

Tuesday 18 December 2018

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:00pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Mr Robin Downie, Former Moderator of the Youth Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Preparations for EU Exit

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Conduct of Reviews and Inquiries

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-14126 David Torrance: Fife Alcohol Support Service, Supporting Fifers for 40 Years

Committee Meetings

9:00am Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

9:45am Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee

10:00am Health and Sport Committee

10:00am Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Mr Robin Downie, Former Moderator of the Youth Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-15189](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 19 December 2018—

delete

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

and insert

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Members' Business

followed by Topical Questions

1. Monica Lennon: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason ministers will no longer hold a public session or Q&A as part of the annual review of NHS boards. ([S5T-01396](#))

2. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that rail transport performs well during the festive period. ([S5T-01412](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Preparations for EU Exit

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Conduct of Reviews and Inquiries

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill

[S5M-15169](#) Ash Denham: Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — **S5M-14126 David Torrance: Fife Alcohol Support Service, Supporting Fifers for 40 Years**

[S5M-14126](#) David Torrance: Fife Alcohol Support Service, Supporting Fifers for 40 Years—That the Parliament commends Fife Alcohol Support Service (FASS) on its 40th year of helping people overcome issues with alcohol; understands, that since it was founded, 200 counsellors have supported over 23,000 Fifers and their families to help them deal with addiction; notes that this counselling is provided in health centres, surgeries and community venues across the Kingdom; acknowledges the merger of the Fife Community Drug Service with FASS in 2015 to help provide outreach support and help for vulnerable people affected by both alcohol and substance misuse problems, including specialist help for recreational drug users and people who misuse prescribed medication; praises FASS's Curnie Clubs, which tackle isolation and loneliness through work with dedicated project workers who identify need and barriers to change and help people engage in community-based social activities that help them to find their way back into community life; recognises what it sees as the relationship between isolation and loneliness and their association with physical and mental health issues and drug and alcohol problems; commends FASS on its invaluable work with some of the most vulnerable in Fife, and wishes it all the best.

Committee Meetings

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

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee 38th Meeting, 2018

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

1. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will take evidence on the REACH (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 from—
Mairi Gougeon, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment;
Don McGillivray, Deputy Director, Environmental Quality and Circular Economy, and
Lorraine Walkinshaw, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018;
and
The Import and Trade of Animals and Animal Products (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.
3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** The Committee will review the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee will then consider a proposal from the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposal—
The REACH (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.
4. **Budget Scrutiny 2019-20 (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Budget 2019-20.
5. **Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee 35th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Business Support Inquiry** The Committee will take evidence from—

Hugh Lightbody, Chief Officer, Business Gateway National Unit, and Jamie Fowler, Customer Service and Partnership Manager, Business Gateway, COSLA;

and then from—

Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work, James Muldoon, Head of Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Support Policy, and Richard Rollison, Deputy Director, Innovation, Industries and Investment, Scottish Government.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposal: Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018, and will take evidence from—

Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work, and John Paterson, Divisional Solicitor, Scottish Government.

4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider its response to the proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposal: Recognition of Professional Qualifications (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.
5. **Business Support Inquiry:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at today's meeting and its approach to the report.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health and Sport Committee 33rd Meeting, 2018

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** George Adam will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Scrutiny of Food Standards Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Ross Finnie, Chair, Geoff Ogle, Chief Executive, Elspeth Macdonald, Deputy Chief Executive, and Garry Mournian, Head of Corporate Services, Food Standards Scotland.

3. **Scrutiny of Food Standards Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (in private):** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—
The Nutrition (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019; and
The European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.
5. **Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill 2017-19 (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum.

Justice Committee 33rd Meeting, 2018

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 7 in private.
2. **Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Rt Hon Lady Dorrian, Lord Justice Clerk, Judiciary of Scotland;
Tim Barraclough, Executive Director Judicial Office, Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service.
3. **Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
John Watt, Chair, Parole Board for Scotland;
Yvonne Gailey, Chief Executive, Risk Management Authority;

Dr Johanna Brown, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland;

James Maybee, Principal Officer (Criminal Justice)/Interim Chief Social Work Officer, Highland Council, representing Social Work Scotland.

4. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposal—
The Law Applicable to Contractual Obligations and Non-Contractual Obligations (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.
5. **Proposed integration of the British Transport Police in Scotland into Police Scotland:** The Committee will consider an update from the Scottish Government.
6. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 6 December 2018.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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