

Tuesday 3 October 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-08084, today's business will be as follows:

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**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection - Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, formerly Head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the Papal Nuncio in Egypt

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement:  
Unconventional Oil and Gas

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Education Reform

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate:  
Roll out of Universal Credit

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**6:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S5M-06241 Maree Todd: The Garbh Allt Community Initiative Reaches Funding Target

### Committee Meetings

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

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:00am** Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

**10:00am** Health and Sport Committee

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**[S5M-08084](#) 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 3 October 2017—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Education Reform

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 4 October 2017—

after

*followed by* Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee Debate: Gender Pay Gap

insert

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion on Breach of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament

**followed by Topical Questions**

**1. Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the statement that it issued on 16 September, what its response is to the violence that took place during the independence referendum in Catalonia. ([S5T-00699](#))

**2. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that there are almost twice as many under-10s being prescribed stimulants than there were in 2010. ([S5T-00707](#))

**3. Brian Whittle:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the health secretary's comment in June that the country's "stillbirth rates and neonatal death rates continue to decline", what its response is to the recent report by the National Records of Scotland, which suggests an increase in the rate in 2016. ([S5T-00706](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas**

**followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Reform**

**followed by Scottish Government Debate: Roll out of Universal Credit**

**[S5M-08035](#) Jeane Freeman: Roll out of Universal Credit**—That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to immediately halt the roll-out of universal credit full service due to the overwhelming evidence of the damage that it is causing recipients; agrees that the clear failings in the design and delivery of the system must be addressed; condemns the six-week wait for the first payment of universal credit, which is pushing people into rent arrears, debt and crisis; notes the evidence from a wide range of third sector organisations that highlights the hardship and harm being caused by universal credit; notes that the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee inquiry into universal credit has highlighted the fundamental flaws that must be resolved before full service roll-out proceeds; welcomes the Scottish Government's use of flexibilities over the system to provide recipients in Scotland a choice of more frequent payments and for the housing element to be paid direct to landlords, but recognises that this does not address the most damaging aspects built in to universal credit; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to introduce split payments of universal credit and to work with stakeholders to consider how these can be delivered in Scotland; welcomes the joint letter from COSLA and the Scottish Government demonstrating the defects of universal credit and calling for the roll-out to be paused, and believes that the UK Government must stop ignoring the overwhelming evidence that shows the negative impact of universal credit full service and take urgent action to fix the problems and make the system fit for purpose and work for the people of Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S5M-08035.2](#) Adam Tomkins: Roll out of Universal Credit**—As an amendment to motion S5M-08035 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Roll out of Universal Credit), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "recognises universal credit's core purpose of ensuring that work always pays; agrees with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's assessment in April 2017 that universal credit 'remains the right thing to do', that the 'current system is fragmented and traps people in poverty', that the 'prospect of an integrated benefit system that responds to people's changing circumstances is a prize worth having' and that universal credit is 'an important tool for tackling poverty'; acknowledges that universal credit is a reserved benefit, but that Scottish ministers have significant powers to adapt its delivery in Scotland; welcomes regulations coming into force in Scotland, which will enable recipients to request changes to the way that their payments are made; recognises serious criticisms of the way that initial payments are delayed and the impact of these delays on vulnerable people; calls on the Department for Work and Pensions to ensure that, as universal credit is rolled out further, these concerns are addressed as a matter of urgency and, to that end, welcomes the announcement by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on 2 October 2017 that claimants wanting advance payments will get them within five days or, if they are in immediate need, on the same day."

**[S5M-08035.4](#) Alex Rowley: Roll out of Universal Credit**—As an amendment to motion S5M-08035 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Roll out of Universal Credit), insert at end "notes that the highly-complicated application process and resultant administrative errors have delayed payments, which have also pushed people into crisis, and further notes that the aim to create a 'truly digital welfare service' risks excluding and disadvantaging people who are not online or computer literate."

**[S5M-08035.1](#) Alison Johnstone: Roll out of Universal Credit**—As an amendment to motion S5M-08035 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Roll out of Universal Credit), after "paused" insert "; observes that the independent Office for Budget Responsibility has said that universal credit is 'less generous on average than the tax credits and benefits systems that it replaces' despite original assurances that 'no-one will experience a reduction in the benefit they receive as a result of the introduction of universal credit'".

**[S5M-08035.3](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Roll out of Universal Credit**—As an amendment to motion S5M-08035 in the name of Jeane Freeman (Roll out of Universal Credit), insert at end "; believes that the UK Government must put a comprehensive support package in place before universal credit roll-out accelerates, to make sure that people receive advice on managing their money, advances and dealing with complications in the application process; considers that, to support this, the universal credit helpline should be free of charge, at least until the roll-out is complete; recognises the importance of recipients having financial independence, particularly in domestic abuse settings, and therefore believes that universal credit should be automatically split between adults in a household."

