and how this compares with 2007. ([S5O-00631](#))
- 4. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will reconsider removing the board of Highlands and Islands Enterprise. ([S5O-00632](#))
- 5. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent figures suggesting that Scottish exports to the rest of the UK were four times that of exports to the EU. ([S5O-00633](#))
- 6. Adam Tomkins:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to improve levels of innovative activity in the economy. ([S5O-00634](#))
- 7. Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to take forward the recommendations in the report, *Joint Thematic Review of MAPPA in Scotland*, which was published in November 2015. ([S5O-00635](#))
- 8. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact the business rates revaluation will have on the tourism and hospitality sectors. ([S5O-00636](#))
- 9. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what conclusions it has drawn from its latest trade statistics. ([S5O-00637](#))
- 10. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review the application of business rates. ([S5O-00638](#))

### 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-00831](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-00825](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the First Minister when the Cabinet will next meet. ([S5F-00826](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. ([S5F-00832](#))
- 5. Bob Doris:** To ask the First Minister what representations the Scottish Government has made to the UK Government regarding the announcement of further jobcentre closures in Scotland. ([S5F-00861](#))

**6. Douglas Ross:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the Auditor General's comments regarding Police Scotland and that the "lack of progress that's been made in demonstrating financial leadership is unacceptable for any public body." ([S5F-00847](#))

**7. Anas Sarwar:** To ask the First Minister how many refugees the Scottish Government expects to welcome in 2017. ([S5F-00844](#))

**8. Donald Cameron:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to support people who have been newly-diagnosed with dementia. ([S5F-00841](#))

## 12:45 pm Members' Business

### Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-03302](#) **Liam Kerr: The Awards for Valour (Protection) Bill**—That the Parliament notes the view that people in North East Scotland and across the country who falsely wear medals claiming to have earned them deserve punishment; understands that a survey suggested that almost two thirds of members of the forces' community had personally come across people wearing medals or insignia awarded to someone else; notes the Awards for Valour (Protection) Bill, which has been introduced in the House of Commons by Gareth Johnson MP as a private member's bill; understands that this aims to give adequate protection to close family members of service personnel who have died or been injured and to allow them to wear their decorations at special commemorations, effectively on the family member's behalf, and notes the calls for MPs of all parties to vote for the bill.

## 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Ferry Services

### followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill

[S5M-03768](#) **Derek Mackay: Budget (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) Bill.

[S5M-03768.1](#) **Kezia Dugdale: Budget (Scotland) Bill**—As an amendment to motion S5M-03768 in the name of Derek Mackay (Budget (Scotland) Bill), insert at end “, and, in so doing, believes that Scottish income tax rates should be set as follows for 2017-18 to invest in public services: basic rate at 21p above £11,500, higher rate at 41p above £42,385 and additional rate at 50p above £150,000.”

### followed by Business Motions

[S5M-03839](#) **Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 7 February 2017—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The Future of the Jobcentre Plus Network in Scotland  
and insert

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Article 50

(b) Wednesday 8 February 2017—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy: 2016-2026

and insert

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The Future of the Jobcentre Plus Network in Scotland

(c) Thursday 9 February 2017—

delete

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Patient Safety Programme

and insert

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Social Enterprise Strategy: 2016-2026

**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 4th Meeting, 2017

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

- The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland: Scotland's Place in Europe:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor Anton Muscatelli, Principal and Vice Chancellor, University of Glasgow and Chair of the Standing Council on Europe;  
Professor Sir David Edward, former Judge of the European Court of Justice, and Dame Mariot Leslie, former diplomat, Members of the Standing Council on Europe;  
and then from—  
Michael Russell, Minister for UK negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe, and Ian Mitchell, Deputy Director External Affairs, Scottish Government.
- The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- EU Migration and EU Citizens' Rights (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

### Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 4th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- Section 23 report - Audit of higher education in Scottish universities:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Audit of higher education in Scottish universities" from—  
John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, and Aileen McKechnie, Director of Advanced Learning and Science, Scottish Government.
- Section 23 report - Scotland's colleges 2016:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Scotland's colleges 2016" from—  
John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, and Aileen McKechnie, Director of Advanced Learning and Science, Scottish Government.
- Section 23 reports - Audit of higher education in Scottish universities and Scotland's colleges 2016:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda items 2 and 3 and take further evidence from—  
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Antony Clark, Assistant Director, Stuart Nugent, Audit Manager, and Kirsty Whyte, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

### Public Petitions Committee 2nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee will consider the following continued petitions—
  - PE1612 by Graham McKinlay on Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme - change to the "same roof rule";
  - PE1616 by John S Shaw on parking legislation;
  - PE1617 by Angus Files on proposed health study - vaccinated vs non-vaccinated;
  - PE1618 by Carl Grundy, on behalf of Riders Club Edinburgh, on combatting motorcycle theft;
  - PE1621 by James Robertson on sepsis awareness, diagnosis and treatment;
  - PE1623 by Spencer Fildes, on behalf of the Scottish Secular Society, on unelected church appointees on Local Authority Education Committees.
2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
  - PE1628 by R Maxwell Barr, on behalf of Struan Lodge Development Group and Dunoon Community Council, on consultation on service delivery for the elderly or vulnerable;and will take evidence from—
  - R Maxwell Barr, Chair, Struan Lodge Development Group;
  - Kenneth Mathieson, Convenor, Dunoon Community Council;and will then consider—
  - PE1629 by Jennifer Lewis on MRI scans for Ocular Melanoma sufferers in Scotland;and will take evidence from—
  - Jennifer Lewis;
  - Iain Galloway, OcuMel UK;and will then consider—
  - PE1630 by Fiona Webb on nursery funding for 3 year olds.
3. **Consideration of a draft report (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on PE1463 on effective thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment.

## Equalities and Human Rights Committee 4th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Equalities and Human Rights Commission:** The Committee will take evidence on the work programme and forthcoming priorities of the Commission from—  
Rebecca Hilsenrath, Chief Executive Officer, and Chris Oswald, Head of Policy, Equalities and Human Rights Commission.
3. **Equalities and Human Rights Commission:** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Social Security Committee**

#### **2nd Meeting, 2017**

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Employability and sanctions:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Employability and Training, Michael McElhinney, Employability Programme Lead, and Julie Bilotti, Policy Manager, Employability Policy Team, Scottish Government.
3. **Employability and sanctions:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Universal Credit roll-out:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Secretary of State.

### **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing**

#### **3rd Meeting, 2017**

The Committee will meet at 1.00 pm in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] (in private):** The Sub-Committee will consider a report back to the Justice Committee from its meeting on 26 January 2017.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Sub-Committee will consider its work programme.

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