

Tuesday 7 March 2017

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:45pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-04474, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection - Reverend Alasdair Symington (retired), former Minister of Troon Old Parish Church and former Chaplain to the Queen and Convener of HM Forces' chaplains

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Information Sharing Provisions in relation to Part 4 and Part 5 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-02900 Alex Rowley: Local Government Finance and the State of the Debt

Committee Meetings

9:30am Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:30am Justice Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:15am Health and Sport Committee

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-04474](#) 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 7 March 2017—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Information Sharing Provisions in relation to Part 4 and Part 5 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Neil Findlay: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the resignation of two members of the review group into the use of transvaginal mesh. ([S5T-00420](#))

2. Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government what impact the proposed merger between Aberdeen Asset Management and Standard Life would have on Scotland's economy. ([S5T-00421](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Information Sharing Provisions in relation to Part 4 and Part 5 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day

[S5M-04440](#) Angela Constance: International Women's Day—That the Parliament unites, ahead of UN International Women's Day on 8 March 2017, to reaffirm its commitment to upholding and protecting the rights of women, which are fundamental human rights; welcomes this year's theme, Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030, which seeks to ensure that women are empowered to take up the opportunities of work and ensure that the barriers to women entering and progressing in the workplace at all levels and in all sectors are addressed; notes the work of the Scottish Government to ensure and increase equality in the workplace, and welcomes research that shows that increasing female leadership and gender equality in the workforce can benefit the workplace, society and the economy.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-04440.1 Annie Wells: International Women's Day—As an amendment to motion S5M-04440 in the name of Angela Constance (International Women's Day), insert “, and recognises the work of the UK Government in reducing the gender pay gap and increasing equality in the workplace.”

S5M-04440.2 Monica Lennon: International Women's Day—As an amendment to motion S5M-04440 in the name of Angela Constance (International Women's Day), after second “workplace” insert “; regrets that the gender pay gap means that women earn significantly less than men, which over the course of a working life is likely to represent hundreds of thousands of pounds of lost income, impacting pension contributions and the ability to save; acknowledges that women remain under-represented in senior roles across politics, business, the public sector, the media, culture and sport, with 73% of leadership roles in Scotland held by men; recognises the Engender report, *Sex and Power in Scotland 2017*, which lays bare these statistics; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to a bill on gender representation on public boards; agrees that the lack of progress towards gender equality in the Parliament, councils and public boards is unacceptable; commends the Women 50:50 campaign and its evidenced-based call for legislative gender quotas”.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:30 pm Decision Time

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

S5M-02900 Alex Rowley: Local Government Finance and the State of the Debt—That the Parliament welcomes the work of Unite the Union Scotland in producing its paper, *Local Government Finance and the State of the Debt*; understands that the paper estimates that Scotland’s local authorities, which includes Fife Council, have around £2.4 billion of pre-Scottish devolution debt liabilities owed to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB), with an average rate of return of 8%; further understands that post-devolution interest rates paid to PWLB are only around half this; notes that pre-devolution interest rates were not independently set by the Bank of England but by the then UK Government; believes that there is a growing consensus regarding the need for action to tackle local authority debt owed to PWLB; considers that Scottish devolution was intended to be a new beginning for Scotland, and notes the view that the time has come for this historic financial burden to be dropped by the UK Government.

Committee Meetings

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

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

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

- Gender Pay Gap:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Anna Ritchie Allan, Project Manager, Close the Gap;
Emma Ritch, Executive Director, Engender;
Chris Oswald, Head of Policy and Communications, Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland;
and then from—
Professor Patricia Findlay, Member and Academic Adviser, Fair Work Convention;
Professor Wendy Loretto, Dean of the Business School and Professor of Organisational Behaviour, University of Edinburgh Business School;
Emily Thomson, Research Associate, Women in Scotland's Economy (WiSE Research Centre), Glasgow Caledonian University;
Dr Irina Merkurieva, Lecturer in Economics, School of Economics and Finance, The University of St Andrews;
Professor Fiona Wilson, Professor of Organisational Behaviour, Adam Smith Business School, The University of Glasgow;
Professor Ian Wall, Chair, STEMEC (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Committee).
- Draft Climate Change Plan (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5)

- Draft climate change plan (RPP3) (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.

Justice Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
- Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will receive a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 23 February 2017.
- Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill - witness expenses:** The Committee will be invited to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses on the Bill.
- Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Charlotte Vitty, Interim Chief Executive, British Transport Police Authority;
Chief Constable Paul Crowther, British Transport Police UK;
Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins, Operations and Justice, Police Scotland;

John Foley, Chief Executive, Scottish Police Authority.

5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
6. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2017 \[draft\];](#)
[Carbon Accounting Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\];](#)
[International Organisations \(Immunities and Privileges\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \[draft\].](#)
2. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Council Tax Reduction \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/41\);](#)
[Participation Request \(Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/39\);](#)
[Non-Domestic Rating \(Unoccupied Property\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/43\);](#)
[Inshore Fishing \(Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods\) \(Outer Hebrides\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/48\);](#)
[Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/49\);](#)
[Sale of Tobacco and Nicotine Vapour Products by Persons Under 18 \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/50\);](#)
[Sale of Tobacco \(Register of Tobacco Retailers\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/51\).](#)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015 \(Commencement No. 7\) Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/40 \(C.5\)\).](#)
4. **Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

Health and Sport Committee 6th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Child Protection in Sport:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Andrew McKinlay, Chief Operating Officer, and Stewart Regan, Chief Executive, Scottish Football Association;
 David Little, Chief Executive, Scottish Youth Football Association.
2. **Sport for Everyone:** The Committee will discuss the recent fact-finding visits.
3. **Child Protection in Sport (in private):** The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the oral evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Working practices (in private):** The Committee will consider its working practices.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider draft correspondence.

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