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**6:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business**

**Debate on the subject of—**

**[S5M-06241](#) Maree Todd: The Garbh Allt Community Initiative Reaches Funding**

**Target**—That the Parliament celebrates the Garbh Allt Community Initiative achieving its funding target for a community buy-out of the Sutherland Estate land at Portgower, Gartymore, West Helmsdale and Marrel, as well as the hill land; believes that this is of historic significance as these townships only came into existence following people being cleared from the Strath of Kildonan; congratulates the Countess of Sutherland and the members of the community initiative on getting funding from both the Scottish Land Fund and the Beatrice Partnership Fund for the buy-out, and looks forward to a bright future in Scotland in which all communities can harness their assets and flourish.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee 25th 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 items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Economic Data:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Dr Stuart McIntyre, Fraser of Allander Institute;  
Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling;

and then from—

Kenny Richmond, Economics Director, Scottish Enterprise;  
Alastair Nicolson, Head of Planning and Partnerships, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;  
Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

3. **Economic Data:** The Committee will consider evidence heard at today's meeting.
4. **Performance of the Scottish Economy:** The Committee will consider its approach to the inquiry.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 27th 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 to take items 8, 9, 10 and 11 in private.
2. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the delegated powers provisions in the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Jeane Freeman, Minister for Social Security;  
Chris Boyland, Legislation Team Leader, Social Security Policy Division;  
Fraser Gough, Parliamentary Counsel;  
Colin Brown, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Private Housing \(Tenancies\) \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#);  
[Scotland Act 1998 \(Insolvency Functions\) Order 2017 \[draft\]](#);  
[Legal Aid \(Scotland\) Act 1986 Amendment Regulations 2017 \[draft\]](#).
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Agricultural Holdings \(Modern Limited Duration Tenancies and Consequential etc. Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/300\)](#);  
[Functions of Health Boards \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2017 \(SSI 2017/304\)](#);  
[Civil Legal Aid \(Scotland\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/310\)](#).

5. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Private Housing \(Tenancies\) \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provision\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/293 \(C.21\)\)](#);  
[Land Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Commencement No. 6, Transitory and Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2017 \(SSI 2017/299 \(C.23\)\)](#).
6. **Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016:** The Committee will consider motion S5M-07795 relating to the [Lobbying \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(Reporting Procedures\) Resolution 2017](#).
7. **Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
8. **Draft Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2018:** The Committee will consider its approach to consideration of [the proposed draft Order](#).
9. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider further the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
10. **Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the contents of a report to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee.
11. **Social Security (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

### Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 25th 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 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Scottish Land Commission:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Andrew Thin, Chair, Dr Sally Reynolds, Commissioner, and Hamish Trench, Chief Executive, Scottish Land Commission.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
 Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/281);  
 Water Intended for Human Consumption (Private Supplies) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/282)
4. **Petition PE01615:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government in relation to a petition by Logan Steele on behalf of Scottish Raptor Study Group calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to implement urgent action to introduce a state regulated system of licensing of game bird hunting.
5. **Scottish Land Commission:** The Committee will consider evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement:** The Committee will consider whether it wishes to take any actions in relation to the Statement, following its recent publication.
7. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2018-19:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19.

## Health and Sport Committee 22nd Meeting, 2017

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

1. **EU Reporter:** The Committee will consider the appointment of an EU Reporter.
2. **Sport for Everyone:** The Committee will take evidence, in a round table format, from—  
Ewen McMartin, Disclosure Services Manager, Volunteer Scotland;  
Katherine Byrne, Policy Manager, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland;  
Kenneth Ovens, Chair, Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils (SALSC);  
Alan Johnston, Sport Social Enterprise Coordinator, Senscot;  
Allyson McCollam, Associate Director of Public Health, NHS Borders;  
Malcolm Dingwall-Smith, Strategic Partnerships Manager, sportscotland.
3. **Technology and Innovation in Health and Social Care:** The Committee will take evidence, in a round table format, from—  
Alex Matthews, Digital Health and Social Care Lead, Scotland, PA Consulting;  
Professor Christoph Thuemmler, Edinburgh Napier University;  
Zahid Deen, Digital Health and Care Strategic Lead, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);  
Elaine Gemmell, Head of Project Management, Scottish Health Innovations Ltd;  
Professor Patricia Connolly, Director, Strathclyde Institute of Medical Devices;  
John Brown, Director of Policy, Scottish Lifesciences Association;  
Andy Robertson, Director of IT, NHS National Services Scotland;  
Justene Ewing, Managing Director, Charlotte Consulting Ltd.
4. **Sport for Everyone (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Technology and Innovation in Health and Social Care (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **NHS Governance (in private):** The Committee will consider a summary of written evidence and an approach paper for Clinical Governance—

## Justice Committee 29th 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 5 in private.
2. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Anthony McGeehan, Policy and Engagement, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;  
Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Higgins, Operational Support, Police Scotland;  
and then from—  
Jeanette Findlay, and Paul Quigley, Fans Against Criminalisation;  
Simon Barrow, Chair, and Paul Goodwin, Chief Executive, Scottish Football Supporters Association;  
Andrew Jenkin, Head of Supporters Direct Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—  
Scottish Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/274);

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/285);

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/301).

4. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 28 September 2017.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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