

Tuesday 21 March 2017

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:00pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S5M-04763, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection - Mr Gordon MacRae, Chief Executive, Humanist Society Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Choice

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:30 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-03950 Rhoda Grant: Triggers for Loneliness

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee

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

**9:45am** 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-04763 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 21 March 2017—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 22 March 2017—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

#### **followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Choice**

**S5M-04710 Nicola Sturgeon: Scotland's Choice**—That the Parliament acknowledges the sovereign right of the Scottish people to determine the form of government best suited to their needs and therefore mandates the Scottish Government to take forward discussions with the UK Government on the details of an order under section 30 of the Scotland Act 1998 to ensure that the Scottish Parliament can legislate for a referendum to be held that will give the people of Scotland a choice over the future direction and governance of their country at a time, and with a question and franchise, determined by the Scottish Parliament, which would most appropriately be between the autumn of 2018, when there is clarity over the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, and around the point at which the UK leaves the EU in spring 2019.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**S5M-04710.2 Ruth Davidson: Scotland's Choice**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "declines the Scottish Government's proposal for a referendum on independence before April 2019; believes that it would be unfair to ask this question while the process of leaving the EU is still ongoing and while the Scottish Government has failed to set out its own position on independence; considers that no referendum should take place while there is no public or political consent for one, and urges the Scottish Government to focus its efforts on working with the UK Government to secure the best possible new relationship with the EU."

**S5M-04710.4 Kezia Dugdale: Scotland's Choice**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "and therefore mandates" to end and insert "; believes that a strong Scottish Parliament within a federal UK would meet these needs; recognises that the overwhelming will of the Scottish people is that there should be no second divisive independence referendum; believes that far from giving Scots a choice, a second independence referendum would only increase uncertainty and cause greater division as the UK faces a hard Tory Brexit, and asserts that there should be no second independence referendum."

**S5M-04710.5 Patrick Harvie: Scotland's Choice**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), insert at end “; believes that this gives people in Scotland a choice at a time when there is both the most information and most opportunity to act; further believes that 16 and 17-year-olds and EU citizens, who were excluded from the EU referendum, should be entitled to vote, and considers that this referendum is necessary given the Prime Minister's decision to negotiate a hard exit from the EU, including leaving the single market, which conflicts with assurances given by the UK Government and prominent Leave campaigners, and which takes no account of the overwhelming Remain vote in Scotland."

**S5M-04710.3 Willie Rennie: Scotland's Choice**—As an amendment to motion S5M-04710 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (Scotland's Choice), leave out from "and therefore mandates" to end and insert "; believes that a second referendum on Scottish independence would only compound the uncertainty of Brexit and its risk to the economy, environment and security; notes that all measures of public opinion show that there is no appetite for such a vote; further believes that there is no mandate for another Scottish independence referendum on the basis of the UK leaving the EU when there are no cast-iron guarantees that full membership of the EU will be sought or granted, and supports the development of a positive future for Scotland inside a federal UK."

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:30 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**

**Debate on the subject of—**

**S5M-03950 Rhoda Grant: Triggers for Loneliness**—That the Parliament notes the growing interest in dealing with the problem of loneliness, including in areas of the Highlands and Islands; notes the launch of the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness; welcomes the publication of *Trapped in a bubble: An Investigation into the Triggers for Loneliness in the UK* by the British Red Cross and the Co-operative Group; notes the biological, psychological and behavioural impacts of loneliness; believes that the problem of loneliness requires a society-wide response, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government and others to take action on this issue.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 10th 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 item 3 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/37) from—  
Mike Dailly, Principal Solicitor, Parliamentary and Social Policy Unit, and Alan McIntosh, Project Manager, Personal Insolvency Law Unit, Govan Law Centre;  
David Menzies, Director of Insolvency, ICAS;  
and then from—  
Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy, and Graham Fisher, Head of Branch, Legal Directorate - Constitutional & Civil Law, Scottish Government;  
Richard Dennis, Chief Executive, Accountant in Bankruptcy.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—  
The Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/37)

### Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 10th Meeting, 2017

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 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] from—  
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, John Ireland, Deputy Director of Decarbonisation, and Tom Russon, Policy Advisor Decarbonisation Division, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham (Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) to move—  
S5M-04481—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will review its work programme.
5. **Scottish Government's Wildlife Crime in Scotland - Annual Report 2015:** The Committee will consider a draft response to the Scottish Government.
6. **Deer Management in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

### Justice Committee 11th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private. The Committee will also decide whether to consider its draft Stage 1 reports on the

Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill and on the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill in private at future meetings.

2. **Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
 Andrew Cooper, Managing Director, CrossCountry;  
 Neil Curtis, Head of Compliance, Direct Rail Services Limited;  
 David Lister, Safety, Sustainability and Assurance Director, ScotRail Alliance;  
 Graham Meiklejohn, Regional Development Manager, TransPennine Express;  
 Darren Horley, Commercial and Operations Strategy Manager, Virgin Trains;  
 and then from—  
 Dan Moore, Deputy Director, Rail Markets Strategy, Department for Transport.
3. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 16 March 2017.
4. **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider key issues emerging from the evidence received on the Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Inquiry into the role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (in private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft report.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 10th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 - Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 [draft] from—  
 Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy;  
 Graham Fisher, Head of Branch 1, Constitutional and Civil Law Division, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government;  
 Carol Kirk, Policy Review Team Leader, Accountant in Bankruptcy.
2. **Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 - Subordinate legislation:** Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy to move—S5M-04390—That the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee recommends that the [Bankruptcy and Protected Trust Deeds \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#) be approved.
3. **Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
 Ross Anderson, Faculty of Advocates;  
 John MacLeod, Lecturer in Commercial Law, University of Glasgow;  
 and then from—  
 Kenneth Rose, Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna LLP;  
 Karen Fountain, Partner, Brodies LLP;  
 Jonathan Gaskell, Legal Director, DLA Piper;  
 Karen Manning, Senior Associate, Burness Paull;  
 and then from—  
 Professor Hugh Beale, Professor of Law, University of Warwick.
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Non-Domestic Rates \(District Heating Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/61\)](#);  
[Protection of Seals \(Designation of Haul-Out Sites\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/63\)](#);

[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/64\);](#)  
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/66\);](#)  
[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Procedure\) Amendment Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/68\);](#)  
[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber \(Procedure\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/69\).](#)

5. **Contract (Third Party Rights) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

### Health and Sport Committee 8th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
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)
2. **Preventative Agenda:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Neil Craig, Principal Public Health Advisor, NHS Health Scotland;  
Dr Eleanor Hothersall, Consultant in Public Health and Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, NHS Tayside;  
Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling;  
Dr Helene Irvine, Consultant in Public Health Medicine;  
Professor Gerry McCartney, Consultant in Public Health, NHS Health Scotland;  
Eibhlin McHugh, Chief Officer, and Mairi Simpson, Public Health Practitioner, Midlothian Integration Joint Board;  
Fraser McKinlay, Director of Performance Audit, Audit Scotland;  
Professor Damien McElvenny, Principal Epidemiologist, Institute of Occupational Medicine.
3. **NHS Governance:** The Committee will discuss this morning's informal evidence session with NHS Scotland patients.
4. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee will consider the main themes arising from the oral evidence heard earlier in the meeting and in the written evidence received.
5. **Child protection in sport (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the findings of its work.

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