

Thursday 26 January 2017

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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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-03204
Jackson Carlaw: Holocaust Memorial Day 2017
- 2:30 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:30 pm** Ministerial Statement: Hate Crime
- followed by** Scottish Government Debate:
Improving Scotland's Planning: Improving
Scotland's Places
- followed by** Legislative Consent Motion:
Children and Social Work Bill - UK Legislation
- followed by** Business Motions
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- 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
- 9:30am** Equalities and Human Rights
Committee
- 9:30am** Social Security Committee
- 10:00am** Standards, Procedures and Public
Appointments Committee
- 1:00pm** Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it can take to ensure that communities and town centres provide at least a basic level of banking access for older and disabled customers and small businesses. ([S5O-00599](#))
- 2. Donald Cameron:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to ensure that suitable vessels are deployed on the Mallaig to Armadale ferry route. ([S5O-00600](#))
- 3. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government when it will introduce its wild fisheries bill and what it will contain. ([S5O-00601](#))
- 4. Gillian Martin:** To ask the Scottish Government how its Learning Directorate assists young carers in accessing their right to education. ([S5O-00602](#))
- 5. Ivan McKee:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that both parents can play an active role in their children's lives following divorce or separation. ([S5O-00603](#))
- 6. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the roll-out of fibre-optic cables across the Rutherglen constituency. ([S5O-00604](#))
- 7. Richard Lochhead:** To ask the Scottish Government whether the new Scottish Land Commission plans to review the effectiveness of access legislation. ([S5O-00605](#))
- 8. James Kelly:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Glasgow City Council and what was discussed. ([S5O-00606](#))
- 9. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government how many households it estimates may benefit from its planned changes to administrative flexibilities to universal credit when it is rolled out. ([S5O-00607](#))
- 10. Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will consider including a provision in its forthcoming domestic abuse bill for the mandatory imposition of non-harassment orders on people convicted of domestic abuse. ([S5O-00608](#))

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-00789](#))
- 2. Kezia Dugdale:** To ask the First Minister what engagements she has planned for the rest of the week. ([S5F-00802](#))
- 3. Willie Rennie:** To ask the First Minister what issues will be discussed at the next meeting of the Cabinet. ([S5F-00786](#))
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's position is on the UK Government's new industrial strategy. ([S5F-00801](#))
- 5. Miles Briggs:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the recent claim by Bliss Scotland that three quarters of the country's neonatal units do not have enough nurses. ([S5F-00793](#))

6. Daniel Johnson: To ask the First Minister what the impact would be on redevelopment plans for universities, following its decision to ask the Scottish Funding Council to pay back £50 million. ([S5F-00810](#))

7. Gordon Lindhurst: To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's position is on reports of NHS boards spending over £1,500 on a single agency nurse shift. ([S5F-00820](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-03204](#) **Jackson Carlaw: Holocaust Memorial Day 2017**—That the Parliament recognises that 27 January 2017 marks Holocaust Memorial Day; believes that the day should serve as an opportunity for learning institutions, faith groups and communities across Scotland, including in Eastwood, to remember the six million men, women and children murdered by the Nazi regime in occupied Europe; notes that the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2017 is "How can life go on?"; understands that this theme aims to look at the aftermath of the Holocaust, subsequent acts of genocide and the challenging questions that such actions continue to raise for individuals, communities and nations about their responsibilities in the wake of such criminal acts; values the Holocaust Educational Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz project, which gives two post-16 students from every school and college in Scotland the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; celebrates the Holocaust survivors who subsequently made Scotland their home and thanks them for their contribution to Scotland as a nation, and re-commits to ensuring that anti-Semitism in all its forms is challenged without fear or favour.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Ministerial Statement: Hate Crime

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Scotland's Planning: Improving Scotland's Places

[S5M-03612](#) **Kevin Stewart: Improving Scotland's Planning: Improving Scotland's Places**—That the Parliament recognises that improving Scotland's planning process will require making the planning system more plan-led and accessible, increasing the influence of local people on decisions about the future of their communities and ensuring the delivery of the high quality homes and infrastructure that Scotland needs; agrees that, together with developing skills, smarter resourcing and digital transformation of the planning service, as well as removing any unnecessary procedures and practices that do not add value, planners can focus on delivering great places for people to live and work, and notes the publication of *Places, people and planning: A consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system*, which includes steps being taken to ensure that the planning system plays a proactive and positive role in attracting investment and creating great places in Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S5M-03612.1](#) **Graham Simpson: Improving Scotland's Planning: Improving Scotland's Places**—As an amendment to motion S5M-03612 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Improving Scotland's Planning: Improving Scotland's Places), leave out from "which includes" to end and

insert “and urges the Scottish Government to put greater emphasis on protecting green spaces in its final proposals, noting their importance to the environment, quality of life, health and wellbeing.”

