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# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**1:15 pm** Members' Business — S5M-05900  
Mark Ruskell: National Clean Air Day 2017

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**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions  
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Bill Committee

**10:00am** Education and Skills Committee

**10:00am** Local Government and  
Communities Committee

**10:00am** Rural Economy and Connectivity  
Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

### 1:15 pm Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

**S5M-05900 Mark Ruskell: National Clean Air Day 2017**—That the Parliament recognises 15 June 2017 as the first National Clean Air Day in the UK; believes that this is a significant initiative to help raise awareness of the impact of poor air quality on people; understands that air quality is the fourth biggest public health risk across Scotland and the UK; welcomes the research, which was funded by the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and was carried out by Professor Dave Newby at the BHF Centre of Research Excellence at the University of Edinburgh; notes what it sees as the role of this in increasing awareness of the impact of poor air quality on people living with cardiovascular disease (CVD); understands that 84,300 people in the Central Scotland parliamentary region, 79,200 in Glasgow, 60,700 in Highlands and Islands, 79,300 in Lothian, 84,800 in Mid Scotland & Fife, 91,300 in North East Scotland, 97,800 in South Scotland and 92,600 in West Scotland are living with the impact of CVD and are more susceptible to health issues relating to poor air quality, and notes calls for improving air quality to be a public health priority in Scotland.

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions

#### Education and Skills

1. **Ruth Maguire:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports the teaching and studying of science in schools. ([S5O-01099](#))
2. **Jenny Gilruth:** To ask the Scottish Government how many secondary school principal teachers and faculty heads there are. ([S5O-01100](#))
3. **Ross Greer:** To ask the Scottish Government what role it considers the arms industry should have in education. ([S5O-01101](#))
4. **Dean Lockhart:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that pupils from deprived backgrounds gain more National 5 qualifications. ([S5O-01102](#))
5. **Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what funding will be made available to local authorities to increase the availability of childcare. ([S5O-01103](#))
6. **Iain Gray:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills last met the EIS. ([S5O-01104](#))
7. **Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government when a minister last met representatives of teachers and what issues were discussed. ([S5O-01105](#))
8. **Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle Islamophobia in schools. ([S5O-01106](#))
9. **Rona Mackay:** To ask the Scottish Government what impact it considers negative media coverage of the education system could have on pupils and teachers. ([S5O-01107](#))
10. **Gail Ross:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-01108](#))

- 11. Maurice Corry:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that there is adequate funding for local authorities to ensure that all pupils have access to necessary learning equipment. ([S5O-01109](#))
- 12. Angus MacDonald:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking with Skills Development Scotland to address the reported shortage of HGV drivers. ([S5O-01110](#))
- 13. Maree Todd:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making in implementing the recommendations of the Commission for Developing Scotland's Young Workforce. ([S5O-01111](#))
- 14. Ash Denham:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made with the gender segregation aspect of Skills Development Scotland's Equalities Action Plan for Modern Apprenticeships in Scotland. ([S5O-01112](#))
- 15. Neil Bibby:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to ensure that private sector and voluntary partners have the capacity required to meet its proposed expansion of early years and childcare services. ([S5O-01113](#))
- 16. Michelle Ballantyne:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that pupils can study a range of subjects at National 4 and 5 levels. ([S5O-01114](#))
- 17. Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government how many teaching vacancies it estimates there will be in the North East Scotland parliamentary region at the start of the 2017-18 school year. ([S5O-01115](#))
- 18. Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports the provision of educational support in mainstream schools. ([S5O-01116](#))
- 19. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce class sizes. ([S5O-01117](#))
- 20. Bill Bowman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the action it is taking to close the attainment gap. ([S5O-01118](#))

## followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth

**S5M-06045 Keith Brown: Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth**—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland's economic fundamentals remain strong with opportunities for growth; welcomes the fact that Scotland has closed the gap in productivity performance with the UK as a whole, the continued attractiveness of Scotland's economy for inward investment and, in particular, the recent analysis by Ernst and Young, which shows that Scotland attracted more research and development foreign direct investment projects than anywhere else in the UK in 2016; recognises and acknowledges the challenges facing Scotland's economy, in particular from the downturn in the oil and gas sector and the damage that will be caused by the UK Government taking Scotland out of the EU and the single market; believes that Scotland must continue to invest for sustainable and inclusive growth by promoting and supporting innovation, investment and internationalisation, as set out in Scotland's Economic Strategy; highlights the important contribution that European structural and investment funds make to support sustainable and inclusive growth in Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to commit to ensuring that it replaces this funding in full following Brexit.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**S5M-06045.1 Dean Lockhart: Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth**—As an amendment to motion S5M-06045 in the name of Keith Brown (Scotland's Economy, Opportunities

