

Thursday 16 November 2017

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

followed by Members' Business — S5M-08218 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Incontinence in Scotland

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Preliminary Stage Debate: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland

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5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

9:15am Equalities and Human Rights Committee

10:00am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

10:15am Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress is being made with the National Transport Strategy and Strategic Transport Projects reviews. ([S5O-01473](#))
- 2. Mary Fee:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the implementation of the Gypsy/Traveller Strategy and Action Plan. ([S5O-01474](#))
- 3. Johann Lamont:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Shelter Scotland's appeal to alleviate homelessness. ([S5O-01475](#))
- 4. David Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had regarding the roll-out of the Freestyle Libre glucose monitoring system, in light of it being available in the NHS in England and Wales. ([S5O-01476](#))
- 5. Margaret Mitchell:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Dyslexia and Inclusive Practice Professional Recognition Pilot. ([S5O-01477](#))
- 6. Mike Rumbles:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the Parliament passing the Scottish Liberal Democrats' amendment in October following the debate on active travel, what action it is taking to ensure that every child in the country has access to cycling proficiency training. ([S5O-01478](#))
- 7. Richard Lyle:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it will take to improve the availability of electric car charging points in housing estates. ([S5O-01479](#))
- 8. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the soft fruit sector and the UK Government regarding continuing access to a migrant workforce post-Brexit. ([S5O-01480](#))
- 9. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Network Rail concerning the impact on bus services when its engineering work requires road closures. ([S5O-01481](#))
- 10. James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the progress that it is making with its work in resettling refugees and asylum seekers. ([S5O-01482](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Ruth Davidson:** To be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01700](#))
- 2. Jackie Baillie:** To be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01701](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01702](#))
- 4. Willie Rennie:** To be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-01703](#))
- 5. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the First Minister what representations the Scottish Government is making to the UK Government ahead of the Autumn Budget. ([S5F-01710](#))

6. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government will take in light of reports that one in 10 shops are lying empty and fewer people are visiting high streets. ([S5F-01718](#))

7. Monica Lennon: To ask the First Minister, in light of it being Alcohol Awareness Week, whether she will provide an update on what action the Scottish Government is taking to reduce alcohol harm. ([S5F-01705](#))

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

S5M-08218 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Incontinence in Scotland—That the Parliament understands that incontinence has the potential to affect everyone at some point and that the condition can arise as a symptom of a range of varied medical conditions, such as obesity, traumatic childbirth and muscle weakness; believes that 20% of women between 17 and 30 will experience so-called giggle incontinence, which has the potential to lead to greater complications in later life, in particular the need for surgical interventions, including transvaginal mesh implants; understands that the only country to have calculated the costs associated with this is Australia, which estimates these to be around \$43 billion (£25 billion) per year as they go beyond the provision of sanitary wear, medication and surgery, and include the cost of dealing with the depression and anxiety that can arise; recognises what it sees as the importance of physiotherapy in alleviating the symptoms, and notes that, when provided early, this has reportedly proved effective in 80% of cases; understands that there is no formal training around basic incontinence prevention in Scotland for the midwifery, health visitor or physiotherapist workforce; acknowledges the taboo around the subject, which, it believes, suppresses an open discussion about it and often prevents people experiencing the condition from seeking help, and notes the view that the case for a national incontinence strategy is compelling, as it would be important to improving the life quality of hundreds of thousands of people in Edinburgh and across the country and would be of benefit to the public purse.

2:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:30 pm Preliminary Stage Debate: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

S5M-08649 Tom Arthur on behalf of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill and that the bill should proceed as a private bill.

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland

S5M-08855 Keith Brown: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland—That the Parliament recognises and values the contribution of the armed forces and veterans community to Scotland; notes the work of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner as described in his reports on transition, housing and employability, skills and learning, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership to

ensure that the armed forces, veterans and their families receive the best possible support and access to opportunities across Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S5M-08855.1](#) Maurice Corry: Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S5M-08855 in the name of Keith Brown (Scottish Government Support for Veterans and the Armed Forces Community in Scotland), after "skills and learning" insert "; further notes the importance of third sector veterans' charities in caring for the welfare of the armed forces and veterans community and of ensuring that such charities are able to survive and thrive into the future".

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-08863](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 8 December 2017.

[S5M-08864](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 1 December 2017.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-08865](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-08866](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities and Human Rights Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

[S5M-08961](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership Changes—That the Parliament agrees that the following changes to committee membership apply from close of business on Thursday 16 November 2017—

Colin Beattie be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as a member of the Economy Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Tom Arthur be appointed to replace Ash Denham as a member of the Economy Jobs and Fair Work Committee;

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Maree Todd as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Sandra White be appointed to replace Tom Arthur as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Ash Denham be appointed to replace Clare Haughey as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Stewart Stevenson be appointed to replace Emma Harper as a member of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee;

Richard Lochhead be appointed to replace Clare Haughey as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

George Adam be appointed to replace Colin Beattie as a member of the Education and Skills Committee;

Clare Haughey be appointed to replace Clare Adamson as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee; and

Clare Adamson be appointed to replace Sandra White as a member of the Social Security Committee.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 27th 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 items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **NHS in Scotland 2017:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Claire Sweeney, Associate Director, and Kirsty Whyte, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Section 22 report: The 2016/17 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's section 22 report from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Fiona Mitchell-Knight, Assistant Director of Audit, and Bruce Crosby, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **NHS in Scotland 2017:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Claire Sweeney, Associate Director, and Kirsty Whyte, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
5. **Section 22 report: The 2016/17 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Fiona Mitchell-Knight, Assistant Director of Audit, and Bruce Crosby, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 27th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 from—
Judith Robertson, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission;
Safia Ali, Race Equality Mainstreaming Officer, Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations Scotland;
Chris Oswald, Member of the Equality and Budget Advisory Group, and Head of Policy, Equalities and Human Rights Commission;
Dr Angela O'Hagan, Member of the Equality and Budget Advisory Group, and Lecturer, WiSE Research Centre.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence received.
4. **Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 19th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private and whether further papers on the Commission on Parliamentary Reform should be taken in private at future meetings
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of its approach to its inquiry into sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct at the Scottish Parliament should be taken in private at a future meeting.
3. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on Consumer Protection for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and take evidence from—
Clare Haughey, Convener of the proposed CPG on Consumer Protection for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.
4. **Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016:** The Committee will take evidence on draft parliamentary guidance and a code of conduct for persons lobbying members of the Parliament from—
Dougie Wands, Acting Lobbying Registrar, Scottish Parliament.
5. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee will decide whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on Consumer Protection for Home Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.
6. **Commission on Parliamentary Reform:** The Committee will consider notes by the clerks.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee 27th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Presidency of the Council of the European Union:** The Committee will take evidence from—
H.E. Tiina Intelmann, Ambassador of Estonia to the United Kingdom.

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