[S5M-03612.4 Alex Rowley: Improving Scotland’s Planning: Improving Scotland’s Places](#)—As an amendment to motion S5M-03612 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Improving Scotland’s Planning: Improving Scotland’s Places), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "believes that the central purpose of the planning system is to regulate the use of land in the public interest; values transparency, efficiency and openness in all aspects of the system and welcomes steps to improve the experience of all interested parties, including applicants, developers and communities; notes the publication of *Places, people and planning – a consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system*, which includes steps being taken to ensure that the planning system plays a proactive and positive role in attracting investment and creating great places and homes in which to live in Scotland; believes that the operation of the statutory planning system has been undermined by cuts to local government; recognises concerns about the barriers facing individuals and communities to fully engage in the planning process, despite a shift towards frontloading, and notes their limited rights to challenge decisions, and believes that reforming the system is an opportunity to put communities and people at the heart of decision-making and that the proposed planning bill presents an opportunity to help tackle inequality and improve public health."

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Children and Social Work Bill - UK Legislation

[S5M-03461 John Swinney: Children and Social Work Bill - UK Legislation](#)—That the Parliament agrees that amendments to the Children and Social Work Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 7 December 2016, which relate to the cross-border placement of children in secure accommodation, so far as these provisions fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-03706 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 31 January 2017—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government response to the Independent Review of the circumstances surrounding the death of Bailey Gwynne

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 3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **EU Migration and EU Citizens' Rights (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland (not before 10.00 am):** The Committee will take evidence, in roundtable format, from—
Ian Gatt, President, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;
Claire Slipper, Parliamentary Officer, National Farmers Union Scotland;
Helen Martin, Assistant Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress;
Garry Clark, Head of Policy and Research, Scottish Chambers of Commerce;
Alastair Sim, Director, Universities Scotland;
Marina Sinclair-Chin, Head of International, Law Society of Scotland;
Heidi Vistisen, Member of Scottish Executive Committee, National Union of Students;
Fiona Ross, Convener of External Affairs Committee, Scottish Youth Parliament.
3. **The implications of the EU referendum for Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 3rd Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority" from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Gillian Woolman, Assistant Director, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Section 23 report - Superfast broadband for Scotland: A progress update:** The Committee will consider a response from the Scottish Government on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Superfast broadband for Scotland: A progress update".
4. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority:** The Committee will consider the evidence received at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Gillian Woolman, Assistant Director, and Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Post-legislative scrutiny:** The Committee will consider its approach to post-legislative scrutiny.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 3rd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private.** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Bullying and harassment of children and young people in schools:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Philip Gosnay, Senior Manager, Education and Youth Employment, North Ayrshire Council and Member of the Association of Directors of Education in Scotland;
Mary Berrill, Her Majesty's Inspector of Education and Senior Education Officer for Inclusion and Equalities, and Maggie Fallon, Senior Education Officer for Rights Support and Wellbeing, Education Scotland;
Barbara Coupar, Director, Scottish Catholic Education Service;
John Edward, Director, Scottish Council of Independent Schools.
3. **Bullying and harassment of children and young people in schools:** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Scrutiny of Human Rights inquiry:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.
5. **Commission on Parliamentary Reform:** The Committee will consider correspondence to the Commission.

Social Security Committee 1st 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—
Rachel Stewart, Senior Public Affairs Officer, Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH);
Dr Sally Witcher, Chief Executive Officer, Inclusion Scotland;
Tommy McDade, Assistant Director of Employment, Training and Skills, Barnardo's Scotland on behalf of the Young Person's Consortium;
and then from—
Marion Davis, Senior Manager, One Parent Families Scotland (OPFS);
Rhiannon Sims, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland;
Pamela Smith, People Group Chair, Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development (SLAED).
3. **Employability and sanctions:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 2nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of its work programme should be taken in private at its next meeting.
2. **Cross-Party Groups:** The Committee will consider applications for recognition from four Cross-Party Groups, and take evidence from—
Kezia Dugdale, Co-Convener of the proposed CPG on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses;

Linda Fabiani, Convener of the proposed CPG on Architecture and the Built Environment;

Maurice Golden, Convener of the proposed CPG on Nordic Countries;

Graham Simpson, Deputy-Convener of the proposed CPG on Walking, Cycling and Buses.

3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Groups on Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses, Architecture and the Built Environment, Nordic Countries and Walking, Cycling and Buses.

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing 2nd Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Sub-Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private. The Sub-Committee will also decide whether its consideration of its report back to the Justice Committee and its work programme should be taken in private on 2 February 2017.
2. **Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]:** The Sub-Committee will take evidence on the Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] from—
John Scott QC, Chair of the independent Advisory Group on Stop and Search;
Pauline McIntyre, Parliamentary and Policy Officer, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;
Assistant Chief Constable Mark Williams, Police Scotland;
Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation.
3. **Stop and Search Code of Practice (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft]:** The Sub-Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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