

Wednesday 28 February 2018

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture,
Tourism and External Affairs

Justice and the Law Officers

2:10 pm Ministerial Statement: European
Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Business: Early Years and
Childcare

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S5M-
09834 Clare Haughey: Eating Disorders
Awareness Week 2018

Committee Meetings

9:15am Local Government and Communities
Committee

10:00am Finance and Constitution
Committee

10:00am Pow of Inchaffray Drainage
Commission (Scotland) Bill Committee

12:00pm Education and Skills Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

1:30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-10743](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on Thursday 1 March—

delete

12.45 pm Members' Business

delete

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's plan to tackle climate change and reduce emissions

insert

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15pm Ministerial Statement: Scotland's plan to tackle climate change and reduce emissions

after

followed by Stage 3 Amendments: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Scottish Government debate: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Emergency Bill

1:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Culture, Tourism and External Affairs Justice and the Law Officers

Culture, Tourism and External Affairs

1. Graham Simpson: To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes tourism in the Central Scotland region. ([S5O-01824](#))

2. Clare Adamson: To ask the Scottish Government what progress there has been on Brexit negotiations following the recent Joint Ministerial Committee meeting. ([S5O-01825](#))

3. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to Dunfermline Heritage and Tourism Partnership to help develop the town into a major visitor destination. ([S5O-01826](#))

4. Kezia Dugdale: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Scotland's potential as a destination for LGBT tourists. ([S5O-01827](#))

5. Michelle Ballantyne: To ask the Scottish Government what initiatives it has planned to promote tourism in the South Scotland region. ([S5O-01828](#))

6. Colin Smyth: To ask the Scottish Government what progress has been made towards ensuring that the Galloway Viking Hoard is displayed in Dumfries and Galloway. ([S5O-01829](#))

7. Rhoda Grant: To ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to build on the impact that the North Coast 500 route has had on tourism. ([S5O-01830](#))

8. Claudia Beamish: To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to protect music services and encourage musical education and interest among young people. ([S5O-01831](#))

9. Emma Harper: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its investment in tourism in the South Scotland region. ([S5O-01832](#))

10. Angus MacDonald: To ask the Scottish Government what support and encouragement it gives to the independent filmmaking sector. ([S5O-01833](#))

Justice and the Law Officers

1. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government what work it is carrying out in partnership with the Law Society of Scotland to support putting Scottish law firms on the global map. ([S5O-01834](#))

2. Gordon Lindhurst: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the criminal justice social work statistics that were published on 6 February 2018. ([S5O-01835](#))

3. Alexander Burnett: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to reduce drug use in prisons. ([S5O-01836](#))

4. Pauline McNeill: To ask the Scottish Government how it ensures that the Scottish Police Authority has access to a diverse and wide cross-section of skills and experience, including from those who have experience of operational policing matters in Scotland. ([S5O-01837](#))

5. Liam McArthur: To ask the Scottish Government how the proposed changes to the roles of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service personnel will impact on retained fire stations. ([S5O-01838](#))

6. Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the proposed merger between Police Scotland and the British Transport Police. ([S5O-01839](#))

7. Gail Ross: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on Police Scotland's consultation regarding its 53 buildings that are no longer required. ([S5O-01840](#))

8. Jeremy Balfour: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that a whistleblower has claimed that there has been "sizeable" misuse of public funds at the Scottish Police Authority. ([S5O-01841](#))

9. James Kelly: To ask the Scottish Government when it will announce the funding for anti-sectarianism initiatives for 2018-19. ([S5O-01842](#))

10. John Finnie: To ask the Scottish Government what provision is in place to support the mental and physical wellbeing of police officers. ([S5O-01843](#))

2:10 pm Ministerial Statement: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business: Early Years and Childcare

S5M-10650 Michelle Ballantyne: Early Years and Childcare—That the Parliament recognises the strong cross-party support for the expansion of childcare, but expresses its grave concern regarding the findings of the recent report by the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission, *Early Learning and Childcare*, which stated that there were "significant risks" that

local authorities would not be in a position to deliver the Scottish Government's target of 1,140 hours by 2020 because of the difference in estimated budget costs and additional pressures on staffing and additional infrastructure; notes the concerns expressed by the commission that the Scottish Government failed to undertake the necessary cost-benefit analysis of the 600 hours provision, therefore failing to assess the impact on parents and providers of expanded childcare provision, particularly in terms of eligibility and the accessibility and flexibility of provision, and demands that the Scottish Government takes immediate action to address the concerns of the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission and to engage constructively with groups, such as Fair Funding for our Kids, the National Day Nurseries Association Scotland and local authorities, to agree a comprehensive strategy that will deliver quality provision across Scotland.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