for Growth), leave out from "that Scotland's economic" to end and insert "opportunities for growth in Scotland's economy; welcomes the continued attractiveness of Scotland for inward investment; acknowledges the many challenges facing Scotland's economy, including negative economic growth and low business confidence; considers that these can be addressed by the introduction of a more competitive tax system in Scotland and by the Scottish Government removing the uncertainty of a second referendum on independence; believes that Scotland can best achieve sustainable and inclusive growth, and increase innovation, investment and internationalisation through active cooperation and participation in a UK-wide industrial strategy, and supports the objectives of the UK Government in achieving the maximum possible access to the European single market while maximising the opportunities afforded by fostering stronger trading relationships with the rest of the world."

**S5M-06045.3 Jackie Baillie: Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth**—As an amendment to motion S5M-06045, Keith Brown (Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth), leave out from "economic fundamentals" to end and insert "economy remains fragile, with no growth in the fourth quarter of 2016 and that growth in Scotland has lagged behind the UK for a number of years; further recognises the challenges Scotland faces in particular from the downturn in the oil and gas sector; considers that the previous UK administration's approach to a hard Brexit is a major challenge to the Scottish economy and should be abandoned; believes that the Scottish Government's Economic Strategy must be urgently reassessed, and notes the Fraser of Allander Institute comments that 'all of the [Scottish] government's economic strategy priorities - internationalisation, innovation, investment and inclusive growth - have been turned on their head by the decision to leave the EU. It is simply not possible to continue as normal. An urgent review of current policy initiatives is needed'; further believes that the growth of Scotland's economy should be inclusive so that everyone benefits and people and jobs are put first; considers that the Scottish Government should accelerate investment in infrastructure, innovation and research to nurture business growth, stimulate the economy and create jobs; further considers that the Scottish Government should ensure that a real living wage of £10-an-hour is paid in all public procurement and commissioning contracts; regrets that the Scottish Business Pledge has not been widely taken up; considers that the Scottish Government's continued priority of a second independence referendum, which was rejected at the General Election, creates uncertainty for business and households, and therefore commits the Scottish Government to abandon its plans for a second independence referendum."

**S5M-06045.4 Patrick Harvie: Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth**—As an amendment to motion S5M-06045, Keith Brown (Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth), leave out from "economic fundamentals" to end and insert "economy must serve the needs of citizens now and in the future by respecting the limited resources of the planet; notes Scotland's continued overdependence on the fossil fuel industry and considers that this is a source of significant vulnerability; considers that the GDP growth of an economy is a poor indicator of the wellbeing of its citizens or the health of the ecosystem that sustains them; urges the Scottish Government to build on the steps that it has taken with the National Performance Framework and develop a comprehensive approach to measuring meaningful economic progress instead of continuing to place undue emphasis on GDP growth, and considers that economic development must focus on creating well-paid work, building local economies, ensuring fair redistribution of wealth, and developing low-carbon industries as a replacement for, rather than an addition to, the role of fossil fuels in Scotland's economy."

**S5M-06045.2 Willie Rennie: Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth**—As an amendment to motion S5M-06045 in the name of Keith Brown (Scotland's Economy, Opportunities for Growth), leave out from "welcomes the fact" to end and insert "however, recognises that official

figures show Scotland on the brink of a recession while Ernst and Young reports that the Scottish economy is 'stuck in the slow lane'; believes that repeated warnings about the fragility of the economy and business confidence have been dismissed; recognises and acknowledges the challenges facing Scotland's economy, including the threat of another divisive independence referendum, a hard Brexit and skills shortages, and believes that a long-term plan to build a strong economy must include the removal of the threat of a referendum on Scottish independence and avoiding a hard Brexit, combined with transformative additional investment in education and a step-change in mental health to help people achieve their potential and enable businesses to find the skills they need."

**followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion: Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit**

**[S5M-05575](#) Andy Wightman on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit**—That the Parliament agrees to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's proposal to appoint Bill Bowman to be a member of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit.

**followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion: Appointment of Mark Ruskell MSP as a Trustee to the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**

**[S5M-06002](#) David Stewart on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund: Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**—That the Parliament appoints Mark Ruskell MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to his nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

**followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion: Appointment of Pauline McNeill MSP as a Trustee to the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**

**[S5M-06003](#) David Stewart on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund: Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**—That the Parliament appoints Pauline McNeill MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to her nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

**followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion: Appointment of Alison Harris MSP as a Trustee to the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**

**[S5M-06004](#) David Stewart on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund: Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund**—That the Parliament appoints Alison Harris MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to her nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

**followed by Business Motions**

**[S5M-06082](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion**—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 June 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Policing 2026

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Next steps for the Crofting Commission

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Air Departure Tax (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 21 June 2017

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 22 June 2017

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2016-17

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 June 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 14 June 2017

Wednesday 28 June 2017

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Education Governance Next Steps

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Code of Conduct for MSPs and Written Statement Revision

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 29 June 2017

10.45 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.45 am Members' Business

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

### **followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

#### **[S5M-06007](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Establishment of Private Bill Committee**—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill.

Duration: Until the Bill is passed or rejected, falls or is withdrawn.

Number of members: 3.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

Membership: Tom Arthur, Mary Fee, Alison Harris.

### **5:00 pm Decision Time**

#### **followed by Members' Business** **Debate on the subject of—**

**[S5M-04825](#) Alexander Burnett: Lyme Disease, The Need To Do More**—That the Parliament recognises that Lyme disease is affecting many people across Scotland, including in Aberdeenshire; considers that there is a lack of awareness and education to prevent further infections in 2017; notes calls for the issues surrounding diagnosis and treatment to be explored further; further notes calls for public education on the dangers of tick bites and for doctors to become better informed so that patients are not left undiagnosed, and notes the support for Lyme Disease UK's campaign to help increase awareness of this disease.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Finance and Constitution Committee 17th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Proposed Contingent Liability:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing, Brad Gilbert, Head of Financial Innovation Unit, Nathan Goode, Financial Innovation Unit, and Rachel England, Finance Programme Management Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Brexit: Implications for the devolution settlement of any UK common frameworks:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Professor Michael Keating, University of Aberdeen;  
Professor Charlie Jeffery, University of Edinburgh;  
Professor Aileen McHarg, University of Strathclyde.

4. **Proposed Contingent Liability:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill Committee 2nd Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private and whether to consider issues for its Preliminary Stage report in private at its next and future meetings.
2. **Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Lady Elizabeth Drummond Young, Trustee of the Widows' Scheme of the Incorporation of Bakers of the City of Edinburgh, Member of the Incorporation of Bakers of the City of Edinburgh, and Trustee of the Incorporation of Bakers of the Edinburgh Charitable Trust;  
Flora Asplin, Solicitor and agent, Trust/Incorporation and Charity.
3. **Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence taken and next steps in its scrutiny of the Bill at Preliminary Stage.

### Education and Skills Committee 18th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 of this meeting in private.  
The Committee will also decide whether to take items to review the evidence it hears on its school infrastructure inquiry at its meetings on 21 and 28 June 2017 in private.

Furthermore the Committee will decide whether to consider any future consideration of its draft report on teacher workforce planning in private.

2. **School infrastructure:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Professor John Cole;  
Ian Mckee, RICS in Scotland;  
Paul Mitchell, SBATC Registrar and Head of Employment Affairs, Scottish Building Federation;  
Jim Thewliss, General Secretary, SLS (School Leaders Scotland);  
Eileen Young, Head Teacher, Linwood High School and member of SLS.

3. **Review of evidence:** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier on its school infrastructure inquiry.
4. **Teacher workforce planning:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

### Local Government and Communities Committee 18th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Building regulations in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Ross MacKay, Convener, Property Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;  
Kenny McKenzie, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in Scotland;  
Gilly Carr, President Elect, Institute of Clerks of Works and Construction Inspectorate of Great Britain;  
Glenn Campbell, Building Standards Manager, Highland Council.

2. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 1.

### Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 20th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Rail services in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Alex Hynes, Managing Director, and David Dickson, Infrastructure Director, Scotrail Alliance;  
Mark Carne, Chief Executive, Network Rail.

3. **Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

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