

Wednesday 25 October 2017

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Announcement

The meetings of the following committees which were scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25 October have been cancelled:

Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill Committee

Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill Committee

Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Urgent Question

followed by Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

followed by Ministerial Statement: Common

Agricultural Policy Convergence Monies due for Scottish Farming

followed by Scottish Government Debate:

Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-

07994 Tom Arthur: Brexit's Impact on Working Musicians and Scotland's Music Industries

Committee Meetings

8:45am Local Government and Communities Committee

10:00am Education and Skills Committee

10:00am Finance and Constitution Committee

10:00am Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Urgent Question

Claire Baker: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service plans to close fire stations and reduce firefighter numbers.

followed by Portfolio Questions

Communities, Social Security and Equalities

- 1. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government when it last met Dumfries and Galloway Council and what was discussed. ([S5O-01345](#))
- 2. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it is giving to how tenement housing can be better maintained. ([S5O-01346](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on people in Scotland of the UK Government's extended benefit cap. ([S5O-01347](#))
- 4. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent meetings the cabinet secretary has had with community representatives in Caithness regarding concerns about the removal of services. ([S5O-01348](#))
- 5. Graeme Dey:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to support disabled people, in light of the paper published by the UN in October 2017, which set out its concluding observations on its initial report about UK reforms. ([S5O-01349](#))
- 6. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it takes to monitor and protect the social and human rights of young people. ([S5O-01350](#))
- 7. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to encourage more people to carry out voluntary work in their communities. ([S5O-01351](#))
- 8. Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the work of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group. ([S5O-01352](#))
- 9. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that rural and urban communities receive equal support. ([S5O-01353](#))
- 10. Joan McAlpine:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that two-thirds of people with epilepsy have had their PIP benefits downgraded or denied, with some consequently reporting suicidal feelings. ([S5O-01354](#))
- 11. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle fuel poverty. ([S5O-01355](#))
- 12. Neil Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce the number of rough sleepers. ([S5O-01356](#))
- 13. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NUS Scotland regarding protecting students from exploitative private rental agreements. ([S5O-01357](#))

14. Maree Todd: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the Scottish Parliament's call to halt the rollout of universal credit. ([S5O-01358](#))

15. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government how it helps people in receipt of universal credit with managing their money. ([S5O-01359](#))

16. Gil Paterson: [Not Lodged] ([S5O-01360](#))

17. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government what analysis it has undertaken of housing needs in the south of Scotland. ([S5O-01361](#))

18. Colin Beattie: To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making toward reaching its target of building 50,000 affordable homes before the end of the parliamentary session. ([S5O-01362](#))

19. David Torrance: To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages people to claim the benefits that they are entitled to. ([S5O-01363](#))

20. Stewart Stevenson: To ask the Scottish Government how the re-determination and appeals process in the new Scottish social security system will differ from the current UK system. ([S5O-01364](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Common Agricultural Policy Convergence Monies due for Scottish Farming

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit

[S5M-08352](#) Michael Russell: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit—That the Parliament agrees that a “no deal” outcome from the negotiations with the EU must be ruled out by the UK Government; further agrees that such an outcome would be an economic and social disaster for Scotland; recognises the worry that the lack of clarity over citizens’ rights is causing to many people living, working and studying in Scotland; urges the UK Government to immediately guarantee the rights of fellow EU citizens in the UK without imposing charges on them; welcomes the reconvening of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) on 16 October 2017 following an eight-month hiatus, and agrees that the EU Withdrawal Bill must be amended to respect the devolution settlement before it can proceed any further.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S5M-08352.1](#) Adam Tomkins: Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit—As an amendment to motion S5M-08352 in the name of Michael Russell (Scotland and EU-UK Negotiations on EU Exit), leave out from “that a “no deal” outcome” to end and insert “with the UK Government that it is in everyone’s interest for the Brexit negotiations to succeed; welcomes the fact that progress is being made in the negotiations but considers that progress needs to be accelerated; calls on the EU to allow the negotiations to move on to the next phase; welcomes the unambiguous commitment on the part of the UK Government to safeguard the rights of EU nationals living in the UK and calls on the EU to make the same commitment for UK nationals living in other member states; welcomes the reconvening of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) on 16 October 2017, and understands that the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill is likely to be amended to ensure that both devolution and the UK’s internal market are strengthened and safeguarded”.

followed by Business Motions

[S5M-08399](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 October 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report for 2015

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Promotion of Walking and Cycling as Active Travel in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Economy, Jobs and Fair Work;

Finance and Constitution

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Reporting Procedures) Resolution 2017

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 November 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 Scottish Government Debate: Presumption of Mainstreaming

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 November 2017

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 November 2017

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Rural Economy and Connectivity;

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 November 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 Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Preliminary Stage Debate: Writers to the Signet Dependants' Annuity Fund Amendment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Final Stage Proceedings: Edinburgh Bakers' Widows' Fund Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Seatbelts on School Transport (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and (b) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on 2 November, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders to question the First Minister".

