

Thursday 13 December 2018

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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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
- 12:45 pm** Members' Business: S5M-15013
Willie Rennie: St Andrews' GP Out-of-hours Facility
- 2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2:00 pm** Ministerial Statement: The UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Reference by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland to the UK Supreme Court
- followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights
- followed by** Final Stage: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill
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- 5:00 pm** Decision Time

Committee Meetings

- 9:00am** Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee
- 9:00am** Social Security Committee
- 9:15am** Equalities and Human Rights Committee
- 10:00am** Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Daniel Johnson:** To ask the Scottish Government how many remand and how many sentenced prisoners have been sent to HMYOI Polmont since 2013 due to space being unavailable at secure care units. ([S5O-02689](#))
- 2. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on a feasibility study being carried out to address congestion on the Edinburgh city bypass. ([S5O-02690](#))
- 3. Bruce Crawford:** To ask the Scottish Government how many businesses in the Stirling constituency have been lifted out of paying non-domestic rates under the Small Business Bonus Scheme. ([S5O-02691](#))
- 4. Gordon Lindhurst:** To ask the Scottish Government what progress it is making with developing a peer-to-peer mentorship scheme to boost exports, alongside CBI Scotland. ([S5O-02692](#))
- 5. Monica Lennon:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the procedures used by the Public Defence Solicitors' Office and the Scottish Legal Aid Board to investigate workplace bullying and harassment. ([S5O-02693](#))
- 6. Lewis Macdonald:** [Not Lodged] ([S5O-02694](#))
- 7. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UN regarding proposals to raise the internationally-advised minimum age of criminal responsibility to 14. ([S5O-02695](#))
- 8. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what the clear-up rate for housebreakings is. ([S5O-02696](#))
- 9. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how Pupil Equity Funding has supported young people in the Maryhill and Springburn constituency. ([S5O-02697](#))
- 10. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes the protection of mining heritage in Fife. ([S5O-02698](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Jackson Carlaw:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02867](#))
- 2. Richard Leonard:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02868](#))
- 3. Patrick Harvie:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S5F-02869](#))
- 4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the First Minister what progress the Scottish Government is making in delivering the Best Start Grant. ([S5F-02884](#))
- 5. Annie Wells:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to a recent survey, which suggests that 51% of teachers believe that their job has a detrimental impact on their mental health. ([S5F-02876](#))
- 6. Jackie Baillie:** To ask the First Minister how many people will be taken out of fuel poverty in 2018-19. ([S5F-02889](#))

12:45 pm Members' Business: S5M-15013 Willie Rennie: St Andrews' GP Out-of-hours Facility

S5M-15013 Willie Rennie: St Andrews' GP Out-of-hours Facility—That the Parliament notes the proposal by the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership to close the GP out-of-hours facility in St Andrews; further notes the reported criticism from the community regarding the consultation process; understands there has nonetheless been a large response to the consultation from people in east Fife, and that over 6,000 have signed a petition and more than 2,000 have submitted objection postcards; believes that the Dundee Kings Cross out-of-hours facility is often at capacity and consequently finds it difficult to accept patients from north Fife; understands that there is a large number of students and older people in the east Fife area; believes that GPs from the area are prepared to step up to provide a local service, and notes the calls for the St Andrews' facility to be retained.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Ministerial Statement: The UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Reference by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland to the UK Supreme Court

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights

S5M-15126 Christina McKelvie: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights—That the Parliament reaffirms its long-standing commitment to human rights and human dignity and to the principles of equality, democracy and the rule of law; notes with approval that 2018 is the 70th anniversary of the adoption by the UN of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; further notes similarly that Scotland has enjoyed 20 years of the vitally-important human rights safeguards that are contained in the Human Rights Act 1998 and the Scotland Act 1998; expresses its wish that all of Scotland should work in concert to promote and vindicate human rights for all, keeping pace with progressive international standards and demonstrating global leadership; notes the publication on Human Rights Day 2018 of the report and recommendations of the First Minister's Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership; welcomes the report and recommendations of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee, which was published on 26 November 2018, following the human rights inquiry that it carried out, and agrees that the Scottish Government should now take action, in partnership with civil society, the Parliament and all parties, to ensure that Scotland continues to lead by example across the full spectrum of civil, political, economic, social, cultural and environmental rights.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S5M-15126.1 Annie Wells: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights—As an amendment to motion S5M-15126 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights), after "carried out," insert "and notes the balance of support within the committee for the report's conclusions,".

S5M-15126.3 Mary Fee: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights—As an amendment to motion S5M-15126 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights), insert at end "; believes that cuts to public services and social security pose a risk to the

human rights of those living in Scotland, and agrees with the First Minister's Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership that 'too many people are not enjoying their rights in everyday life' and 'in too many places services are not meeting needs'."

[S5M-15126.2](#) Alex Cole-Hamilton: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights—As an amendment to motion S5M-15126 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights), insert at end ", and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to incorporate the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into law and its move to meet the minimum age of criminal responsibility specified by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, both of which are prerequisites in establishing Scotland as an international human rights leader."

followed by Final Stage: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill

[S5M-14447](#) Tom Arthur: Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-15149](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—That the Parliament agrees that—

George Adam be appointed to replace Keith Brown as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Keith Brown be appointed to replace George Adam as a member of the Social Security Committee.

[S5M-15150](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Richard Lyle be appointed to replace Joan McAlpine as Scottish National Party substitute on the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

5:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee 33rd Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Robert Burns Room (CR1)

1. **Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Lucy Hunter Blackburn, Murray Blackburn Mackenzie;
Professor Jackie Cassell, Head of the Department of Primary Care and Public Health and Director of Research and Knowledge Exchange, Brighton and Sussex Medical School;
Gerry McCartney, Head of Public Health Observatory Division, NHS Health Scotland;
Professor Susan McVie, Professor of Quantitative Criminology, University of Edinburgh.
2. **Consideration of evidence heard (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Social Security Committee 26th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Rules of Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/343).
3. **Social Security and In-Work Poverty:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Equalities and Human Rights Committee 32nd Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:15 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. **Young Women's Lead Committee:** The Committee will take evidence on the report from the Young Women's Lead Committee of the YWCAScotland-The Young Women's Movement on their Report on Sexual Harassment in Schools from—
Dr Patrycja Kupiec, Director, YWCA Scotland - The Young Women's Movement;
Audrey Opdycke-Barnes, Member, Iona Wilson, Member, and Hailey Maxwell, Member, Young Women Lead Committee;
and then from—
John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills,
Laura Meikle, Head of Support and Wellbeing Unit, and Stuart Downes, Interim Policy Manager, Scottish Government.

3. **Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 2.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee 29th Meeting, 2018

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 item 3 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will take evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "the 2017/18 audit of NHS Tayside" from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Fiona Mitchell-Knight, Audit Director, Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, and Bruce Crosbie, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
3. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
Fiona Mitchell-Knight, Audit Director, Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, and Bruce Crosbie, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

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