S5M-10650.3 Maree Todd: Early Years and Childcare—As an amendment to motion S5M-10650 in the name of Michelle Ballantyne (Early Years and Childcare), insert at end “; acknowledges the Audit Scotland finding that, since 2016, the Scottish Government and councils have been working closely together to plan how they will deliver this expansion and assess its impact; believes that the expansion of early learning and childcare will transform the life chances of children in Scotland, helping to give all children the best start in life; agrees that, by the end of the current session of Parliament, staff, including in partner providers, delivering funded early learning and childcare, should be paid at least the living wage; believes that the early learning and childcare delivered through the expansion must be high quality if the benefits to children are to be realised, and considers that the Audit Scotland finding, that parents were overwhelmingly positive about the quality of the provision and the benefits for their children, provides a strong foundation for the expansion to 1,140 hours by August 2020.”

followed by Business Motions

S5M-10721 Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 March 2018

1.15 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members' Business

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Widening Access to Higher Education

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018 [Draft]

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Relief from Additional Amount) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 March 2018

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 March 2018

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 March 2018

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 14 March 2018

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Health and Sport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 March 2018

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

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill

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 8 March 2018, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

[S5M-10722](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prescription (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 June 2018.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S5M-10724](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

[S5M-10725](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft]—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2018 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

[S5M-10726](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Supplementary and Consequential Provisions) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

[S5M-10746](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee be designated as a secondary committee, in consideration of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.

[S5M-10751](#) Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Meetings of Committees—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, committees of the Parliament can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 1.15pm to 2.00pm on 6 March 2018.

5:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S5M-09834](#) Clare Haughey: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2018—That the Parliament notes that 26 February marks the beginning of Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2018; acknowledges that these disorders are serious mental health conditions that affect people psychologically, socially, and physically; understands that approximately 1.25 million people in the UK have an eating disorder, of which an estimated 89% are female; praises the Scottish Eating Disorders Interest Group and the charity, Beat, on providing what it sees as vital help for people with such conditions and their families; notes that the Scottish Government's Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027 commits to working toward the development of a digital tool to specifically support young people with eating disorders; highlights the programme, See Me, which it considers has been instrumental in tackling the stigma and discrimination associated with mental health issues, including eating disorders, and notes the calls for all stakeholders to continue to working together to ensure that the appropriate help is available and that early intervention is essential in reducing unnecessary deaths. **R**

Committee Meetings

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

Local Government and Communities Committee 7th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

- Planning (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Clare Symonds, Chair, and Dr Andy Inch, Trustee, Planning Democracy;
Dr Calum MacLeod, Policy Director, Community Land Scotland;
Ian Cooke, Director, Development Trusts Association Scotland;
Petra Biberbach, Chief Executive, PAS;
and then from—
Beverley Whitrick, Strategic Director, Music Venue Trust;
Tom Kiehl, Director of Government and Public Affairs, UK Music;
Fiona Ellis, Business Support Manager, DF Concerts and Events;
Mike Grieve, Owner, The Sub Club and Board Member, Night Time Industries Association;
Mick Cooke, Composer.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/38);

The Council Tax Discounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/39);

The Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 (SSI 2018/45).
- Planning (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Finance and Constitution Committee 7th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in the David Livingstone Room (CR6)

- Planning (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Financial Memorandum from—
David Wood, Manager, Planning and Policy, PAS;
Fraser Carlin, Convener, Royal Town Planning Institute Scotland;
John Hamilton, Chair, Scottish Property Federation;
Tammy Swift-Adams, Director of Planning, Homes for Scotland;
and then from—
Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing, Jean Waddie, Bill Co-ordinator, and John McNairney, Chief Planner, Scottish Government.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Education and Skills Committee 7th Meeting, 2018

The Committee will meet at 12 noon in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

1. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 [draft] from—
Maree Todd MSP, Minister for Childcare and Early Years, Dr Carolyn Younie, Corporate Parenting and Formal Care Team Leader, and Arezo Darvishzadeh, Children and Families Solicitor, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate Legislation:** Maree Todd (Minister for Childcare and Early Years) to move—
S5M-10206 — That the Education and Skills Committee recommends that the Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Prescribed Services) (Protected Adults) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/28)
4. **EU Reporter work:** The Committee will consider a paper from Gillian Martin.

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