[S5M-08400](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be considered by 30 March 2018.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-08097](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

5:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-07994](#) Tom Arthur: Brexit's Impact on Working Musicians and Scotland's Music Industries—That the Parliament notes with concern what it sees as the detrimental impact that the UK's withdrawal from the EU could have on working musicians in Scotland, including in Renfrewshire South, and the wider Scottish music sector; recognises the economic and cultural contribution made by EU citizens to the Scottish music industries; welcomes the Musicians' Union campaign to protect working musicians, which identifies five key issues as free movement, copyright protection, workers' rights, the rights of EU citizens in the UK and arts funding, and believes that it is in the interests of working musicians in Scotland, the UK and other EU nations for the UK to retain freedom of movement through continued membership of the single market. **R**

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government and Communities Committee 24th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

1. **Building Regulations and Fire Safety in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Not before 09.30 am

2. **Homelessness:** The Committee will take evidence from-

Cllr Kelly Parry, Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing, and Nicola Dickie, Policy Manager, COSLA;

Patrick McKay, Operations Manager, Turning Point Scotland;

Dr Adam Burley, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, The Access Point;

Lorraine McGrath, Chief Executive, Simon Community Scotland;

and then from—

Joe Connolly, Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum;

Paul Brown, Chief Executive, Legal Services Agency;

Nicky Brown, Homelessness and Housing Support Senior Manager, City of Edinburgh Council;

Jamie Stewart, Housing Development Officer, Scottish Refugee Council.

3. **Homelessness (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard.

Education and Skills Committee 26th 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 item 4 in private.
2. **Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Norman Conway, Detective Chief Inspector, Police Scotland;

Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland;

Maggie Murphy, Senior Curriculum Manager, Glasgow Kelvin College and representative of Colleges Scotland;

Judith Tait, Service Manager Strategic Scrutiny (Children and Justice), Care Inspectorate;

and then from—

Ben Farrugia, Head of Development & Innovation, Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland;

Donna McEwan, Practice Development Advisor, Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice;

Teresa Medhurst, Director of Strategy and Innovation, Scottish Prison Service.

3. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Finance and Constitution Committee 24th Meeting, 2017

The Committee will meet at 10:00 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. **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill (UK Parliament Legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM (S5) 10 in a roundtable format from—
Simon Collins, Executive Officer, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;
Kate Houghton, Planning Policy and Practice Officer, Royal Town Planning Institute;
Isobel Mercer, Policy Officer, RSPB Scotland;
Robin Parker, Public Affairs Manager, WWF Scotland;
Dr Serafin Pazos-Vidal, Head of Brussels Office, COSLA;
Professor Colin Reid, Professor of Environmental Law, University of Dundee;
Clare Slipper, Political Affairs Manager, NFU Scotland;
Daphne Vlastari, LINK Advocacy Manager, Scottish Environment Link.
3. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee 29th Meeting, 2017

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

1. **Islands (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Camille Dressler, Chair, Scottish Islands Federation;
Rachel Hunter, Area Manager, Shetland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
David Richardson, Development Manager, Highlands and Islands, Federation of Small Businesses;
Fraser Grieve, Regional Director for Highlands and Islands, Scottish Council for Development and Industry;
and then from—
Shona MacLennan, Chief Executive, and Daibhidh Boag, Director of Language Planning and Community Developments, Bòrd na Gàidhlig;
Ranald Robertson, Partnership Director, Hi-Trans;
Iain MacMillan, Principal of Lews Castle College, University of Highlands and Islands;
Stephen Whiston, Head of Strategic Planning and Performance, Argyll and Bute integrated Joint Board.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
The Railway Closures (Exclusion) Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/280)
The M8/M73/M74 (30mph, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limit) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/286)

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